

February 4th, 2014 ♦ 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.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. A new meal record of 111 served occurred on the day of our area meeting in January. The AARP driving class on January 16th was attended by 8-9 people. The Council on Aging is still looking for a Supper Club cook. Treasurer's report = \$25,960.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss Senior Center issues. There is a defensive driving course available in Lewistown; Glenda wants to send her two Rhonda's. We reminded her that we have two unused "scholarships" there (earned when we donated an old ambulance).

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. Snow-plowing is in progress. Marc used the pick-up plow at Joplin and Whitlash; it works great on these small, quick plows. Marc provided a current list / certificates for road crew who updated their First Aid / CPR training. The new hoist is being installed and a new plug for the plasma cutter has been ordered. The crew has taken down the museum signs for repair (to be done by volunteer, Bill Gunderson). There has been recent Canadian truck traffic on the Whitlash Road to Gavilon.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Karla Kulpas produced a contract with Pacific Source Health Plans that makes us eligible to qualify for provider benefits. A motion was mad by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to sign this contract.

SALARIES

County salaries were offered for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to pay current wages.

LEPC

Eight people attended the monthly LEPC meeting. No changes have been made to the 911 computers. An EMS class is being taught by Tara Hendrickson. The fire department recently purchased a used "Jaws of Life" apparatus for around \$20,000.

EMS TRAINING

On Saturday (February 1st) Commissioner Hendrickson attended training with about 20 EMS staff on using the new "Jaws of Life".

WHITLASH SCHOOL

The Whitlash School Board has made informal inquiries into the process of reopening their school. County Superintendent, Rachel Ghekiere, provided some rules and regulations to be considered, when and if the time comes for this.

RESOLUTION 14-04

We discussed the 2014 Study Commission Ballot Requirements regarding adopting a resolution that calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission every 10 years. A motion was mad by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to adopt the resolution with the following terms: If passed, the study commission will consist of three members and the funding of the governmental review will not exceed 5 mills.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LIBERTY COUNY MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Commission is the governing body of the County of Liberty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The County of Liberty hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 3rd, 2014.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of three members shall be elected at the general election of November 4th, 2014.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

[] FOR the review of the government of Liberty County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed 5 mills (\$38,275), of a local government study commission consisting of three members to examine the government of Liberty County and submit recommendations on the government.

[] AGAINST the review of the government of Liberty County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed 5 mills (\$38,275), of a local government study commission consisting of three members to examine the government of Liberty County and submit recommendations on the government.

Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of the County of Liberty Montana meeting at regular session held on the 4th day of February, 2014.

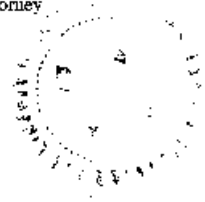
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ATTEST:
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Clerk and Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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County Attorney



CEMETERY

Pat Ludwig dropped off an updated map of the Chester "Oddfellows" Cemetery, which identifies all graves via plot / lot / block.

GIS GRANT

Tyler Good was in to show us the drawing of the anchoring system for the antenna.

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 5th, 2014 ♦ 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. Commissioner Rockman is available by telephone.

SAFETY MANUAL

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to adopt the safety manual.

CLAIMS

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

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 11th, 2014 ♦ Tuesday

The Commissioners attended the MACo mid-winter conference in Billings from February 9th-13th; so no official county business was conducted this week.

February 18th, 2014 ♦ 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 and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson. Commissioner Russ Tempel is on vacation.

ROAD

Marc Holmes stopped in to discuss road issues. Equipment repairs and shop work being done. Marc is placing an order for culvers; there are 6 areas for culvert extension and/or replacement this spring.

COUNTY SALARIES

The current county salaries were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried to pay these salaries.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson requested permission to be gone from February 20th – 25th. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to grant permission.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson stopped in to discuss Senior Center issues. Havre Heating was here last week and found no explanation for the water freezing except a "perfect storm".

DPHHS

Commissioner Rockman telephoned Melissa Tuemmler at DPHHS regarding the 2014 "Retail Food Large" licenses for the Liberty Medical Center and the Wheat Country Estates. She admitted that these two licenses were not required per MCA rules (specified in the Commissioner's minutes of 1/28/2014). If our sanitarian will send an electronic "License Change Form" to DPHHS, they will refund the \$230 (\$115 for each license) for this year (2014) and drop all future license applications. Karen Salo was notified, as was Shari Dolan at Liberty Medical Center.

CLAIMS

Several claims were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried to pay these claims.

KENFIELD WIND FARM

Tim Kenfield stopped in with paperwork from the State Aeronautical Division that mandates a "light" on top of all towers 50' or higher. Our wind test tower is on Kenfield land, so they were notified of this new regulation. Because this tower is defunct and there is no electricity nearby, we authorized the Kenfields to dispose of the structure.

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 25th, 2014 ♦ 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: Commissioner Rlynn Rockman, and Commissioner Russ Tempel. Commissioner Hendrickson was available by telephone.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. There were 37 attendees from 4 counties at the DNRC Wildland Fire training session on February 20th in Chester. All 7 road crew members attended, as did Jason Wanken (Liberty County Fire Chief) and Jim Ghekiere (Weed Department). In addition, the six road crew workers attended a "Truck & Loader Safety Class" sponsored by Montana LTAP on January 30th in Havre. Certification / documents were presented for our Safety training manual.

Marc received the bill for the Bend Pak 4-post lift and jack (totaling \$6,634.60). Dale Pimley has completed the electrical work, so the lift is now functional. We will seek funds from the Sheriff's Office, Senior Center, and Ambulance for partial reimbursement on this lift. Marc requests these funds be deposited into his "machinery and equipment" fund.

Dave Hamilton of DNRC looked at our fire / rescue equipment. He suggests an International 4WD truck to accommodate the new rescue equipment ("Jaws of Life") and will try to locate a vehicle for our use.

All maintenance work is essentially done on the backhoe, packers and trucks. They are now rebuilding the hitch / deck on the equipment trailer and the mowers.

Marc is putting in the order for culverts. He will check freight charges prior to shipment to see if we can transport the culverts at a lesser fee.

There is nothing new to report on workman's comp employee, "D.S.R." Marc would like to get the county keys back from this employee.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss Senior Center issues. A new selinoid was ordered for the dishwasher. A repair man from Havre is coming to look at the clothes washer; it appears that an electrical / computer panel is malfunctioning. Glenda will get an estimate on the new panel / repairs before confirming.

She produced a copy of a First Aid / CPR / AED training card completed by Delbert Anderson, transit driver, for our files.

Glenda also delivered the MASTS Service Summary Reports on the Senior Center. For the 7-month period dated July 2012 through January 2013 as compared to July 2013 through January 2014, we are down about 7% in both congregate and home delivered meals.

LIBERTY COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson stopped in to discuss county involvement and potential financial responsibility for two current incarcerations and / or hospitalizations; one for DUI and one for family member felony assault. She will keep us informed.

FRED SKIERKA

Fred Skierka stopped in to see if we have any gravel for 5500 South Road (west of his farmstead). This road is being used extensively by Riverview Colony; the road is getting very "rutty", has no crown, and needs gravel desperately. There is also a culvert that needs an extension on the north end.

Fred also reported that he located a gravel vein on BLM land near the Brinkman Refuge. It appears to be good gravel without many big rocks, but it's difficult to tell how large the vein might be. He plans to do some tests and / or get the pit permitted. He will keep us informed.

DES

Commissioner Rockman spoke with Yvonne Hunnewell about her current status with DES. She admits that she's lost interest and is ready to step down as the DES Deputy Coordinator. She will send us a letter of her intentions.

She was also reminded to stop at the Bear Paw Credit Union to "close-out" the \$60 ± ambulance account there. She and Ron Lineweaver are the two responsible signers on that account.

Additional visits by Julie Gagnon, regarding safety manual and Gail Shatkus, regarding GIS / GPS updates.

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 27th, 2014 ♦ Thursday

PERMISSION TO BE OUT OF STATE

By telephone, Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman met. Commissioner Rockman requested permission to be absent from the state (February 28th through March 6th). Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to grant permission.