

May 3rd, 2010 ♦ Monday

SENIOR CITIZEN'S BUILDING PROJECT
(*special meeting with WAG-Wolfe Architectural Group*)

Present for the meeting conducted on the above stated date were Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Rlynn Rockman, Russ Wolfe, Betty Marshall, Rod Keith, Harry Heimbigner Jr, Annmarie Robinson, Pat Ludwig, Ron Gleason, Carol Aitken, Gary Jensen, and Dallas Denter.

Rod Keith read the Non-Discrimination / Title 6 Act Policy before the meeting began.

- The DEQ permit may not be needed per initial report from Jeff Cicon (civil engineer), regarding the flood plain issue.
- WAG has began the permit process, which takes typically four to six weeks.
- \$1,500 fee for initial plan review.

Annmarie discussed the County's loan issues with the flood plain. She also explained the current "FUNDS" spreadsheet dated 05/02/2010.

WAG is looking at about May 24th to start the bid process. Drawings have to be available to bidders at time of advertisements, and we have to run two weeks of regional ads. Contractors will be given 180 days to complete the job. Contractors will be asked to "hold" their prices for 30 days.

"Building Exchange" is the primary spot for contractor's ads.

The target dates include the following:

Newspaper Ads - May 26th and June 2nd

Bid Opening - June 10th

Construction Starts - July 1st

Recommended Site Prep – 3,500 yards of fill (lean clay) and 1,500 yards of crushed rock top-fill (under cement pad).

Discussion Items:

- Water lines – city council recommended a 1-inch line (bigger line will effect long-term budget).
- 3-phase electrical? Russ Wolfe will check on this.
- Pre-bid "walk-through" for contractors – voluntary: June 1st (Tuesday)- 9:00 AM committee meeting - 11:00 AM pre-bid meeting.
- Change in state regulations on increased R values? Russ will check into this.
- Bid-bond=5% or 10%? Annmarie will check on this.
- Required signage regarding federal requirements on project – included in contractor's bid.
- Existing sewer lines on Shettel lots must be abandoned/plugged as these lines run under new building.
- No pad or fence needed for garbage containers.
- No fence needed for deck, but cement pad is OK.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1st, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Office; 11:00 AM in the Courtroom for the Pre-bid conference.

HRDC MEETING

Commissioner Tempel attended an HRDC executive meeting in Havre on Monday evening of May 3rd, 2010.

May 4th, 2010 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

The three commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting held at the Firehall on the above stated date. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Darryl Stafford is working on end of the year paperwork and planning some joint-county exercises.
- Our local EMS group completed their "practical" exams; 15/16 students passed (of which 11 are Liberty County trainees).

Ed Gierke came into the Commissioner's Office following the LEPC meeting, to update them on DES issues.

HOSPITAL – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Shari Meissner telephoned about some surplus lab equipment at the hospital. The equipment in identified as a hematology machine. Commissioner Tempel made the motion, and Commissioner Rockman seconded it, to declare this piece of lab equipment obsolete. It will be sold by Liberty Medical Center to a Kalispell facility; it has been updated at the Liberty Medical Center.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the current payroll as it has been submitted. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to sign the professional services contract with Bear Paw Development Corporation for their services rendered in the construction of the Senior Center as follows:

- Start-up Phase: \$5,000*
- Construction Phase: \$18,000*
- Close-out Phase: \$2,000*

**these funds will come from the Montana Reinvestment Act and local monies, not to exceed \$25,000 total.*

SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Rockman attended a special transportation advisory committee meeting called by Harry Heimbigner to address the following issues:

