

November 5th, 2014 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

LEPC

The three Commissioners and 4 committee members attended monthly LEPC meeting. Darrell was absent due to illness.

1. Drew updated us on hospital preparedness regarding EBOLA and sheltering/volunteerism. Planned educational meetings will be 11-13-14 at LMC with speaker, Bret Lloyd.
2. Tara updated us on recent ambulance business and training. She's working to get the AED installed in Joplin.
3. Jim reports that the yearly work with Century Link regarding 911 is complete. No new word on the emergency sirens for Chester.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. Treasurer's report = \$20,857.70 in bank accounts and \$10,131.00 in Scottrade account. No word on CTEP grant. Seniors will provide soup at the Christmas Stroll; a church youth group will provide pies (date= Dec. 3rd). Packaged/ foiled meals are available to age 60+ seniors only (\$2.00 donation).

PIVOT LEASE

We received our annual (2014) pivot lease from May brothers for \$1200. Discussion to follow.

INSURANCE ENDORSEMENTS

Wood Enterprises sent us the following endorsement changes in our policy:

1. The maximum payment on a "covered vehicle" is the value of that vehicle as stated in our file.
2. The maximum payment on any "contractor's equipment" is the documented value that we provide to the agent.

ATTORNEY DISCLOSURE

Hugh Brown did the legal paperwork for the Wick's hangar project in dual-capacity as Wick's attorney + Liberty County Attorney. He requested an attorney disclosure for potential "conflict-of-interest". A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed to sign this disclosure agreement.

CLAIMS

The current county claims were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed to pay these claims. We will follow-up on the cement bill for the Pugsley Bridge (via Jeremiah Johnson Enterprises).

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson stopped in to update us on center issues. The Council on Aging approved a "silent auction" benefit for Greg Neer that will be done the day of the Christmas Stroll. Also, please don't be alarmed about a Vodka purchase; it will be used to make their own vanilla extract.

GPS / GIS

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel (and CJI students, Peyton Cole, Bruce Tempel, and Brady Hawks) went to the Liberty County Airport with the GIS rover to record an “as built” sewer and water line on the Schwartz hangar.

REGION 2A CONTRACT

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign the contract between Liberty County and Region 2A Emergency medical services (for training). Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD ISSUES

The three Commissioner’s took a short road trip to examine the junction of 1100 East Road and 3800 Road South (specifically, that stretch of road just north of the Kurt Kammerzell farm home and buildings). Someone (presumably Kurt K.) recently laid a patch of pavement (measuring about 4” thick X 8’-10’ wide X 100’ long) on the county road (3800 Rd. S.). This pavement has rough, unfinished, abrupt edges and the surface is erratic/unsmooth, which presents a safety issue for local traffic. No permits or approval were ever offered. We consulted MACO (Harold Blattie), who suggested a letter be sent by our County Attorney to the “offender” to meet with the Commissioners and explain his motives/ reasons for installing the pavement then solve the issue. Several road laws and letter content were discussed with Hugh Brown.

AIRPORT ISSUES

1. The Wick’s hangar got “put on hold” by the FAA due to the relocation of the wind sock and the segmented circle. We have emails from Bill Burkland, et al for reference.

2. At the time of excavating sewer/water lines for the Schwartz hangar, Cliff Nelson damaged the buried electrical line to the runway lights. A “call before you dig” was properly done, but the Department of Transportation did not respond to mark this line. We called the MDT (Tim Conway), who says the damage done is the property owner’s responsibility. There is damage to about 10-15 feet of wire and conduit. We called Pimley Electric to make the repairs.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

November 12th, 2014 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Russ Tempel. In-coming commissioner Morb Wicks, is also present.

CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on November 6th. The board "cleaned-out" old files and discussed new bookkeeping ideas with Betty Ann Wolery.

AIRPORT

John Kleinsasser, Town of Chester public works director, came in to discuss the water line expansion at the airport. He suggests an extended 4" line from the existing 4" line (as opposed to a 6" line, which would require engineering to the tune of \$15,000). He also recommends that we offer only 1" water lines to individual hangars.

PAYROLL

The current county payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed to pay current salaries.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Fredrickson had mentioned that she would be gone from November 12th-16th to handle her mother's estate. Permission was granted to be out-of-state during this time.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson stopped in to discuss center issues. The furnace that heats the kitchen isn't working again; she called "All Seasons Heating" in Shelby. Glenda purchased a "sander" for the parking lot (cost=\$350). Glenda reports the following hall rental income:

2011 (1/2 year) = \$125.00

2012 = \$400.00

2013 = \$560.00

2014 YTD =\$695.00

LAIRD ROAD

Mike Lafrenz sent us a photo of the "perfect crown" on the Laird Road and to thank us for the excellent maintenance.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere checked-in. Stan Huhtala is done this week. Jim is presently working with Susie Yurman regarding the weed problem on her organic farm.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. We wrote a "letter of reference" for Brady Hawks for use in college admissions.

2. We wrote a letter to Ron Lineweaver thanking him for his dedicated years to Liberty County EMS and officially removing him from the EMS roster (per his request). A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed to approve this letter. A copy was sent to Tara Hendrickson for her files.

