

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**

Justin Wickum reported that he has been reviewing his budget and is happy with the total, but is over in a couple of line items. The Road Crew did some work at the Senior Center on a landscaping project. The Cat grader will be fixed this week. There have been a few requests for some road work in some areas. They will be hauling gravel to some of the problem areas. Eagle Creek Colony has offered some gravel for the road between the two colonies. Liberty County would have to pay for the crushing but would not have to pay royalties.

**SENIOR CENTER**

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

**LEPC**

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

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Doug Riggin met with the Commissioners to discuss the inter local with the City of Chester for law enforcement. The Commissioners provided a copy of the contract.

**JUSTICE COURT**

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

**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.

**ELECTION AUDIT**

An audit committee met in the Commissioner's office to perform an audit on the ballot counting machines. The numbers matched what was counted on election night.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere was able to purchase an F350 pickup from the Government Surplus. The purchase amount was \$8,000.00. Jim will be refitting and rotating another pickup to the Road Department. The Weed Crew has been spraying the roads. The Weed Department did receive some bio control bugs that have been released.

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**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Wednesday**

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**ROAD INSPECTION**

The Commissioners and County Attorney Robert Padmos made a road inspection trip in the northern part of Liberty County. One stop was the Whitlash border crossing. A tour was given of the building

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.

**ELECTION CANVAS**

The Commissioners canvased the 2017 Special Election. Commissioner Woods made a motion to certify the election. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**BUDGETS**

The Commissioners have been reviewing the current year's budget. They have been taking input from each department to start the 2017-2018 budget.

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**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

**DISTRICT 4 & 5 MEETING**

The Commissioners attended the District 4 & 5 meeting in Shelby. Commissioner Hendrickson was reelected to chair District 4 for the next two years.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners met with Kraig Pester and Adam Hirstein representing T & E Equipment. Justin Wickum and the Commissioners opened the bids for the new graders. Liberty County will be asking for more information before making a decision. The Road Crew will continue to work on the roads. A cattle guard will be installed on Bears Den Road. The will also be grading in Joplin before the weekend.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to discuss some of the issues that his office was working on. Karen Graham has returned from the Marsy's Law training. We will be discussing some funding issues that will be occurring with this law.

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Commissioners hosted a compensation meeting with Dana Lalum and Matt Waller representing the community. After a long discussion, the recommendation to the Commissioners was a market adjustment of \$1,000.00 and a 3% increase on base wages. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to accept the recommendation and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor. After the elected officials' salaries were set, Commissioner Wicks made a motion to increase the counties employees' wages by \$0.50. Commissioner Woods seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Kathy Armstrong met with the Commissioners to discuss the School District 10 issues. The district has been having a coding issue with its funds. Some funds are showing a negative balance, but the school board is addressing them.

**LIBRARY**

Teresa Fenger met with the Commissioners to discuss the Library budget. The Library should be able to make the current budget work this year.

**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.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere met with the Commissioners to update them on the Weed Department. One of the side by side vehicles is having shifting issues and was taken to be repaired. The dodge pickup was repaired and will be transferred to the Road Department.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson reported that she has a bus driver finish training at Montana D.R.I.V.E. in Lewistown. Glenda has been having some staffing issues.

**SANITARIAN**

Sarah Robbin presented a Car Seat Safety class today. The Serve Safe Class was presented at the Senior Center. The Commissioners discussed the state licensing for sanitarians. Liberty County will be paying for half of Sarah’s license. Sarah will be back 7-11-17.

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**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Wednesday**

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**BUDGETS**

The Commissioners were reviewing the budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

**COURTHOUSE**

Deb Peet was having problems with the vacuums at the Courthouse. The matter was discussed and two Dyson vacuums were ordered. One for upstairs and one for the downstairs.

**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**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT**

The Commissioners reviewed the Bear Paw Development dues. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the dues. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and the motion carried with all in favor. Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Bear Paw Development meeting in Havre on Thursday. Bear

Paw had their audit completed and there were no major findings. Montana Department of Commerce Director Pam Cote attended. The meeting was very well attended.

**STATE LIBRARY**

Erin Fashoway, from the State Library, has called and asked about the repeater on Mount Royal. Bryce Scala of Shelby was contacted and asked for a bill for the project. After the County gets the bill, we will submit it to the state for reimbursement.

**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.

**BUDGETS**

The Commissioners met with the Library to discuss their budget. Teresa Fenger met with the Commissioners again later in the day to further discuss the budget.

**MACO**

Larry Hendrickson attended MACO meetings in Helena.

**TRANSIT MEETING**

The Commissioners attended a Transit meeting with LMC, Wheat Country Estates, and the Senior Center to discuss the transit bus.

**LMC**

Commissioner Woods and Commissioner Wicks attended an employee appreciation luncheon at LMC the Liberty County Medical board meeting is scheduled for 6 pm on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to discuss 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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**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the Road Department. A conference call was made to T & E Equipment to discuss the grader bid that they submitted to the County. After some clarification, Commissioner Woods made a motion for Liberty County to accept the bid for the lease of two new graders. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. A letter will be sent from T & E to clarify some issues. The Road Crew continues to maintain the roads and mowing has begun on the roads by Tiber Dam.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson was in to present the Liberty County Public Transportation System Passenger Guide. The Commissioners and the County Attorney will review the document. Staffing at the Senior Center is low due to two employees being out. Glenda has been covering the duties of these positions as needed.

**ROAD CROSSING**

The Commissioners reviewed a request for a road crossing for the Bears Den Road. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**BUDGETS**

The Commissioners met with various department heads and elected officials to discuss their budgets requests. Some of the end of year items were discussed. One of the items that was discussed was a TV monitor and accessories for the courtroom.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners requested that Jim Ghekiere inspect the weeds that are growing north of the Senior Center and spray them.

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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