1. Rod Keith was recently at a training session in Bozeman where they suggested that some of the smaller transit system (like Liberty County) should have a specialist evaluate their individual programs for potential improvements. He hopes to co-ordinate this at the same time as their next training session so the state can pay a few more fees to the specialists without expense to Liberty County. The committee approved.
2. Rod Keith is having increased demands with governmental paperwork regarding transportation, senior center, grants, etc. His operational grant this year was increase \$10,000 (from \$60,000 to \$70,000), but there has to be an equal \$10,000 match. Rod had discussed this with the commissioner's and would like approval to hire a ½ time employee to help with this additional paperwork and administrative details (with the understanding that this position may be eliminated at the end of the fiscal year, especially if funds "dry-up"). By then Rod will be caught up on the new Senior Center project and may be thinking of retirement or part-time employment. The new person with the year of experience training may be able to step into Rod's position. The committee approved.
3. Rod reports several recent "liability" issues regarding bus riders falling in windy, stormy conditions. The general consensus was that the buses will not pick-up riders for routine trips on extremely miserable days without additional assistance from RSVP volunteers etc. The RSVP group will meet and decide on scheduling and/or call-lists when needed.

Commissioner Rockman also attend the monthly "Council on Aging" meeting.

1. Treasurer's Report: balance of \$56,013.99
2. Next area meeting in Big Sandy on 7/16/10
3. Rlynn gave report on NCAAA budgets and surplus funds and Great Falls RSVP taking over the commodities program and job opening for new fiscal officer.
4. Next meeting will be 2:00 PM on June 1st, 2010.

Commissioner Rockman delivered three "like new" double-paned windows (measuring 3' X 3') as a donation from Weston Engineering to be installed in the County Shop building.

EBMS / JPT INSURANCE

Gary Hablutzel came in to discuss our medical insurance. There will be some changes effective 7/1/10:

- 1. Benefits available for dependents through age 26;
- 2. Wellness benefit being changed
- 3. Sleep apnea benefit being added July 1: first \$1,000 paid by insurance and rest to go towards deductible / co-pay.

This year the average rate increase in JPT's pool is 9.3%; however, Liberty County's rate increase is projected at 7.9%. Gary reported that he heard from a neighboring county that MACO's insurance is up an average on 12% this year.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Tempel made the motion that a special insurance committee meeting be held at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 11th to discuss the county's insurance needs.

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO FIRE DISTRICT BOARDS

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ Tempel the following re-appointments were made:

- West Liberty County Rural Fire District: Fred Skierka and Alan Skari
- Joplin Fire District: Jim Coffman

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried.

WEED

Jim Ghekierie was in to update the Commissioner's on a few matters.

HRDC will give Liberty County two qualifying college student workers. Jim has three applicants at the Weed Department, and he is going to hire one of them. The Commissioner's may hire the 2nd one to be used where-ever he is needed (i.e., cemetery, county shop, museum, etc). The estimated hire date is May 17th.

Ted Zorn has provided a "medical release" to Jim, so he is on the weed crew for another season. Jim traded in two electric reels on a bigger one that will accommodate 600' of the 1-inch blue hose (like their other outfit, which has worked extremely well for them). This new one will not have remote control.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Commissioner's had sent out a policy letter addressing office hours in the Courthouse. It was brought to their attention that the hours for the County Superintendent of School's office were listed as 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, but the actual agreed upon hours for her office are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, for a total of 20 hours per week. The Commissioner's have corrected this inadvertent mistake to the policy letter.

MINUTES

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept the official Commissioner's minutes from pages 577 to 603 with a few changes given to Clerk & Recorder Rhonda Pimley.

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 4th, 2010 ♦ Tuesday Evening

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman served as observers at the ballot counting for the School Mail Ballot Election. Those serving on the hand-counting board were Pat Seidlitz, Cyndee Fraser, and Sherry Decker. Rhonda Pimley, Election Administrator, supervised the process. Also present for the count were Cal Moore and Steve Hamel, representing the school.

Unofficial results: Elementary Building Reserve Issue: For: 383, Against: 360.
High School Building Reserve Issue: For: 418, Against: 370.

May 5th, 2010 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

DES

The three Commissioners travelled to Shelby for an 8:30 AM meeting with Toole County Commissioners and Darrell Stafford (Toole/Liberty DES coordinator) and Ed Gierke (District Representative for DES) to complete / finalize the 2010 Montana EMPG application, which is the yearly reimbursement grant. The group also discussed concerns with Darrell about incomplete annexes / appendices, training classes, and important "in-kind" funds that we need to take advantage of on a timely basis.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

Commissioner Hendrickson sent a letter to Mayor Wardell and Boyd & Donna Nealy for approval and update on the site preparations and any impact it may have on their adjacent lots.

