

February 1st, 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

Eleven members, including the Commissioners, attended the monthly LEPC meeting at the firehall. Darrel Stafford submitted some appendices for approval. There was general discussion regarding legislative bills affecting hospitals and counties. The groundwork for the upcoming EOC devolution exercises scheduled for February 15th was organized.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting with the following highlights:

1. Treasurer's report shows total in all accounts is \$77,386.88;
2. Current list of Board of Directors, officers, and area supervisors was submitted;
3. A list of the current contributors (donations and memorials) to the new Senior / Transit Center was submitted. Total contributions to date: \$19,050.
4. The committee that is working on furnishings are looking at 80 all-purpose, sturdy, padded chairs for about \$77 each; 10 round tables at about \$246 each; and freight totaling around \$500. Total purchase will be approximately \$9,000 (via Mighty-Lite Company from Utah).
5. Commissioner Rockman, Pat Ludwig and Betty Marshall are to go to KSEN's "TTO" to discuss the project and fund-raising.

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. He discovered that our damaged tire balancer is insured for \$2,500. The Commissioners telephoned Marty Wood at Wood Enterprises, who will check on our expected insurance payment to repurchase a tire balancer. Due to extreme cold weather, shop work is presently being done by the road crew. Also, four farmers have contracted for snow-removal around their bins and private buildings.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Road Department received a Thank You card from Nahrgang's for excellent plowing service;
2. Letter from the Department of Revenue regarding the 3rd quarter 2010 distribution of Oil & Gas Production money;
3. Letter from DPHHS asking for our input in the designation process in the AAA's (see below).

PAYROLL

The additional claims for payroll deductions and benefits were submitted for payment. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to pay these claims. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

EMS

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped in to discuss a few items and picked up a copy of the proposed legislative bill dealing with EMT testing.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The three Commissioners attended the annual chamber dinner on February 30th, 2011 for public relations and to hear the presentation of Matt Gibson of Gavilon and Larry Clark of EGT, the two grain-loading facilities coming to Liberty County.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

The Commissioners made their weekly walk through at the construction site.

NEXT WEEKS PAYROLL

Because the Commissioners will be gone to MACo Mid-Winter Conference from 2-7-2011 to 2-10-2011, Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve payment of county payroll on 2-8-2011. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AAA

Regarding the letter from DPHHS mentioned in the above minutes; they offer four options for the Commissioners to consider in the re-designation process for fiscal years 2012-2015. The Commissioners discussed this with Rod Keith and he recommends that the County stay with the Area III Agency. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to stay in Area III. 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.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

February 2nd, 2011 ♦ Wednesday

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COUNTY HEALTH NURSE

Karla Kulpas stopped in with the Immunization Action Plan contract with the State (\$2,564). Commissioner Tempel made the motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

In addition to Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel present for the monthly department head meeting were: Rachel Ghekiere, Gayle Dahlen, Rod Keith, Rhonda Pimley, Shawn Norick, and Jim Ghekiere.

The group was reminded that the DES exercise is still on the schedule for February 15th. The exercise was briefly discussed.

The group then headed to the construction site of the Senior Center project for a tour of the new building.

RADIOS

Jim Ghekiere and Sheriff Richard Burrows stopped in to discuss radios with the Commissioners. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept Jim Ghekiere's recommendation to renew the contract with Bulberry Insight for the E-911. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

WOOD INSURANCE

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to sign the insurance inventory list for Wood Insurance. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AIRPORT

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to sign the FAA, 6-year, capital improvement plan. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

OLD AMBULANCE

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to declare the old ambulance (1991 Ford F-350 Wheel Coach) as surplus equipment. Commissioner Hendrickson 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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Clerk

Chairman

February 10th, 2011 ♦ Thursday

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman were in the office on the above stated day to follow up on the monthly claims and payroll.

MACO MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The three Commissioners attended the MACo Mid-Winter in Helena on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman returned to complete some of their County business. Commissioner Tempel remained to take in the rest of the conference. While in Helena the three Commissioners picked up a car and two desks from State surplus.

COUNTY CAR

The Commissioners purchased an automobile for county use, to replace the old red Ford Taurus station wagon with the bad transmission. The newly purchased vehicle is a 2005 Ford Taurus, 4-door sedan, with 55,000 miles for a purchase price of \$4,100.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve these claims for payment. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PAYROLL

Payroll had been pre-approved on 2-1-2011 however the Commissioners reviewed and finalized the process on this date.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners have received a check for \$1,925 from MACo JPIA as an insurance payment for the damaged Tire Balancer at the Road department. The check was given to Treasurer Gayle Dahlen for deposit.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY

Jeannie McDonough from the title company stopped in to visit with the Commissioners about potential future issues regarding access on unconfirmed county roads across private property or to special parcels of land. In the past, assumptions have been made in the titling process (based on the road's history, maintenance, gas tax, etc), but it is not a clear deal anymore with development of subdivisions, etc.

