

December 4th, 2017 ♦ Monday

MACO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the MACO Board of Directors meeting in Helena. Eric Bryson was selected to be the new MACO Executive Director starting in May of 2018.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

December 5th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks; Commissioner Joette Woods is attending a MACO training in Helena.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the LEPC meeting. Chronic Wasting Disease had been found in a Mule Deer buck harvested in the northern part of the County. FWP is putting together an Incident Command Team to work though the issue. Liberty County will be updated when the team comes up with a plan.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the bids that were received on the grader. RDO has stated that the best option in their opinion would be for the County to buy back one of the current model that are turning back.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Commissioners reviewed two resolutions, ,17-14 and 17-15, asking for the Attorney General's Office's permission to prosecute two cases in Liberty County. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried with all in favor.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to update them on Justice Court. The court continues to be busy. Montana Highway Patrol has not been writing as many tickets this year in Liberty County. The officer that had been in charge of the Highway between Shelby and Havre has been reassigned.

ELECTED OFFICIAL OUT OF STATE

Holly Frederickson asked permission to be out of the state. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried with all 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 6th, 2017 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

CLAIMS

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

SENIOR CENTER AND TRANSIT

Glenda Hanson, Transit Coordinator, presented the Coordination Plan for Liberty County Transit. Also, Liberty County Transit is applying for \$89,587.00 in operation funds and capital assistance for routing software through MDT. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the Coordination Plan and

application of operating funds in the amount of \$89,576.00 and capital assistance for routing software. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

4-H

The Commissioners helped set up for shooting sports at the Frontier Aviation Hanger. Jim and Julie Briden have volunteered the use of their hangar again for the 4-H kids.

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 12th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss road issues.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to update them on the Senior Center.

CLAIMS

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

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to update them on Justice Court. The court continues to be busy.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to discuss some personnel issues.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Commissioners attended the annual Courthouse Christmas Potluck.

STATE LANDS

Eric Enebow met with the Commissioners. One of the topics discussed was the Devil's Chimney Access Road. The County will be working on the road next year.

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 13th, 2017 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the contracts on the new Cat graders that the County will be receiving. A conference call was held with T & E Equipment to discuss details.

The Commissioners met with Jesse Fulbright to discuss the loss of Extension administration in Toole County. He is worried that Liberty County will have to back fill for the help needed with the 4-H program at the Fair.

EMS

The Commissioners had requested that Tara Hendrickson review the EMS rates and hours that Tara has been putting in to fulfill the job requirements. The conversation began in June. Tara discussed the rates that are being charged for the ambulance responding to a call. The last increase was in 2008. The Commissioners reviewed the proposal of increasing the rates from \$400 to \$500 and from \$10 to \$12 per loaded mile. This will be reviewed in odd years. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the change. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and carried with all in favor. Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Woods also met with Tara to discuss the number of hours that are need to accomplish her job. Commissioner Woods made a motion to increase the hours of her position from 27 hours to 35 hours per pay period. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor with Commissioner Hendrickson abstaining.

ORDINANCE 48-01

The Commissioners held a public meeting to take input on the Ordinance 48-01, Barking or Nuisance Dog Ordinance. After having no input from the public, Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance 48-01. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and carried with all in favor.

LIBRARY

During one of the coffee deliveries, there was a car accident. After having a meeting with the County Attorney, deliveries have been suspended. We are waiting for clarification from MACO Insurance before we proceed further.

HEALTHY LIBERTY COUNTY COALITION

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Healthy Liberty County meeting. The meeting was very well attended. The Burning of the Greens at the skating rink will sponsored by the Community Development Committee.

CLAIMS

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

RESOLUTION 17-16

The Commissioners reviewed Resolution 17-16 Personal Vehicle Use Waiver Form presented by the County Attorney. All County employees will have to fill out the form before each trip if they plan on using their own vehicle on County time. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson and carried with all in favor.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to discuss how she will be getting bids for the damaged transit bus. Snyder's Dent Shop and Cut Bank Auto Body are the two body shops that we will be getting bids from. Liberty County will be following direction from MACO insurance on how to deal with this issue.

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

December 19th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to discuss the ongoing grader project. RDO cancelled the meeting today due to travel issues. The Road Crew is still short an employee and some of the employees are taking vacation.

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Bear Paw Development meeting in Havre. New Fields Consulting was retained as consulting engineer for the Browns Field Project. Bear Paw will be helping Liberty County with the flowing Courthouse remodeling and or relocation, landscape project at the Senior Center, and providing assistance to the Town of Chester storm drain system repairs.

ELECTED OFFICIALS OUT OF STATE

Justice of the Peace Holly Frederickson and Commissioner Wicks both requested permission to be out of state in February. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson and carried with all in favor.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

SANITARIAN

The Commissioners reviewed a proposal for Sarah Robbin, presented from DPHS. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to allow Sarah Robbin to sign on behalf of Liberty County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods and carried with all in favor.

LOTHAIR LAND TRANSFER

The Grodon Family has transferred some land in the townsite of Lothair to Liberty County as a gift. Lots 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19 of Block 3 were gifted. Liberty County will pay the \$50.00 transfer cost. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. County Attorney Robert Padmos and past County Attorney Hugh Brown, are preparing the documents. Liberty County sent a receipt for the lots valued as a whole of \$3,000.00.

SAFETY MEETING

The quarterly safety meeting was held in the Commissioner's Office. Julie Gagnon took minutes and they will be posted in the safety file.

UPSTAIRS FLOOR

Debbie Peet was in to discuss the finish on the flooring. We have contacted McNairs to have them come and inspect them.

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

December 26th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to discuss road projects. The Road Crew will have to plow some roads but are waiting for the temp to warm up. It was -32 degrees in Chester today. We are still waiting for a check from T & E to proceed with the new graders.

JOPLIN DRAINAGE

Jim Hofer met with the Commissioners to discuss a drainage issue near his Joplin home. After looking at the photos it was decided to talk to Rob Moog to see if the water could be diverted into the sewer system. Jim will discuss the issue with Rob and report back to us.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Commissioners attended a cake social for Karla Kulpus celebrating her retirement. Karla was an employee of LMC and worked as the Public Health Nurse for Liberty County.

CLAIMS

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

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to tell the Commissioners that a Letter of Termination was issued to Rhonda Rocks. The County insurance company, MACO, has informed us that MACO will no longer be able cover Rhonda Rocks on the County insurance policy. Glenda has been following the path laid out by MACO to work through this problem.

JUSTICE COURT

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