CLAIMS

After reviewing all Claims, Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment these current claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

WATER RIGHTS

Letters were mailed to Senator Baucus and Senator Tester dealing with water rights.

WEED GRANTS

The Commissioners signed the Weed Grants as they were submitted. Hills - \$22,500 and Marias River - \$29,590.

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 6th, 2010 ♦ Thursday

AIRPORT BID OPENING

Those in attendance included Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson, Bill Burkeland of Peccia & Associates, and Jim Briden. Also present were representatives from the following companies: Riverside of Billings, Nelcon of Kalispell, Knife River of Kalispell, and Century of Lewistown. Peccia & Associates opened the bids for the Airport overlay project and Knife River had the lowest base bid of \$694,592.80. The group will wait for further instruction before officially awarding the bid.

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly scheduled cemetery board meeting held on the above stated date. An ad will be placed in the Liberty County Times regarding flower pick up and placement the the graves prior to Memorial Day.

May 11th, 2010 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

A letter was composed to Governor Schweitzer from the Commissioners asking that Liberty County be declared a disaster area due to severe spring storms resulting in death of livestock and flooding. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to mail the letter making the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The three commissioners and Sheila Duncan discussed JPT's 7.9% increase versus MACo's 12+% increase. We will stay with JPT again this next fiscal year. Decisions will be made about the projected increase and how it will be paid. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman to stay with JPT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried.

MACO'S ANNUAL DISTRICT 4 & 5 MEETING

The three commissioners attended the annual district 4 & 5 meeting held in Conrad from 10 AM to 3:30 PM on the above stated date.

Summary of the District Meeting

Mike DesRosier, Glacier County:

He spoke to the group encouraging the abolition of the death penalty, to life without parole. He is asking for the support of our District. He provided material from Montana Abolition Coalition.

Cyber Liability & County Computer Policies:

I.D. theft is on the rise. Breaches are being done via cyber sources on business/county/etc data bases. Underwriters will only offer insurance to counties who have policies regarding this.

1. Establishing the policy is easy
2. Implementing the policy is a difficult issue (are security measures in place?)

Upcoming sub-division workshop:

Myra Schultz will give a workshop on sub-divisions on Friday, May 21st, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Detention Center in Havre. All Commissioners, Clerk & Recorder's, and County Planners are invited.

Re-Districting:

Criteria for re-districting can be offered by May 14th.

MACo Budget:

Harold Blattie and Sheryl Wood went over the annual budget and proposed budget for FY 2011. The JPA (Worker's Comp Trust) is in good shape; however, the JPIA (Property Liability Trust) is hurting due to several major building losses this past year.

Dues:

For FY 2010-2011: MACo=\$2,513 + NACo=\$400 for a grand total of \$2,913

MACo agents also updated the group on several keynote bills that are being introduced in this upcoming legislature.

NCAAA special meeting

At lunchtime of the District Meeting, Allan Underdahl called a short meeting of the NCAAA board. Members present were Allan Underdahl, Cyndi Johnson, Joe Dellwo, Ken Evans, Don Swenson, and Rlynn Rockman.

The NCAAA office has been frustrated about RSVP's lack of response to multiple requests for a list of volunteers/activities from our respective communities/counties. Most of these volunteers that are registered thru RSVP have always been and will continue to be community volunteers with or without RSVP. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ken Evans, seconded by Don Swenson, not to give RSVP the annual \$10,000 payment at this time. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Penny Walston stopped in to report that we need someone to complete a PIO course to fulfill one of her deliverables. She is presently taking the NIMS 300 course with about 6 hospital employees.

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 12th, 2010 ♦ Wednesday

ANNUAL 4TH GRADE FLOAT TRIP

The three commissioners assisted the Hi-Line Sportsman's Club in chaperoning the CJI 4th grade annual float trip on the above stated date.

