

December 6th, 2011 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

LEPC

Commissioners Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman stopped at the LEPC meeting before heading to a Montana Department of Transportation meeting in Conrad. Yvonne reported CPR classes are being given to local EMT's and others on Monday and Tuesday (12-5 and 12-6); instructors are Yvonne Hunnewell and Tara Hendrickson.

CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Cemetery Board meeting on 12-2-2011. Not much was happening other than the monthly bills.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Karla Kulpus needed a signature on the DPHHS master contract #12-07-4-31-025-0 for the Liberty County Immunization Program (coverage period 7-1-2005 thru 6-30-2012), so Commissioner Rockman signed it on 11-30-2011 for immediate processing.

MDOT

The quarterly meeting of Montana Department of Transportation for the 5 county area was held in Conrad on 12-6-2011. It was attended by 15 area supervisors, including the 3 Liberty County Commissioners. All current and active MDOT projects were discussed. Highway 2 in Liberty County is scheduled for a crack-seal and seal and cover job in March of 2013. Local maintenance Supervisor, Floyd Webb, retired on 11-30-11. The Whitlash Road junction at Highway 2 project is listed as a future project (beyond 2016).

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on road issues:

1. Discussed MSHA regulations regarding our screening operation. A "speed limit" and "hard hat area" sign at the site is needed.
2. The skid steer came without a backup beeper and a beacon; Dean Heydon was notified. Dean did deliver a cutting edge and bolts for the bucket at no charge.
3. Dale's rig is presently broke down.
4. Shawn's looking to update his pickup; he likes the GMC models.

CPR TRAINING

There will be CPR training for the County Road Crew and Senior Center Crew on Monday afternoon (12-12-2011).

RESOLUTION 11-25

A resolution defining the sale of our 2009 A92 Valtra Tractor to Gavilon Grain LLC for \$33,000 and disposition of these funds was offered for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to approve the resolution. NOTE: the Valtra pay off is \$21,875.14.

RESOLUTION 11-25

WHEREAS, the Road Department has sold it's 2009 A92 Valtra Tractor / Rotary Cutter to Gavilon Grain, LLC in November of 2011;

WHEREAS, the revenue received for the sale of this equipment was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

WHEREAS, the Road Department wishes to utilize this revenue to pay off the loan through Agco Finance for the 2009 Valtra Tractor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the Road Fund 2010-2011 budget be expanded by the sale price of \$33,000.

DATED THIS 6th day of December, 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman
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Commissioner
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Commissioner

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk



MACO BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Tempel attended the Executive Board Meeting at MACO in Helena on Sunday and Monday (12-4 and 12-5).

PERMISSION TO BE OUT OF STATE

Holly Fredrickson, Justice of the Peace, asked for permission to be out of the state from January 11th-16th 2012 to attend a family reunion in Mississippi. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried to grant permission to be out of state.

MACO LEGAL

The Commissioners sent an e-mail to Mike Sehestedt, MACo chief legal counsel, to inform him that the Commissioners received a "highlighted" copy of an article from the Belgrade News. The article addressed a lawsuit in Gallatin County regarding a 2004 longevity pay scheme that eliminated salary increases to Sheriff Deputies. Mike had offered the Commissioners advice on the recent raises to Elected Officials (with no raises to any deputies, including Sheriff Deputies), the Commissioners felt he should be aware of this article and potential consequences / follow up.

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 7th, 2011 ♦ Wednesday

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CENTER DIRECTOR

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss the Transportation Coordination Plan for FY13. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman to approve the Transportation Coordination Plan for Liberty County Transit for fiscal year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to authorize Glenda Hanson to complete a Liberty County Transit Application for operating and capital assistance from Montana Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried.

The center is gearing up for the Christmas Stroll tonight; they are serving soup and pie, and hosting Santa Claus. The Center did purchase a battery booster. They are presently having trouble with electrical problems on the oldest bus.

RESOLUTION 11-26

The FEMA funds of \$35,099.70 have been received and deposited. Resolution #11-26 requests transfer of these funds to the Road Fund for reimbursement to water disaster damages. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to accept this resolution.