The Commissioners will telephone MACo to inquire about completing a "blanket" resolution that ID's all of our known/specific county roads to eliminate any future issues.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Richard Burrows was in to visit about a few roads that need plowing;
2. Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on road issues, employee issue, and information on some equipment;
3. Rod Keith was in to visit about the new center.

February 15th, 2011 ♦ Tuesday

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EBMS

The three Commissioners attended the 7:00 AM EBMS meeting with the road crew at the county shop. Our medical insurance providers came to discuss wellness and health issues, the upcoming medical survey, and computer information. They met with other county employees later in the day at the courthouse.

COOP-COG EXERCISE

A DES / EOC training exercise (Devolution, Phase II) was held this entire day at the firehall. Ed Gherke and area DES coordinators ran the exercise. Participants were the three Commissioners (who served as the devolution team); elected officials Rhonda Pimley, Gayle Dahlen, Holly Frederickson, Rachel Ghekiere, and Anne Seidlitz-Melton; city officials Wayne Wardell, John Kleinsasser, and Tonia Wickum; Liberty Medical Center officials Ron Gleason, Nancy Kleinsasser, Karla Kulpas, Shari Meissner, Drue Ann Lybeck, and Sandra Ghekiere; public health officials Penny Walston, and Karla Kulpas; and others including Quannah Bailey. The training scenario involved evacuation of county buildings due to a sudden disaster, then relocating to Joplin to get local government re-operational.

EASEMENT ISSUE

Pat Harmon stopped in to discuss a right-of-way issue regarding the South Chester Water Users District. The Commissioners gave him initial approval. He will complete the necessary paperwork with Shawn Norick.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

Rod Keith provided a "change order" for the Commissioners approval (the floor plug for the salad bar).

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

February 16th, 2011 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick came in to update the Commissioners on road issues. They're presently working on culvert plugs and water issues due to recent melting. The Commissioners also looked at requested literature on skid-steers. RDO was here last night to flush out the fuel system on the JD grader that has lost some power. The group also discussed selling or trading the newest Valtra tractor. Dale's pick-up lost its clutch last week; the Commissioners gave the OK to repair it. The group also discussed getting the screener going and contracting for some gravel. Shawn Norick will call Eagle Creek Colony to confirm their plans, call the crusher to confirm his spring jobs, and call Warren Wickum about gravel and royalties.

CEMETERY

Several local citizens have telephoned to offer assistance at our local cemeteries (due to Terry Thielman's recent injuries and hospitalization). Commissioner Rockman visited with both gentlemen to discuss the present situation, and thanked them for their concern.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Jesse Fulbright was in to discuss a few issues:

- 1. Insurance question on the 4-H Riding Arena; the correspondence was taken to the County Attorney Hugh Brown for advise;
- 2. Approved to post an announcement for a medical benefit for former agent, Greg Carlson;
- 3. Robotics from Lego; and
- 4. His current "Master Gardner" program, which is quite successful.

Jesse had advertised a public meeting for suggestion and ideas on the role of the extension office, but no one appeared to comment.

CICON AND ASSOCIATES

Rudy Cicon was in to visit about the two new train-loading elevators. He reported that there is, indeed, a road on record that extends from the east end of Adam Avenue to the 1500 East Road (which goes north/south by the Yurman farm). The Commissioners will do some research on this to see if we can establish this road as a safe approach to the EGT terminal.

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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February 22nd, 2011 ♦ Tuesday

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COUNTY ROAD MAP

The Commissioner received a road map from MDOT for the annual confirmation / certification of Roadway Mileage to determine fuel tax allocations. The certification form shows our current mileage of nearly 957 miles.

PAYROLL

Current payroll was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the payroll and withholdings for payment. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

KSEN

Council on Aging members, Betty Marshall and Pat Ludwig, went to Shelby on 2-21-2011 to appear on KSEN's "TTO" program to promote the new center and fund-raising projects at the center.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly hospital board meeting on 2-16-2011. At that meeting the CEO, Ron Gleason, was evaluated and offered a new contract.

PLANNING / 911

Jim Ghekier was in to update the Commissioners on pagers, repeaters, and the two train-loading projects.

MARIAS RIVER WATERSHED

Commissioner Rockman attended the annual meeting of the Marias River Watershed on 2-17-2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

MACO JPIA INSURANCE

Tina Wood sent our renewal notice for the JPIA liability insurance. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept this coverage. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The form was signed and mailed to Wood Enterprises on this date.

TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS

Shane Kenfield from Triangle Communications stopped in to discuss the telephone lines at the new senior center project. There seems to be some confusion about who is responsible for installing these lines: the contractor versus Triangle Telephone. It seems that the contractor installed the necessary conduit, but did not pull any wiring. Shane is willing to do this work, but is presently pressed with other workload. He was wondering if the contractor could be hired to get the wiring done, then he could do the final installation. The Commissioners looked at the original specs and contract and called WAG, who says this job and fees were built into the original bid. The Commissioners telephoned Tracy McLain at the job site and had him come to our office to confirm the specs and get this work done as soon as possible.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

The Commissioners made an on-site tour of the new facility to check on construction progress. Conclusion: the job will not be done by February 28th, as suggested.

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