May 13th, 2010 ♦ Thursday

CLAIMS

Commissioner Rockman was in the office to review current claims, which were in good order and none out of the ordinary. A telephone call was made to Commissioner Hendrickson and the claims were discussed. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept the claims for payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried.

AIRPORT INSURANCE

Commissioner Rockman received a telephone call from Les Dirr of North West Insurance Company, who has submitted a bid for our Airport liability insurance. Commissioner Rockman explained that the Commissioners have completed a quick review of the bids, and then the bids were taken to the Airport Board for their review & recommendation. The decision will be made on Tuesday, May 18th.

DISASTER DECLARATION

Commissioner Rockman conducted a tele-conference with Rusty Cowan at the local FSA office. Rusty's boss, Mel Youst, had called him on behalf of the Governor's office, who was requesting more information or clarification on the declaration. Because there was only physical loss of livestock, with no loss of crops, this should probably have been an Administrative Declaration. An Administrative Declaration allows two things: 1) emergency, low-interest loans to producers with losses, and 2) some IRS benefits (i.e., spreading their income over 3+ years if they're forced to sell their herd to re-coop costs / pay bills). Loss of livestock normally falls under FSA's "LIP" (Livestock Indemnity Program), which allows producer's 30 days to apply for reimbursement payments on above average losses due to weather, etc. The Commissioners will telephone Rusty Cowan on Tuesday, May 18th, with more information.

May 14th, 2010 ♦ Friday

LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Rockman attended the Board of Health meeting on the above stated date. Sanitarian, Karen Salo, discussed / demonstrated the use of an Emergency Water Test Kit, which will be stored at the Town of Chester Water Treatment Plant Building. This kit will be available for use by the city, county, DES, sheriff's office, etc. in case of any "compromised" water and/or chemical system.

May 18th, 2010 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

ADVANCED IT

George Ferda was in on Thursday, May 13th to complete some computer repairs. He submitted two claims for parts & services rendered and asked for prompt response on payment. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment these two claims totaling approximately \$335. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DES

Toole County Commissioner, Ben Ober, sent a final draft of a letter that will be mailed to DES coordinator, Darrell Stafford. The letter addresses a few issues concerning training and grant work that has fallen behind schedule. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve and sign the letter and mail it to Darrell. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AIRPORT INSURANCE

Upon recommendation of the Liberty County Airport Board, the Commissioners will accept the Liability Insurance bid from North West Insurance Group, Inc. for approximately \$1,770 per year. This company offered better insurance for less premium dollars than our current agent (Regal Insurance bid: \$2,172). Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept the bid by North West Insurance Group. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Both companies were notified.

COUNTY PAYROLL

The current payroll was submitted for review and approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept for payment the payroll as it has been submitted. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HERD DISTRICT MEETING

A meeting was scheduled on the Commissioner's agenda for the proposed Herd District; however, the petition was never delivered by Rudy Cicon. County Attorney Hugh Brown appeared, but the meeting was postponed.

CTEP PROJECT

Engineer, Jeremy Siemens, met with the Commissioners about the CTEP project at the Lion's Park in Chester. Linda VandeSandt (Liberty County Chamber Director) also attended. The Commissioners reviewed drawings and specs for the project. Simple recommendations were made. Linda will discuss any unresolved issues with her board, and then get back to the Commissioners and Jeremy. The Commissioners discussed letting bids in July with construction work starting in late August.

SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING PROJECT

Annmarie Robinson of Bear Paw Development, Anne Boothe of Triangle Telephone, Rod Keith, and Gary Jensen met with the Commissioners for an update on the Triangle Telephone loan for \$266,472. The problem is that Rural Development will not fund any project in a flood plain. Efforts are being made to get this through by showing that Lot 7 is the only property in question that is considered in the flood plain (per FEMA records), but the center is not actually being built on that particular lot. A LOMA application cannot be applied for if we don't plan to do an in-fill under the actual building site. Annmarie feels confident that our loan will probably be approved, but she thinks that we do have to offer our Fulton money (\$283,000) before hand. Annmarie will compose a resolution for our consideration that addresses the Fulton money and states that we are still pursuing the Triangle Telephone / Rural Development loan. The total funds must be in place before the CDBG monies can be released. We need to get the ad process going.