RESOLUTION 11-26

WHEREAS, Liberty County has received \$35,099.70 in FEMA Disaster reimbursement money;

WHEREAS, Liberty County will receipt this money into the FEMA Fund #2958, and then transfer it to the ROAD Fund to reimburse that fund for the expenses incurred at the time of the flooding;

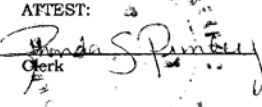
WHEREAS, this money was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the FEMA Fund Budget be expanded by \$35,099.70 so that it may transfer the money received to the ROAD Fund;

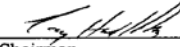


And;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the ROAD Fund Budget also be expanded by \$35,099.70, so that it may utilize the unanticipated reimbursement money.

DATED THIS 7th day of December, 2011

ATTEST:

Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

CLAIMS

The current county claims were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to pay these claims.

4-H CAMPGROUND

Shawn Norick took photos and measurements of the shelters and out buildings at the 4-H Campgrounds near Whitlash per the Commissioners request. The Commissioners sent this information to Wood Enterprises for insurance records. The Commissioners called Tina to request a special letter for Thompson's Attorney that proves insurance by the County on this campground.

VEBA

The Commissioners received correspondence from Melanie Denning at the State VEBA with advice on establishing our current policy regarding VEBA. The Commissioners did a corrected policy letter to be post dated.

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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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Mike LaFrenz and Mike Hilliard from the BOR stopped by to make sure Liberty County would enter into contract with them to redo the Boat Ramp Road at the Marina Ramp on Lake Elwell. The BOR will put together a rough estimate.

DES

The Commissioners called Toole County and asked if they had been in contact with Barb Beck. Toole County Commissioner Ben Ober has not heard anything back yet.

CPR CLASS

A County CPR class was given on 12-12-2011 by instructors Tara Hendrickson and Yvonne Hunnewell. County employees attending were Scott Kuyper, Scott Ross, Justin Maki, Marc Holmes, Dale Carlstad, Charlie Thielman, Shawn Norick, Sheila Duncan, Edith Kieffer, Rhonda Rocks, Susanna Skierka, Taylor Marshall, and Russ Tempel.

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. Items discussed:

1. Fix two "blowout" holes near Buck Foster's.
2. Snow fence near Gunderson's needs to be reinforced due to recent strong winds.
3. No word from Moodie Equipment on skid steer issues. It was confirmed via serial number that it was built June, 2011.
4. Tractor & Equipment Representative, Kraig Pester, gave Shawn an estimate on the value of our old graders: 1989 140G = \$67,500; a 1999 140H = \$97,000; and a 2001 140H = \$106,000. The cost of a new grader is approximately \$325,000.
5. They are pulling the Model 5860 Valtra into the shop to start the overhaul.
6. They got a quote from Tilleman Motors on a used 1999 Ford F250 for \$7,700; still considering.
7. A bid sheet on new GMC Sierra ¾ ton via Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is \$23,905.
8. Gavilon picked up the Model A92 Valtra tractor today.

MACO LOSS CONTROL

The Commissioners received an update from MACo on our employee injury losses for the period of July 1st, 2005 to June 30th, 2012. In this 6 ½ year period, our total losses are as follows:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Center Department = \$2,551.32 2. Sheriff's Department = \$18,357.24 3. Weed Department = \$362.70 4. Road Department = \$1,059.28 | } | The total amount is \$22,589.99 |
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GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Commissioners made a simple map of the Chester Cemetery for the Genealogy Society at the request of Pat Ludwig.

ANNUAL STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY BUREAU APPLICATION

The Commissioners filled out the state surplus property bureau application for buyers that needed executive action. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The names authorized to purchase are Jim Ghekierre, Russ Tempel, Larry Hendrickson, Shawn Norick, and Rlynn Rockman.

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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EXTENSION OFFICE

The Commissioners received an official notification from the Extension Clerk, Ann Wickum, that she is retiring from her job effective 12-30-2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried to accept Ann's formal resignation.

Extension Agent, Jesse Fulbright, came in to discuss procedures for hiring a new clerk. He will update the clerk's job description. The Commissioners will begin to advertise the position.

COUNTY PAYROLL

The County payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to approve payroll.

COUNTY JANITOR

Ruthann Norick stopped in to visit about mops and a new vacuum cleaner for the Senior Center. She will price a vacuum to her liking and get back to the Commissioners.

LOTHAIR BUS STOP

An e-mail from the CJI School Board reveals they want to do further research on the Lothair bus stop before making an official decision.

