March 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: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel. Commissioner Rockman is on vacation.

LEPC

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel attended the monthly LEPC meeting. The new State District II representative, Joey Zaharga was there. The group discussed grants for senior center generators.

ROAD

Marc updated us on 5500 Road South. Wildland Fire Fighting with Road Department with Dave Hamilton DNRC.

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel attended the Executive Committee meeting of the HRDC on 3/3/2014 in Havre.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to pay the current payroll.

DISTRICT 4 HRDC

We received the work plan and budget summaries from HRDC for their 2014 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). The total cost of the CSBG is $119,883. A motion by Commissioner Tempel was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to approve the plan. The paperwork was forwarded to HRDC.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____
Clerk Chairman

March 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 on vacation.

MACO HEALTH CARE TRUST

Pam Walling was in to visit about Dental and Vision Insurance.

HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the hospital board meeting with the Sanford Group about a CEO.

EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Tempel attended the advisory board meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Tempel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to sign the Participating Provider Service Agreement with Pacific Source Health Plans. The motion carried.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel to pay the claims. The motion carried.

RPA

We filled out the client satisfaction survey.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Tempel mad the motion to sign the DNRC application for administrative grants lands for conservation districts. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MDOT

After reviewing the county road gas tax map, Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to sign it. 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

March 11th, 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.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. Culvert order for approximately $8,500 has been completed; freight has not been confirmed. The crew will be working roads at the Bear's Den for a few days. Their only incomplete shop project is rebuilding a sprayer for the Weed Department. They will start "pulling shoulders" and working roads soon.

YOUTH COURT

We received a $300 check from the District 12 Juvenile Probation Office for Liberty County Cemetery vandalism (from juvenile "J.D."). The check was given to secretary Rachel Ghekiere.

MACO

We received a JPIA by-law change that was amended by approval of the membership meeting at the MACo mid-winter conference on 2/12/2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried to officially sign the document.

RESOLUTION 14-05

A resolution to officially adopt the new Liberty County "Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan" (that was recently revised by Barb Beck) was approved via motion by Commissioner Hendrickson, and second by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried.

Resolution # 14-05

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
LIBERTY COUNTY
PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, in October of 2000 the President of the United States signed into law the "Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000" (PL 106-390) to amend the "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988" which among other provisions requires local governments to adopt a pre-disaster mitigation plan in order to be eligible for hazard mitigation funding;

WHEREAS, Liberty County has worked closely with the office of Disaster and Emergency Services to develop a county-wide pre-disaster mitigation plan that will serve the needs of Liberty County;

WHEREAS, the County supports the Liberty County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as a logical means toward protecting people and property from the potential devastating effects of natural and man-made hazards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberty County commissioners adopt, by way of this resolution, the "Liberty County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan" as approved by the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Rlynn Rockman — Commissioner — 3-11-2014 Date

Tony Hendrickson — Commissioner — 3-11-2014 Date

Russ Tempel — Commissioner — 3-11-2014 Date

Rhonda S. Pinkey — 3-11-2014 Date

SWEETGRASS LODGE

Commissioner Rockman attended the Sweet Grass Lodge annual meeting on 3/11/2014. There were 30+ attendees. The financial condition is good. They recently purchased some nearby property for future expansion (for another double or triple townhouse). The townhouse decks were constructed this past year. General maintenance projects are all current. Three board members were approved by unanimous ballot: Don Dahlen, Mike Walstad, and Marcus Jochim.

LIBERTY COUNTY EMPLOYEE SAFETY MANUAL

The Liberty County Employee Safety Manual has been revised / updated the past several months by the Commissioners and temporary / interim "plan coordinator", Julie Gagnon. This manual was officially approved by motion from Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Commissioner Hendrickson reports that the Liberty Medical Center board has decided to contract with Sanford Health Network to provide administrative and electronic records services for one year (effective March 24th). Also, the Liberty Medical Center board is presently negotiating salaries for their four medical providers.

WHITLASH ROAD

Local citizens, Jeremiah Johnson and Adam Wood, stopped in to discuss a few issues:

1. Motivation / reason for GVW patrol at the Whitlash border to check incoming wheat trucks (on a gravel road!). It discourages commerce.
2. If gravel work is planned for the stretch of road from Whitlash to the border, please blade the grass clumps and bigger rocks from the road before gravelling; otherwise, we'll lose ½ of the gravel.
3. Will we be needing any gravel – as Jeremiah will consider moving his crusher north (to Wickum or McDowell pits)?
4. Whitlash Road will be taking a major hit from Canadian wheat hauls to Gavilon Grain Co. during the next few months.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson stopped in to update us on current Justice of the Peace issues. She also asked permission to be out-of-state from March 20-24th (quick Seattle visit). A motion was made by , seconded by , and the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT

A Great Falls fisherman called to make us aware that our Sheriff's office personnel are using county vehicles (a pick-up and an explorer) to travel to and from Tiber Dam (Northwest of the Marina) twice each day to fish. He sees these vehicles coming and going in various mornings, then at 5 pm in the evenings. We explained that their contract with the BOR requires daily patrols to the lake for homeland security, etc. Patrol or no patrol, he feels that there is blatant use and abuse of government equipment and manpower in this case and he wants us to be aware of it!

CEMETERY

Ted Zorn (cemetery sexton), was in to discuss the continuing problems with the cemetery drainage culvert at the Wanken dike, including the water-table, sump pump, and water meter issues. We need to "nip this in the bud" before any spring watering can be done.

GPS / GIS

Gail Shatkus was in to show us the new handheld GPS computer. She also told us about her two recent training sessions.

VIBRANT FUTURES

We met with Samantha Rybicki of "Vibrant Futures", which is part of our consortium with Opportunity Link of Havre. She obtained information about local projects and commerce in Liberty County. We visited about a potential $10,000 grant for "downtown revitalization" projects. We contacted Betty Ann Wolery, who is interested in a curb painting / sidewalk repair / improved lighting project in the Chester business district, which may qualify for this grant.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

March 12th, 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: Chairman Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

MORRISON – MAIERLE

Morrison and Maierle sent an updated contract for date backup services for computers at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office for $20 / month. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to approve the contract. There was also a projected cost statement for computer updates for $610.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to pay these claims. Please note: The $915 registration fee for driver's training for 3 Senior Center bu drivers will be reimbursed by the State as soon as the certificates arrive; Glenda will apply for these funds.

MDOT

Commissioner Tempel attended the quarterly MDOT meeting in Shelby on March 11th. Future projects in Liberty County include guard rails (1/2 mile) on S-223 in 2015 and reconstruction (around 6 miles) on S-409 in 2018.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere stopped in to discuss weed issues. He was successful at this grant hearing in Helena last week.

BEN TAYLOR LEASE

We received "proof of insurance" on our Ben Taylor lease from Federated Insurance. The paperwork was placed in the appropriate file.

SAFETY MANUAL

Julie Gagnon stopped in to discuss the safety manual. We have some current "blood-borne pathogen" information to add, that was provided by Karla Kulpas.

DNRC

We received our first billing from DNRC for right-of-way easements on the following roads selected by the commissioners:

1. Iron Creek Road application #16465 = $1,604.00 for 7.13 acres.
2. Windy Ridge Road application #16464 = $2,521.00 for 11.2 acres.

These two deeds wre signed and returned to the DNRC with a total payment of $4,125.00.

LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF

The Commissioners requested a visit from Liberty County Sheriff Burrows:

1. We discussed the telephone complaint (3/11/2014 minutes) regarding use of county vehicles and personnel for personal errands. Sheriff Burrows will visit with his staff.
2. We also discussed his two new pick-ups (expected delivery this month).
3. Sheriff Burrows agreed to contribute $1,000 - $1,500 towards the purchase of the next hoist / jacks at the county shop due to their frequent usage for patrol car maintenance and repairs.
4. Sheriff Burrows wants to keep the DNRC firetruck presently being housed at Joplin, although the Joplin Fire District would rather not insure it and/or pay for the workman's comp requirements.

SENATOR JON TESTER

We called Senator Jon Tester's field agent, Cheryl Ulmer, to discuss the international traffic on the Whitlash Road regarding the movement of wheat across the Canadian border.... in hopes of sparking some interest in improving this stretch of road. She will be in Chester at 9AM (March 20th).

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

March 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, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

An award dinner for the 4-H "shooters" was attended by around 80 people on Sunday (March 16) at the Liberty Community Center. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel attended.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. Graders are all ready to go; they left the wing on Charlie's grader. The new bits have arrived. As soon as possible, the plan is to put three graders on each of the Whitlash and Laird Roads.

They recently filled in a big water hole on Bear's Den Road and need to replace a culvert there. Our loader is going to Wickum's pit today to start utilizing our gravel there.

The county shop wind generator has a "fried" power processor. The estimated costs to repair it are $5,100. We will do some research on it.

Ben Ish requested some work on 2400 Road South. He agreed to disc the shoulders twice before the road crew comes.

TEAMSTERS

We received correspondence from Teamsters (Local #2) as official notification of upcoming negotiations with our Road and Bridge staff.

TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence from Triangle Communications reveals they will be updating the Verizon Cell Tower (located near John Kammerzell's) with the new fiber optic cable. They included a copy of the existing county easements.

4-H CAMPGROUND

One of the local 4-H clubs offered a $500 check (designated for use at the 4-H campground only). We recommended that it be deposited in the "4-H Council" fund for future use as recommended (i.e., to help defray costs on the updated toilets at the campground).

COUNTY FARM LAND LEASE

Marty Lyders stopped in to request that we sign the FSA's " Volunteer Pe4rmanent Base Acres Reduction" form regarding our two plots of leased land (105.6 and 133.8 acres). A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried to sign the form.

JPT

Our medical insurance company will be conducting health education courses for county employees who qualify on March 19th.

BOR

Mike LaFrentz stopped in to discuss a few things, specifically, the BOR toilets near the Marina and a minor road problem south of his place.

PAYROLL

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

Also, included was pay-out of vacation and sick leave to resigning employee, Lewis Johnson (dispatcher).

LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Undersheriff, Doug Riggin, stopped in to discuss a few things:

1. We addressed the citizen's complaint dated 3/11/2014;
2. Doug has advertised for a full-time deputy and has had several inquiries / applications
3. We acknowledged / confirmed that there are funds for training /; school for a new deputy and/or the present deputies.
4. Doug is willing to work with us on the Stone Garden grant.
5. Jail improvements?

GPS / GIS

The three commissioners, Gail Shatkus, and Pat Ludwig had a conference call with Matt Pearce and Dylan Berg regarding updates on our system.

MACO

A call was placed to Jim Muskovich at MACo to request an inspection and questionnaire about the Liberty County Jail.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Penny Walston brought in an amendment to the contract from Public Health & Human Services that calls for a 2014 Full Scale Exercise as a deliverable for P.H. Emergency Preparedness. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to approve and sign this amendment.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

March 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: Chairman Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes and Charlie Thielman are attending MACRS in Great Falls. Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman attended the Tuesday afternoon sessions.

LIBERTY COUNTY JAIL

Commissioner Tempel spoke with Jim Muskovich at MACo on 3/19/2014 to inquire about an inspection of our jail and recommendations to improve it. He will keep us informed.

STONE GARDEN GRANT

Commissioner Rockman received a call back from Chris at DES about the Stone Garden Grant. She will set up an appointment with the Commissioners and Doug Riggin (sheriff-elect).

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Liberty Medical Center Board meeting on 3/24/2014. The new CEO, Derek Daly, is on staff. He revealed his “100-day plan”, goals and expectations.

TEAMSTERS – LOCAL 2

We received correspondence from the Teamsters that confirms the retirement of Max Hallfrisch effective 3/31/2014. Our new business representative is Jim Stone (Max’s replacement).

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss Center issues. The drain trap in the garage bay is still an issue; Don Heimbigner was called again as he agreed to look at this problem. Glenda gave us the current “Masts Service Summary Reports”; we are down in numbers due to recent deaths.

LIBERTY COUNTY CEMETERY MAPPING

Pat Ludwig brought us an updated index and map of the burials in Liberty County cemeteries.

WHITLASH ROAD

Bonnie Keller of Senator John Walsh’s office and Cheryl Ulmer of Senator Jon Tester’s office met with U.S. Customs and Border Protection Dan Escobedo and Larry Overcast at the Port of Whitlash on 3/20/2014. Topics of discussion included the increased truck traffic crossing at Whitlash and impacts on the road. Last month 100 extra trucks used the crossing. They are concerned about safety issues for their employees. After the meeting in Whitlash, local issues were discussed with Cheryl and Bonnie.

SENIOR CENTER

Don Heimbigner pumped out the garage drain. Lids were still frozen in the alley.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

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