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to authorize Annmarie to begin running ads for the project regarding bids. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Annmarie will visit with Rudy Cicon and the Town of Chester regarding the FEMA flood plain.

Annmarie suggests that there might be a little grant money through Triangle Telephone's "Community Vitality Program" that could help with telephone installation costs, etc. Rod will follow up.

As an additional note: Gary offered an insurance quote from State Farm for flood hazard for \$1,907 per year (coverage=\$500,000-building, \$200,000-contents with a \$1,000 deductible). The County will have to carry some flood insurance for the life of the loan (10 years).

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Rockman and Treasurer Gayle Dahlen participated in a 9:00 AM conference call with Department of Revenue appraisers John & Angie and agent Lee Berlocker regarding the Omimex settlements. They reached settlement agreements with Omimex; the refunds range from 85% to 97% due to the Supreme Court decision. For protested years 2006-2008, the refunds will not include interest. Tax year 2009 will be annualized. Letters will be sent out to each county this week. The following are the approximate refundables:

Phillips	\$320,000	} approximately a \$2.4 million total
Hill	\$530	
Toole	\$68,000	
Blaine	\$126,000	
Glacier	\$1.6 million	
Liberty	\$278,000	

AIRPORT PROJECT

The Commissioners received a telephone call from Bill Burkeland of Robert Peccia engineers indicating that Century Paving Company is protesting / challenging the bidding process used by Knife River, who was awarded several of the area airport projects. The bids are being reviewed by the FFA.

Bill Burkeland called back later to report that we can accept Knife River's low bid, but he will send an e-mail to be reviewed by the County Attorney for approval. The FFA reported that Century can pursue this through the legal system.

FSA

Commissioner Hendrickson spoke with Rusty Cowan regarding the disaster declaration. We contacted many of the Sweetgrass Hills producers to check on their losses of livestock (approximately 80 head at this time). We will discuss the possible change in the declaration after confirming the final loss tallie.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Hugh Brown called to get permission to leave the state from Friday, May 21st through Monday, May 24th. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to grant the permission. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (10-08 and 10-09) were submitted for approval. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve and sign them both. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-08

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 the Liberty County Immunizations Grant Fund anticipated \$25,000 in non-tax revenues;

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Immunization Grant Fund actually has received \$36,562.61 in non-tax revenues for charges for services in Fiscal Year 2009-2010;

WHEREAS, \$11,562.61 of this revenue was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

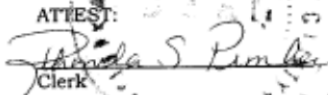
WHEREAS, the Liberty County Immunization Grant Fund had set aside an additional \$6,978.00 into Cash Reserves;

WHEREAS, the Liberty Medical Center is requesting they be allowed to expend the additional \$11,562.61 plus the Cash Reserve of \$6,978.00 (for a total of \$18,540.61);

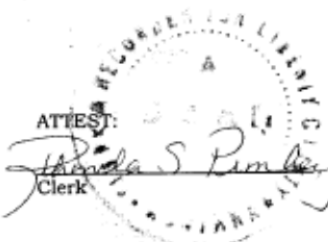
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the additional amount of \$18,540.61 in revenues received from charges for services, in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, be entered into the Liberty County Immunizations Grant Fund budget to be expended.

DATED THIS 18th day of May, 2010

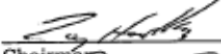
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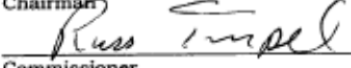



Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

RESOLUTION 10-09

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Liberty County had aside an additional \$747.00 into Cash Reserves for the MCH Block Grant Fund;

WHEREAS, the Liberty Medical Center is requesting that they be allowed to expend the additional Cash Reserve of \$747.00;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the additional amount of \$747.00, be entered into the Liberty County Immunizations Grant Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, to be expended.