CLAIMS

Numerous claims were submitted for payment. Many of these expenses were related to the general election (for election judges, etc.). The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion passed to pay these claims.

MORRISON – MAIERLE SYSTEMS

Morrison-Maierle sent our annual contract for computer services. It includes additional off-site data backup services, so this year's monthly charge will be \$544.00 compared to \$510.00 for last year. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion passed to approve the contract. In addition, there is a one-time charge for additional hardware for the GIS computers. This additional hardware will cost \$328.00, which was also approved. We called CJI High School to check on any unspent funds in the GIS grant; Renee will get back to us.

Renee returned our inquiry on 11-13-14. She says there are funds available to pay this! A work order will be sent to her.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Tempel attended the monthly HRD board meeting in Havre on 11-13-14.

POST ELECTION AUDIT

On November 13th three community members (Mike Walstad, Penny Walston, and Julie Gagnon), the three commissioners, and Election Administrator (Rhonda Pimley) met to complete a post-election audit required by the Secretary of State. We checked four different races/referendums and found one discrepancy: an "under vote" was counted as a Kris Hanson vote (presumably due to a "crease-line" on the ballot).

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Clerk

Chairman

November 18th, 2014 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel. In addition, incoming commissioner, Morb Wicks, was in the office today.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes stopped in to update us on road issues. No problems at the present time. Marc was given the letter to be signed /sent to Kurt Kammerzell.

ELECTION CANVASS

Election administrator (Rhonda Pimley), 3 Commissioners, and 2 newly elected officials (Angel Colbry and Morb Wicks) completed the canvass of the November general election. The computations all jived so the official report was signed by the Commissioners.

ROAD CREW EMPLOYEE

We received an official letter dated 11-12-2014 from employee, Darin S. Ross, offering his resignation from the Road and Bridge Department. He attributed this to on the job injuries dated 5-15-2013.

WOOD ENTERPRISES

Our insurance agent, Tina Wood, stopped in to re-discuss a policy on worker's comp for county volunteers. She will be completing the annual safety inspections on county buildings (exteriors) on December 10th.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to update us on senior center issues. John Melton has been appointed to the Governor's "Council on Aging" board. Glenda provided the Masts Service summary reports for our edification.

COURTHOUSE JANITOR

Ruth Ann Norick will be gone for three days (November 19-21st) due to her newborn grandchild and one day (November 28th) due to Thanksgiving weekend.

DEMAREST ROAD

The Whitlash Road north of Whitlash that passes by the Demarest Ranch has no easement. Hugh Brown (County Attorney) is working on paperwork to offer Demarest an opportunity to give us an easement of this .8 mile section. By doing so, it would indemnify him of potential liability. We also agreed to include his fence as part of the agreement.

MT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE INQUIRY

Maureen Wicks (Commissioner Elect) called the Department of Revenue (MT) and visited with Linda Sather. She clarified that the expansion of buildings at the Sweet Grass Lodge, Inc. would fall under the tax exemption status of the Sweet Grass Lodge, Inc.

EBMS

Amendments to the EBMS "Cafeteria Plan" were offered for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed. The paperwork was given to Rhonda for processing.

PERS

We received a statement from PERS demanding payment and interest for employee contributions for Wayne Wardell dating back to 06/2006 to 02/2008. We called Wayne to visit with us next week.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Chairman

November 25th, 2014 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel. Morb Wicks also present.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes reports that they are finishing the Pugsley Bridge project this week. He will not replace Justin Maki until spring. They're working on the Library storage trailer. Kurt Kammerzell stopped in to discuss his road situation (specifically, the paving job in front of his house on the county road). After his explanation, we agreed to meet with him later to come up with some possible remedies / solutions.

JUDICIAL YOUTH COURT

We received a \$50 restitution check from the 12th Judicial District Youth Court for previous cemetery vandalism / damage. A check from "J.D." was sent to the Cemetery District.

COUNTY SALARIES

Current county salaries were submitted for approval. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed to authorize these wages.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson reports that she received notification of our 2016 Grant allocation for \$93,538.49. The bill from "All Seasons" for furnace repair was around \$220.00.

DNRC "RIGHT OF WAY" DEEDS

We received our three recent applications for "right of way" easements from DNRC:

1. Little Sage Road = \$1885.00
2. Errol Fritz Road (230 Road East) = \$255.00
3. Flat Coulee Road = \$3500.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed, that we approve these easement purchases.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Commissioner Rockman asked for permission to leave the state from 11-26-14 thru 11-30-14. The motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Rockman, and Maureen Wicks attended the annual meeting on Wednesday evening (November 19th, 2014). The cost to run the Liberty Medical Center this past year was \$6,289,428. Liberty Medical Center had a net operating loss of \$153,956.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Rockman, and Maureen Wicks attended the monthly LMC board meeting on 11-19-14. Several QA issues were discussed. There was also discussion about renewing the contract with Sanford; who had a representative there.

PRE DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

Liberty County received notification from FEMA that our Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan had been officially approved effective 10-10-14 thru 10-14-2019. This plan effects Liberty County and the Town of Chester.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere Came in to report on the BOR weed contract, which he's working on.

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