

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ♦ 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.

EXTENSION AGENT

Jesse Fulbright was in to discuss extension issues. He is presently looking for a Liberty County representative to the Fair Board; several names were suggested. His "Master Gardener" classes are starting up today. There was good participation at the local cropping seminar.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Liberty County Council on Aging meeting. Current balance per Treasurer's report = \$19,700. We recently had \$1,365 in bus transportation donations (of which \$1,000 was anonymous). The bus expected in 2012 is now predicted to arrive in mid-March. The center enjoyed a productive workshop on 01-16-2013 on "Preventing Falls & Assistive Devices" by Jane Wolery.

COUNTY SALARIES

Employees' wages were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to pay these current wages. The motion carried.

GIS GRANT

Gail Shatkus met with the three Commissioners, Chester Mayor (Noel Walston), and Extension Agent (Jesse Fulbright) to discuss additional research she has completed on the GIS Grant. The total project for all products (base station, rovers, hand-helds, etc.) and services (licenses, training, etc.) is approximately \$60,000. She is soliciting donations, soft-matches, and hard-matches to the project. The Town of Chester and Liberty County committed \$3,000 each to the project.

DES TRAINING

Ed Gerke presented a 4-hour Phase 3.5 training exercise at the Firehall Conference room today. The three Commissioners were part of the project, which included seventeen participants from Liberty County and two from Blaine County. The exercise reviewed the fourteen features of ICS as it related to an incident that starts as a structure fire and evolves into a public health event.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ♦ 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: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

**MY TWO MEDICINE**

My Two Medicine was in Liberty County to host wellness meetings for the county employees. The Commissioners attended the meeting held at the county road shop. Rachel Soulek was the presenter.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to pay the claims as presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS**

Rachel Ghekiere was in and updated the Commissioners on the Whitlash School. At this time they are in a non-operating status.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

Seth Kruper called regarding the elevators.

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

**Week of February 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## MACO MIDWINTER CONVENTION

The Commissioners were not in the office the above stated days. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel attended the MACo MidWinter Convention in Helena on this week.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ♦ 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.

## BEN TAYLOR INC

We received "proof of insurance" from Ben Taylor, Inc for property / liability coverage on his propane tank plant on county yards.

## MLIA GRANTS

We sent two letters to State GIS Coordinator, Stewart Kirkpatrick, in support of the Toole/Liberty County Cemetery Mapping Grant and the GIS/GPS equipment grant for CJI School and Community.

Later in the day, Gail Shatkus, submitted a copy of the MT Land Info Act grant application for fiscal year 2014. This thorough report shows proposed In kind / Hard matches at \$46,488 plus MLIAC shares at \$51,376 = Total project at \$97,864.

## CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We are computing the few payments from our vandals and planning their community service obligations. Ted is presently "pricing" a new mower.

## BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Commissioner Tempel attended the annual Bear Paw Development Corporation meeting in Havre on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The report shows total investments for 2012 at \$6,275,984. The Small Business Development Center assisted 67 clients in 2012. The report mentions a local business, Earl-Fisher Biofuels.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. A local hutterite colony has offered to produce cattle-crossing cement girders for about \$275 each. The county crew are unloading the "new" shelving for the Senior Center and Road Department; we bought this material in Helena.

## SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss senior center issues. She reports that the new bus has been shipped, so should be here in a few weeks. We need to write a letter to Jeanne Winston regarding her position and rights on returning to work. Glenda has several applications for bus drivers and kitchen helpers, but only one application for "Supper Club" cook.

EMS COORDINATOR

We received two applications for the EMS co-coordinator position (vacated by Yvonne Hunnewell). Current salary for the position is \$13.27 per hour X 18 hours per pay period, equivalent to \$238.00 / every 2 weeks. We scrutinized the two applications and called Tara Hendrickson in for an interview. Note also that we were approached by several of our volunteers, who whole-heartedly support Tara in this endeavor. After our meeting with her, Commissioner Tempel made the motion to offer Tara the position. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioner Hendrickson abstained from voting / opinions / comments.

Tara accepted the job, beginning March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will keep Yvonne on the payroll through March 30<sup>th</sup> during the transition period. Tara and James Dahlen will tweak our new job description at their convenience.

PAYROLL

The County payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to pay the current wages. The motion carried.

CLAIMS

Miscellaneous claims totaling about \$8,600 were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve payment of these claims. The motion carried.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Tempel asked for permission to be out of state in early March. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to grant permission. The motion carried.

MDOT

Commissioner Tempel spoke with Matt Ladenburg of MDOT in Havre to express concerns over heavy truck traffic on the Joplin Road #224. Matt will consider possible solutions, i.e. setting a maximum weight limit. He will get back to us.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Holly Frederickson asked to be out-of-state from February 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to grant permission. The motion carried.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere was in to update the Commissioners on his department. He received the 48 page draft contract on the BOR weed project and responded with two pages of comments. Jim would like to purchase a 75-gallon tank with diaphragm pump for installation in the water cruiser (price about \$2,600).

LEGAL LETTER

We composed a letter for approval by MACo legal counsel that will be sent to Jeanne Winston regarding her current and/or future employment status.

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

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ♦ 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.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly board meeting for Liberty Medical Center on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Nothing remarkable to report. The search for a CEO is continuing.

MENTAL HEALTH

The three commissioners met with Lea Anne Lewis, LCPC, a Great Falls mental health counselor, to discuss the possibility of her providing services to Liberty County. Following our interviews and discussion, we took her to Liberty Medical Center to meet the staff and see the facilities. Then we took her to lunch. She will put a proposal to us.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. We discussed the replacement belly-dump for \$33,700 (FOB Great Falls); year 2011; 80% tire-depth; 20 yard capacity. Paperwork is requested on the Pondera Bridge near Cheek's by MDOT; we had a conversation with Russ Brewer. We also discussed a public meeting to discuss the Joplin Road (Hwy #224) and a possible weight limit.

RECENT PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 1. On 2-21-2013 the Senior Citizen Transit bus was picking up a patient at the Liberty Medical Center ER entrance and backed into an air-conditioning unit; damage to the a/c unit, but no damage to the bus (driver = Rhonda Rocks).
- 2. On 2-22-2013 the county car (2005 Ford Taurus) hit a deer near Fort Benton [see repair bid for \$2,650] (driver = Lewis Johnson).

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson stopped in to discuss senior center issues:

- 1. The accident with the bus was discussed (the Commissioner's drove to the site to examine the air conditioning unit).
- 2. Glenda received an e-mail from Karin Roehm (NCAAA of Conrad) via Charlie Rehbein (DPHHS Bureau Chief) that states all Senior Centers must have a retail food license to serve food at their facilities; we found a code #50-50-202 on a form that may make us exempt, so we gave it to Hugh Brown to research.
- 3. The new bus arrived last week.
- 4. Glenda provided some information on a transit program that provides free rides to veterans.

LAKE ELWELL SHELTERS

As requested, we forwarded the elevations of the shelters to Traci Sears at Montana DNRC. This was to satisfy the requirements per FEMA and our insurance agent (Wood Enterprises).

GRANT APPLICATION FOR MLIA

Gail Shatkus dropped off her "final" grant application for our records.

OLD TRANSIT VAN

We called Frank and Mary Ghee, husband and wife, retired veterans from Great Falls, who are running a disabled veterans service to Fort Harrison. We visited about our old van and its potential use to their program.

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