DATED THIS 18th day of May, 2010



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekierre stopped in about his employee status: Wayne Wardell, Ted Zorn, Robert Ruddick, and two college students (Tyler Hull and Charlie Diemert). These two young guys were hired hopefully as HRDC staff, but his has not yet been officially approved. They are presently helping Terry Thielman at the cemeteries. They will be paid at \$8.50 per hour.

WOOD ENTERPRISES / COUNTY INSURANCE

Marty & Tina Wood met with the Commissioners to discuss renewal indications for next fiscal year (2010-2011), per reports from MACo. Estimated increases on our JPIA-Property & Liability insurance will be approximately 7%. The County has had a 5 year liability loss ration of 1%, which is an excellent record.

Liberty County's JPA Worker's Comp Trust shows we had a MOD factor of 0.91 in 2009-2010 and 0.94 in 2010-2011, which is equivalent to an approximate reduction of 9%.

Of the 300 claims each year, 42% of them involved pay-out in defense costs to lawyers. In addition, MACo is planning to make building appraisals and maintain better inventory of county buildings this coming year. The Woods' also provided the Commissioners with information concerning "Ride-Along" policies.

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 20th, 2010 ♦ Thursday

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson went to Helena to attend a hearing at the Montana Public Service Commission. They testified in support of the Kenfield wind park.

May 24th, 2010 ♦ Monday

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman attended a meeting with the Montana Department of Transportation at the local FSA office regarding the future project at the Pugsley Bridge. Others present were Dustin Rouse, Russell Brewer, Paul Sturm, Marlene Moon and Kent Matkin. The purpose of the project is to eliminate potential scour at the bridge, which was built in 1951 and had a deck rehab completed in 1987. Of interest is the fact that the Pugsley Bridge is the only cable-stay bridge in Montana and probably has historic relevance because of this. The group reviewed the initial plans and cost estimates, then made a site visit to clarify the job. Summary of the meeting:

1. The funds for the project are coming from MDOT bridge division. The cost was estimated at approximately \$44,000, but may go as high as \$65,000 to \$70,000 due to some changes (adjustments downstream planned by the Marias River Shed).
2. The project will go to bid in February of 2011 with construction starting March of 2011.
3. The Marias River Shed group plans to do a second "extended" project just downstream from the bridge. Several rock weirs will be constructed to prevent continued erosion of the river bank. There is a grant at the FSA for approximately \$100,000, but only part of it will be available for use. Marlene hopes to get the paperwork completed so that these two projects can be done together.

May 25th, 2010 ♦ 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

SENIOR CENTER

Rod Keith visited with the Commissioners about two claims to the Montana Department of Labor & Industry for the building project. He would like the Commissioners to review them and approve them for payment.

TRI-AGENCY SAFE TRAILS TASK-FORCE

On Wednesday, May 19th, Commissioner Rockman was called to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office at the request of Joe Winfield (of the local drug task force), who was renewing the mutual aid agreements for the Tri-Agency Safe Trails Task-Force. The agreement required all three Commissioner's and the County Attorney's signatures, so Commissioner Rockman agreed to get it signed Tuesday, May 25th during the Commissioners regular meeting hours. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the mutual aid agreement. The signed agreement was mailed to Joe Winfield on 5-25-2010.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in with updates.

- Cattle-crossing at north Lothair well site is installed.
- Fred Hansen was here last week to inspect the county shop with excellent results.
- Magnesium-Chloride will be installed on 366 by Belcourt's crew. We did prep work and they're providing the chemicals / installation.
- Photos provided show sloughing of the hillside on Dafoe's land near Bears Den Road.
- Mark Lakey has hauled some pit-run to his roads as discussed. We will grade the roads in trade for some pit-run for Road 2100.

AIRPORT BIDS

County Attorney Hugh Brown came in to discuss the letter regarding the Knife River bid acceptance. The Commissioners and Hugh telephoned Bill Burkeland, so Hugh could clarify facts with him. Commissioner Hendrickson updated a letter from the Commissioner's office and Hugh wrote a second letter; both were mailed to David Stelling at the FFA.

