

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. The meeting was well attended.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners reviewed a road crossing application from Triangle Telephone. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the road crossing. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Wicks attended the Council on Aging meeting. Landscaping, fireplace, and cement replacement were issues discussed. The generator was also discussed with hopes that it will be installed this summer.

CEMETERY

The Commissioners met with Jeannie Fauerbach, secretary to the Cemetery District. There had been a worker's compensation claim with a community service volunteer. The claim will be processed through MACO Worker's Compensation.

TIBER WATER

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Tiber Water Board meeting in Conrad.

GPS

The Commissioners met with Brady Hawks to inventory the GPS system. They requested that Brady be on the board to oversee the GPS system. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to appoint him and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor. The rest of the board will be made up of representatives from CJI, Town of Chester, and Liberty County.

INSURANCE MEETING

Department Heads and Elected Officials attended a meeting to discuss Liberty County's health insurance options. The Commissioners will be taking input and making a decision next week. MACO Healthcare Trust presented the Commissioners with a proposal for health insurance.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

May 3rd, 2017 ♦ Wednesday

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AUDIT

Denning Downey & Associates are here doing the annual audit for Liberty County. At the end of the day the Auditor met with the Commissioners and Angel Colbry for an exit interview. The copy of the report will be mailed to the Commissioners for final review.

GPS

The GPS system was updated and inventoried. Woods Enterprises was contacted and the system was added to the County's inventory.

Systems items for the scanners and Dell Networking were signed.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos brought in the final draft of the Airport Affected Area Permit to be reviewed.

JUSTICE COURT

Justice of the Peace, Holly Frederickson, met with the Commissioners to updated them on the judge’s training that she attended in Polson.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

May 9th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

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PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

CJI SENIOR CLASS

The CJI Class of 2017 visited the courthouse offices. There were given a tour and informed of the duties of each office by the elected officials.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to update them on the Senior Center.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to updated them on the ADA Compliance Workshop that the attended in Helena over the weekend.

COUNTY BUILDINGS

Deborah Peet met with the Commissioners to discuss the County Buildings carpets and vacuums.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Commissioners received a call from JPT concerning a possible change in Liberty County’s health insurance provider. Liberty County is currently using JPT and EBMS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong met with the Commissioners before attending a board meeting at Eagle Creek Colony.

SANITARIAN

The Commissioners received correspondence from the County Sanitarian Sarah Robbin. A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks to allow Sarah to attend the child car safety seat workshop in Billings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods and carried with all in favor.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the purchase of a used dump truck for the Road Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods and passed with all in favor.

JOPLIN CAR SHOW

The Commissioners received a call from Tina Wood requesting that the County spray the Joplin Park before the Joplin Car Show in June.

SENATOR TEMPEL

The Commissioners received a phone call from Senator Russ Tempel updating them on the FWP Mussel Alert and Next Gen 911.

ELECTED OFFICIAL OUT OF STATE

Justice of the Peace Holly Frederickson requested to be out of state. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion carried with all in favor.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson reported to the Commissioners on her upcoming work schedule and the events in her office.

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

May 10th, 2017 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson by phone, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY BUREAU

A letter of response was composed to Curtis Weiler, program officer from the Chemical Dependency Bureau, designating Northern Montana Healthcare to receive 100% of Liberty County's earmarked alcohol tax monies for the provision of Chemical Dependency Treatment and Prevention services to Liberty County.

SANITARIAN

The Commissioners provided a letter of recommendation to Sarah Robbin the Liberty County Sanitarian.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER

A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks to MACO HcT take over providing health insurance to Liberty County Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods and carried with all in favor. The insurance plan will run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Four plans will be available for Liberty County qualifying employees to choose from. Liberty County will contribute \$800.00 per month, per employee. Any remaining monies can be used towards the County sponsored Life Insurance plan.

HEALTHY LIBERTY COUNTY COALITION

The Commissioners attended a lunch meeting at the Senior Center for the Healthy Liberty County Coalition.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere met with the Commissioners to discuss summer weed district plans.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson briefly met with the Commissioner to discuss the proceedings in her office.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos informed the Commissioners that Karen Graham has been accepted into the Montana Victim Advocate Academy. Karen has been awarded a scholarship to attend the academy this June in Missoula.

COMP TIME

The Commissioners, Deb Peet, and Davin Buffington reviewed the County policy on work comp and vacation time.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed with all in favor.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright met with the Commissioners to discuss LCEA on Extension Programs. Jesse also reported on the County Event Day held Friday, May 5th. Commissioner Woods served as a judge. Projects including cooking, leadership, and various livestock animals. All were very education and informative.

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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May 16th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the bid process on the graders. Justin presented the numbers from both RDO and T & E. He has been in contact with both to make sure that all the details were understood. The Commissioners called Greg Ditsworth with RDO Finance to clarify some details. After some discussion, Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept the RDO bid to lease two JD 870G graders for a year for \$26,610.23. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. Due to the previous weeks rain, the Road Crew is working on road maintenance. Justin has been shopping for a used dump truck and found one. The crew had inspected it and are recommending to purchase it. Commissioner Woods made a motion to purchase the 1997 dump truck for \$29,500.00. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

LIBRARY

The Commissioners temporarily appointed Bev Jochim as a Library Board Trustee. Commissioner Wicks made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor.

BOR

The Commissioner and Justin Wickum met with Mike Hillard of the BOR to discuss the playground equipment for Sanford Park. Mike will be presenting the plan to the Billings BOR office and Liberty County will be waiting to start the preparation work.

SENIOR CENTER

The Commissioner met with Glenda Hanson and were updated on the Senior Center. The new buss has been fixed and the radio has been reprogrammed. Glenda reported that her drivers are currently at training. Brandon Roos will be attending lift training this week.

EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon met with Justin Wickum to discuss some fairground issues. Jesse Fulbright was collecting alfalfa weevils for a project.

MACO SAFETY AUDIT

Emilia McEwen was here to audit the Worker’s Compensation. Emilia was very happy with the progress that Liberty County is making. The Worker’s Comp Trust had a better year. Liberty County’s mod factor will be down from 1.16 in the 2016-2017 year to .86 for the 2017-2018 year

MACO PROBerty & CASUALTY

The Commissioners met with Shanon Shanholtzer, representative of MACO. Marty and Tina Wood of Wood Insurance, were also in attendance. The renewal rates were discussed. Liberty County has been lucky with very few claims in the Property Casualty pool, but the pool as a whole did not have a good year. An increase of 15.38% will be added to Liberty County’s premium for the next year.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to update them on the proceeding in his office.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed with all in favor.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioner to update them on the Justice Court.

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

May 23rd, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the Road Department. The Road Crew is repairing cattle guards and culverts. Justin has been going over the BOR project at Sanford Park. The Road Department will be improving the upper end of Freight Road. The crew has been fixing some problem spots and will continue to do so.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson reported that the two drivers have completed PAS training. Glenda has been recertified as a Safety Officer. All buses are currently running. Glenda has moved the bus camera system to a top priority.

BOR

Mike Hillard met with the Commissioners to discuss the supplication for the recreation equipment at Sanford Park. Mike will be submitting the application this week.

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Commissioners reviewed the Task Order 18-07-11-029-0 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor.

LMC

The Commissioners met with representatives of Liberty Medical Center. The topic discussed was the scheduling of transit buses.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to discuss the Justice Court.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere met with the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming Weed Crew training. Some of the Road Department employees will also attend.

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

May 30th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Crew will be working on the Freight Road north of 2100 Road South. Spraying has taken place in the northeastern corner of Liberty County.

FLEX PLAN

The Commissioners and Davin Buffington reviewed the flex plan for the new health insurance policy. A contract with Allegiance Healthcare was recommended. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the contract. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and the motion carried with all in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Commissioners reviewed the annual contract for the lease of gravel storage for the state from the county. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion carried with all in favor.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright met with the Commissioners to discuss the 4H campground. There has been a concern of the access to the bridge from the south side. There have been some issues with some 4H livestock due to sickness.

MACO HEALTHCARE TRUST

The Commissioners met with the MACO Healthcare Trust. Liberty County officially enrolled with MACO Healthcare Trust. The Commissioners and all Liberty County employees attended and enrollment presentation for the new health insurance.

COMMISSIONER OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson asked permission to be out of state twice, once on 6/10/17 and again on 7/1/17. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor.

SENIOR CENTER

The Commissioners reviewed the Transit Contract 5311 and Trans Aid Contracts with the State of Montana Department of Transportation. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the contracts. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and the motion carried with all in favor.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to discuss Justice Court.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere reported to the Commissioners they the Weed Crews will be spraying the river. Liberty County has received a grant from the BLM for work on the river.

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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