

December 1st, 2015 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson. Commissioner Morb Wicks was attending MACO meetings in Helena.

MACO

Commissioner Hendrickson attended a Board of Directors Meeting in Helena on Monday, November 30th. The topic of discussion was the succession plan for the Executive Director and the overseeing of the three insurance pools.

FURNACE

The furnace on the North side of the Courthouse was not working. Commissioner Tempel called All Seasons in Shelby. They were able to make the furnace work; but they advised the furnace needed to be replaced. After considering the options Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to replace the furnace. Commissioner Tempel seconded; and all were in favor.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. The EMS demonstrated the new Lucas Device. It does the CPR compressions for the responder. A table top disaster drill is planned for next week. Northwestern Energy, BNSF, the Border Patrol, and City and County employees will be invited to attend.

GRAVEL PERMIT

The Commissioners reviewed a Zoning Compliance Permit for a gravel pit on Elk Ridge Farms. This is the old Hofer place in the Northwest part of Liberty County. After reviewing the permit the Commissioners signed and mailed the permit back to Mark Carlstrom.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to give his weekly report to the Commissioners. The snow wings have been installed on the graders. During the installation one of the wings castings broke and the wing crashed to the shop floor. There were no injuries; and Marc had it documented. Henke Manufacturing, the maker of the wing, had been notified about what had happened. They are supplying replacement parts. Marc is concerned about the condition of the mowers. He will be looking into prices to rebuild the mowers and the cost of buying new mowers.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson presented the Liberty County Transportation Coordination Plan. After reviewing the plan Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Tempel seconded. All were in favor to turn in the plan to the State for the transportation grant.

Glenda also asked for approval to apply for operational funds. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to allow Glenda to apply for funding through the Montana Department of Transportation. Commissioner Tempel seconded and all were in favor. This money would fund the use of the Senior Center bus.

COUNTY RESIDENT

Ray Morkrid was in to discuss the latest agricultural land reappraisal. He was inquiring on how the reappraisal was done. The Commissioners told him the explanation that they were given from the Department of Revenue. He asked for contact information for our Legislatures.

CICON AND ASSOCIATES

John and Rudy Cicon met with the Commissioners, Clerk and Recorder, Angel Colbry, and the County Planner, Jim Ghekiere. They were in to discuss the new rates the County is charging for survey reviews. At this time the County is having Staley Engineering review the survey documents before they are filed to make sure all state laws are met. The prices of the review are being passed on to the Surveyors at this time. Cicon's felt that the prices might be too high. The Commissioners took their concerns into consideration.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Holly Frederickson updated the Commissioners on the issues in the Justice Court. The court has been very busy. Holly asked for permission to be out of State. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to allow Holly to be out of State. Commissioner Tempel seconded; all were in favor.

SNYDER'S DENT SHOP

Dennis Snyder dropped off the VIN numbers of the cars that he is donating to the Fire Department to practice extrication on. The DEQ requested to know the VIN numbers.

911

Jim Ghekiere was in to tell the Commissioners that Century Link will be sending a quote for a 3 year contract.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

December 2nd, 2015 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson. Commissioner Morb Wicks was attending MACO trainings in Helena.

EARL FISHER BIO FUELS

Logan Fisher delivered a response to the letter that was sent to them from Bear Paw Development concerning the Bio Diesel Plant. The Commissioners will meet with Bear Paw and the Town of Chester to discuss the letter. The letter was about production records not being given to the County or the Town of Chester.

BUMPER STICKER CONTEST

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson judged the Elementary students in Liberty County's bumper stickers that were on display at the Library. The results were turned into Kathy Armstrong, the County Superintendent of Schools. The overall State winner will get to have their artwork turned into a bumper sticker.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners went out and visited with the Road Department.

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

December 8th, 2015 ♦ Tuesday

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes will be having the Road Crew start working on equipment repair. The Road Crew will also be building the additional equipment (ladder racks, stretcher racks) needed on the new rescue truck for the EMS. The Crew has started on the road sign inventory.

STOCKGROWERS

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to sign the yearly agreement for the Montana Stockgrowers Association Predator Animal Control Fund. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and all were in favor. Cattle ranchers in the County will pay \$5,878.00 into the fund.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

DISASTER DRILL

The Commissioners attended a table top disaster drill. The drill was sponsored by Liberty Medical Center. Bret Lloyd of Spartan Consulting was the presenter. The scenario discussed was a fire at one of the unit train loaders. The group had a very good discussion and had various ideas brought forward. The parties represented came from the Border Patrol, BNSF, Liberty County Fire Department, Liberty County EMS, Liberty County Sheriff, Liberty County Public Health, and Liberty Medical Center.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed with all in favor.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Holly Frederickson was in to update the Commissioners on the Justice Court.

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

December 9th, 2015 ♦ Wednesday

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BOR

Mike Hilliard from the Bureau of Reclamation was in to discuss some of the changes that are taking place in the local office. A new person has been hired to be the Dam Operator for Tiber Dam. He will be living in the house below the dam. At this time there is no word on any new office help. The BOR is having a table top disaster exercise next week; and Mike invited the Commissioners to attend. At this time Commissioner Wicks will be attending. Another item discussed was if there were any other recreational projects the BOR and Liberty County could partner on.

EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon was in to talk about 4-H programs. Welding is one of the new programs. The Commissioners looked through the book and gave some ideas on what could be considered 1st year welding at the fair.

SENIOR CENTER

The Commissioners met with Glenda Hanson to discuss the Federal Transit Grant. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to apply for the application of \$91,129.00 for Federal Transit Operation Funds for 2017. Commissioner Tempel seconded; all were in favor.

911

Jim Ghekiere brought in the new bids for the new 911 equipment and service agreement. The price of the equipment was \$97,860.56 and the 3 year service agreement is for \$915.39. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the contract; Commissioner Tempel seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Commissioners reviewed the agreement between Teton County Health Department and the Liberty County Health Department for the MCCP program. The services are for early stage cancer detection, screening, and Provider outreach. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve; and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. All were in favor.

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT

Christin Hileman and Machel Truvel presented the current Brown Field Program. This program is used to find and test for hazardous chemicals. The main locations looked at are old gas stations and dry cleaners. Bear Paw has a list of previous sites that were reviewed and updated at this meeting.

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

December 15th, 2015 ♦ Tuesday

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes reported the maintenance work is still being done on the grader wings. The Commissioners contacted Mark Wickum and are going to start hauling gravel. It is the pile of leftover ballast. The Commissioners contacted BNSF wondering when they were going to receive payment for their agreement to close the Beulow Crossing and create a new crossing at 2100 Road East.

SENIOR CENTER

Today the Center is hosting a meeting of the CJI School Board. Glenda Hanson is trying to get an AED for the Center. She found one through Saint Vincent's Hospital.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Commissioners attended the informational School Board Meeting. The public was able to give their input and ask questions to the Board Members.

JOPLIN FIRE DISTRICT

The Joplin Fire District asked the Commissioners to find out how to combine the Fire Districts in the County. Hugh Brown, the County Attorney is going to look into this.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the November minutes as amended, and Commissioner Wicks seconded. All were in favor to approve the minutes.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed with all in favor.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger was in to discuss the County's thought on getting a credit card. Gayle Dahlen, the Treasurer, Angel Colbry, the Clerk & Recorder, and the Commissioners met to discuss the pros and cons of the use of a credit card.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Holly Frederickson updated on the Justice Court.

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

December 22nd, 2015 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

COUNTY CREDIT CARD

The Commissioners held a discussion on the proposed credit card. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to pursue the County obtaining a credit card with the proper policy in place. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. 2 were in favor, 1 against, the motion carried.

JOPLIN WATER AND SEWER

The Commissioners called and visited with Bear Paw Development to discuss engineering grants for a water project in the Northwest part of Joplin. After calling Bear Paw the Commissioners called Doug Moore to pass on the information they learned. The Water Board will be meeting tonight to discuss the options. The Commissioners were told that Joplin Water will have to pay a minimum of \$15,000.00.

Rob Moog was in to discuss the sewer issues that could happen with the proposed development. The concern is that the service line in the area would not be able to handle any additional users.

AG COVENANT

Hugh Brown the County Attorney presented an Ag Covenant for Doug Demarest. After reviewing the document, the Commissioners agreed to sign the Ag Covenant. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept Hugh Brown's recommendation and sign the document. Commissioner Wicks seconded and all were in favor.

CHEMNET CONSORTIUM

Liberty County had been using Chemnet Consortium to do the mandated drug testing. It was decided to change and go with the same company the Senior Center is using to do their drug testing. A letter was sent to Chemnet telling them of the change.

COMMISSIONER OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Wicks requested to be out of the State at the end of February. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to allow her to be out of State. Commissioner Tempel seconded and all were in favor.

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

December 29th, 2015 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

CLAIMS

2 claims were presented to the Commissioners for review. One was for the final installment for the State Land Easements and one for the filing fee for the Annual Financial Report for the State of Montana. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. All were in favor to approve the claims.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes reported that the Crew has been rebuilding the wings per the Henke Manufacturing's recommendations. The Crew has been removing snow at the Library, Courthouse, Senior Center and the Airport. They have been hauling gravel from the Wickum pit for the road work on the new crossing.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson reported that she is working on her call list for the fire suppression equipment. The Council on Aging will have its annual meeting on January 16th, 2016. There will be 3 openings on the Council. The mill levy was discussed. The Commissioners will be checking the dates for the current one.

911

Jim Ghekiere came in to update the Commissioners on the proposed contract with Century Link for the new 911 operating system. Liberty County is going to go with the 3 year contract at this time. The contract will be signed today to start the process. Jim had called Lisa Kelly, the contact for Century Link, to help clarify the verbiage. The funding for these changes comes from the taxes paid by the phone users. This money is passed back to the County from the State.

The total purchase price will be \$89,940.75.

The monthly network cost will be \$811.92.

SANITARIAN

Sarah Robbin the County Sanitarian was in town on December 26th, 2015. She mailed licenses from the DPHHS to the businesses that passed inspection. She will be mailing the co-op agreement between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the local Board of Health. There was a report of a cat bite, but the time of the bite and time of the report was too far apart to test the cat for rabies. The DEQ waste water rules were reviewed.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Commissioners met with Karla Kulpus, the Public Health Nurse, to go over a contract with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. This contract deals with the master contract for the immunization program. The contract is for the year 2016 and the dollar amount for \$3,401.00. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Wicks seconded and all were in favor.

EXTENSION

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson viewed a proposed program for the cropping seminar that Jesse will be presenting at. The Commissioners gave a few ideas to make it better.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Holly Frederickson gave an update on her court. It has been quiet this week.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Hugh Brown the County Attorney, was in to check to see if we had anything for him to work on.

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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