CLAIM

One claim was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried to pay the claim for filing the Annual Financial Report with the Department of Administration.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners received the State bid for the pickups. They decided to purchase two pick-ups.

PROTESTED TAXES

The County Treasurer, Gayle Dahlen, informed the Commissioners the following taxes in the amount of \$70,326.37 are protested. Those protesting are AT&T Mobility = \$3,650.56, Bresnan = \$5,046.00, Ominex = \$3,070.10, and Ominex = \$58,559.71.

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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December 20th, 2011 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel. Commissioner Rockman attending to a funeral on the above stated dated.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Mike LaFrentz was in to visit with the Commissioners about the recreation shelters at Tiber Dam.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to sign the claim for the Clerk of District Court for \$1.53. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MOODIE EQUIPMENT

Dean Heydon was in to discuss the skidsteer and attachments with the Commissioners. The group telephoned Ed Rice in the Havre office. Moodie will pay for the backup alarm and lights and cutting edge to make up for the 20 hours on the machine that was sold to Liberty County as a "new" machine.

MINUTES

Regarding the Commissioners Proceedings dated November 29th to December 14th (pages 802 through 808); Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve these minutes as corrected. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

US BANK

Rea Englund and Grig Ostman with US Bank explained their governmental loans for equipment to the County Commissioners.

JUSTICE COURT CLERK

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee to hire Laurie Czech for the position of the new Justice Court clerk. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Laurie will start on January 3rd, 2012.

EXTENSION AIDE

After reviewing applications for the Extension Aide position, and receiving a recommendation from the department head, the County Commissioners made the decision to offer the job to Julie Gagnon. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to offer the job to Julie. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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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LIBERTY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The Commissioners received correspondence from the State Accounting Division regarding the Annual Financial Report for the Airport Board stating the report showed a discrepancy of \$150.11. After reviewing the fund, the Commissioners discovered the error and made the appropriate corrections.

FEDERAL AUDIT

Correspondence was received from the Department of Administration / State Accounting Division regarding the requirement for a Federal Audit due to Liberty County receiving Federal financial assistance in excess of \$500,000 during Fiscal Year 2011. The Commissioners placed two telephone calls to Denning, Downey and Associates to get this audit going.

COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS

After reviewing the recent 2010 census figures and conferring with County Attorney Brown, Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to leave the Commissioner's districts as they are. The motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Report from Road Foreman Shawn Norick:

1. Four road crew guys (Scott, Scott, Dale, Mark), and Commissioner Russ Tempel attended an all-day CDL / air-brakes safety seminar last week in Shelby; good class per those attending;
2. Presently pricing out 16-foot heavy duty cattle guards and 3-foot cement aprons and rebar (per grant monies); 30 total through Central Machine;
3. Scott Ross was injured on-the-job in a truck on the Whitlash Road. He met a pickup with a horse trailer, which threw up a large rock, which hit the windshield and blew glass fragments into his face and eye, resulting in an Emergency Room visit and follow-up care. The Incident Reports have been completed;
4. They are presently hauling gravel to the Oswood and Hofer flats, and plan to do the road north of Whitlash to the Border Crossing and the Lakey stretch. So far, they've hauled about 3,000 yards.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Liberty Medical Center monthly board meeting on December 19th, 2011. There's still an unresolved issue with the current pharmaceutical contract. Also, Dr.Young has asked for less time on night and weekend call, so LMC is hiring a part-time Physician's Assistant from Havre. The financial picture at LMC is unchanged. The contract with the County is being worked on.

EXTENSION CLERK

The new extension office clerk, Julie Gagnon, stopped in to visit with the Commissioners. They agreed to a starting salary of \$10.56 / hour, then an increase to \$11.46 / hour after 6 months, then to \$13.10 / hour after a one year probation period. Julie will spend this afternoon in training with Ann Wickum.

PAYROLL

Payroll was submitted for approval. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to approve County payroll. The motion carried.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Rockman requested permission to be absent from the state soon. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to grant permission. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Liberty Medical Center asked the Commissioners to declare their old radiology exam table obsolete. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to make this declaration. The motion carried, and Shari Dolan was notified.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekierre was in to discuss a meeting he had with the Toole County Weed Board and Commissioners regarding their future weed coordinator plans. The Toole County Commissioner's plan to meet with the Liberty County Commissioners soon to try to co-op this position.

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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