DEQ CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners received a certified letter from the Montana DEQ (via the Clerk & Recorder's office) addressing potential code violations at the South Chester County Water District. Commissioner Tempel spoke with Julie Tichbouvey of Helena Cadramas-Lee-Jackson (engineers), who are aware of the violations and are working on a plan to tie into the South Tiber line. This will satisfy the DEQ's inquiries.

CLAIMS

Several claims were submitted for payment. In question was approximately \$8,000 from the Montana Department of Labor & Industry for building permit fees for the new Senior Center & Bus Garage. The Commissioners telephoned Mike Popiel (plan reviewer) at the department to see if the county could get some special considerations (as we are a government entity; using state/federal/local funds to build a not-for-profit complex; and working on limited / controlled funds). Mr. Popiel reported that we have no choice or leeway on these fees. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to approve all claims for payment as they have been presented. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tempel also received a call-back from the Department of Commerce (Tony Priete's office), but they offered no solutions to this "catch-22".

SENIOR CENTER / RESOLUTION #10-10

The proposed resolution commits local funds (special reserve fund 1000-201-410100-921) to the new Senior Citizens facility subject to a pending loan from the Rural Economic Development Program. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to adopt the following proposed resolution. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. A copy of the signed resolution was mailed to Annmarie Robinson.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10

Resolution committing local funds to the Senior Citizen Facility
Subject to funding through Rural Economic Development Loan

WHEREAS, Liberty County submitted a loan application to Triangle Telephone, which would be funded through the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan (REDLG) Program. The loan request was for \$266,472. As of May 25, 2010, the loan application is still pending; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program requires evidence of matching funds before the County can proceed with an award of a construction contract; and

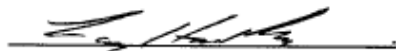
WHEREAS, the County believe that it is in the County's best interest to start advertising for bids for the construction of the Senior Center and Transit Facility and to proceed with a bid opening; and

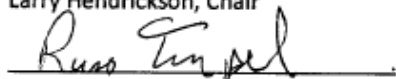
WHEREAS, On February 2, 2010, the Commissioner notified Triangle Telephone that if the Senior Citizens Transportation Fund and Activities Mill Levy failed, that it was the intent of the County to pay-off any remaining balance with its special reserve fund (fund #100-410100-921). As of February 2, 2010, the current balance of the funds was \$281,244.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Liberty County Commissioners hereby commits \$266,472 of its special reserve fund (fund #100-410100-921) towards the construction of the Senior Center facility. If the REDLG loan is approved, this Resolution becomes null and void.

BY ORDER OF the Board of Liberty County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 26th day of May, 2010, at Chester, Montana

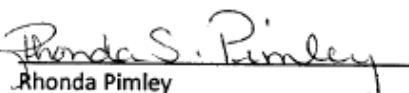
BOARD OF LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHESTER MONTANA


Larry Hendrickson, Chair


Russ Tempel, Commissioner


Rlyna Rockman, Commissioner

ATTEST


Rhonda Pimley
County Clerk and Recorder

CTEP PROJECT

Bill Albee, on behalf of the Town of Chester, stopped by to discuss the upcoming CTEP project at the Lion's Park. He is disappointed that the city hasn't been contacted for input / approval on this project.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PROJECT

Greg May stopped in to look at the preliminary plans for the project and inquire about the bidding process, etc.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

After some general discussion with several department heads, the Commissioners made inquiries into the possibility of changing various file cabinet locks and the vault combo-locks. More information to follow.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Commissioners sent a letter to the editor of the Liberty County Times asking the taxpayers for support on the special levy for the Senior Center and the Transportation program.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekierie came in to update the Commissioners on his crew. Ted Zorn resigned and took a job for the Bureau of Reclamation at Sanford Park. Jim and crew are going to Fort Benton for training on May 26th. There will be approximately 70 trainees there.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman