

March 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.

#### LEPC

Eight members attended the monthly LEPC meeting. Ed Gierke reports the federal sequestration will affect Homeland Security, Border Patrol, and FBI regarding cut backs. NorthWestern Energy staff provided training to the Chester and Shelby fire departments and EMT's last night at the Chester fire hall; approximately 30 volunteers attended this exercise, including Larry Hendrickson. Beck consulting offered an agreement for services for our Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan; the Commissioner's will review and discuss this agreement for approval.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The road crew has hauled about 2,500 yards of gravel from the Pugsley pit (screening products by Jeremiah Johnson crew); most of this gravel has gone on the Moffitt Road and area roads. The belly-dump trailer will be delivered to Great Falls soon; our offer is \$33,000 with "right-to-refusal" if it doesn't meet up to our expectations. The wind generator is presently not working (Shawn suspects the electrical panel, so has a call into Dale Pimley). Shawn gave us his verbal resignation today; his last day will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. He's taking a new position with CHS. A written notification will be forthcoming.

#### SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss senior center issues. She would like to order a grille-guard for the new bus (cost= about \$500 and Jerry Ghekiere can install it). She would also like the annual payment for rent from the Public Health nurse.

#### LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD BUSINESS

Kirstin Kammerzell and Larry Hendrickson made a conference call to Kalispell Regional Medical Center (to the CEO and HR people) in search of help in recruiting a new CEO for Liberty Medical Center. They are working with Conrad for a CEO there, so may use same applicants for both positions.

#### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly meeting today of the Transportation Advisory Committee. New business:

1. Glenda hired a new fill-in bus driver, Delbert Anderson;
2. An ombudsman from Pondera County, Dawne Stokes, inquired about our old bus; they apparently need one there;
3. The new bus has a few issues: the driver's seat does not adjust well and the bus is missing the spare tire bracket;
4. It was recommended that we get a grille-guard on the new bus for preventative sake;
5. The bus did not come with the 2-way radio as specified.

#### COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging today. Current treasurer's report = \$20,575 balance in the accounts. Glenda has interviewed bus drivers, cooks, and kitchen helpers. A bus driver, Delbert Anderson, was hired; he will take the P.A.S.S. class this spring. "Supper Club" has been cancelled until this fall.

SALARIES

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

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel participated in an executive meeting conference call on 03/04/2013.

EXTENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Commissioners attended the bi-annual meeting of the Liberty County Extension Advisory Council. Nine members attended. Extension activities during October to March include:

- 1. Beef nutrition seminar in Whitlash (about 15 attended);
- 2. Cropping seminar in Chester (about 75 attended);
- 3. 4-H achievement night and citizenship seminar were held. Good news is that 4-H membership is up!
- 4. Master Gardener class is going now. Several new ideas and programs are being considered.

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

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ♦ Wednesday

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

We will develop an updated job description for the "Road Supervisor" position. An ad was sent to the TIMES for the job opening; this ad will run March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

MAINTENANCE MAN

Vern Holmes stopped in to update us on his progress. The storage garage at the county yards is done. The Library project is going well; he's at the sheet rock stage.

SEALED BIDS

The sealed bids for the damaged (vandalized) cemetery pick-up (1984 Ford F250HD, diesel, odometer 97600, VIN-1FTHF2517EPBo4014) were opened today with the following results:

- John Englund \$200
- Scott Kuyper \$350
- Rea Englund \$360
- Greg Murray \$200
- Scott Kuyper (updated) \$551.01

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to accept the high bid of \$551.01 from Mr. Kuyper. The motion carried.

TERMINATION LETTER

After discussion and advice with MACo legal, we composed a letter to Jeanne Winston (former cook at the Senior Center) to officially terminate her employment with Liberty County.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Jim Briden stopped in to sign claims and checks and discuss airport business.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to pay the claims submitted this month. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion by telephone, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Commissioner's sponsored a public meeting to educate and discuss the use and abuse of the North Joplin Road #224. There were 27 people at the meeting, including three from MDOT (Sam Wurz, Wayne Noem, and Matt Ladenburg). Options discussed were potential speed and weight limits, legal rules and regulations, public opinions about the use of this road, and potential life-expectancy with continued truck use.

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