

June 1st, 2011 ♦ 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.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

The Commissioners made a telephone call to Jeff Minckler to initiate talks on the union negotiations for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

EMPG

The Commissioners ordered a computer, projector, and camera via funds appropriated through the EMPG. These funds must be spent prior to 6-30-2011.

SENIOR CENTER

The piano from the old center was moved to the new center by the Commissioners and county employees.

The Commissioners met the plumber, Don Holt, at the center. Holt repaired the drinking fountains, adjusted the toilets, and made a few other needed repairs. Holt claims that a pressure check is not necessary -- the building has plenty of water pressure! Holt also took photos of the "sinking" areas under the sidewalks, patio, and north driveway, at Clausen's request.

4-H

Extension agent, Jesse Fulbright, stopped in to give us a copy of his research report on the history of 4-H in Liberty County, which he sent to MSU. While Jesse was here, the Commissioners visited with him about his travel and mileage budget for reimbursement to our county car fund for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

PERMISSION TO CROSS LIBERTY COUNTY ROADS

Application to cross Liberty County Road 1300 East (Lyders' farm road), Twp. 32 North, Range 6 East, Section 20, by Gavilon Grain LLC was offered for approval by Monte Fauque. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to approve the crossing. The motion carried. The 3" water line will be bored (per construction contractor, Randy Thompson).

WOOD ENTERPRISES

Tina Wood was in to discuss the county's MACo insurance. She offered the annual agent appointment contract for our approval. Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to approve Wood Enterprises as the county's MACo representative. The motion carried. The group also discussed renewal estimates for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, which show our JPIA / Property & Liability Trust premiums at approximately \$61,000; a 2% loss ratio adjustment; and an estimated loss control credit of \$377. The JPA Worker's Compensation Trust will have no rate change, a modification factor of 0.96 (compared to 0.94 last year), and a loss control credit of \$1,765.

BOR

Mike LaFrentz was in to discuss water. The dam will probably top out at approximately 3,008' elevation. He also updated the Commissioners on the Marina contract and a few temporary summer jobs that are available with the BOR.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Kyle Harlan, who had recently worked as a State Building Inspector, stopped by to discuss the possibility of working as an independent inspector throughout the Golden Triangle. The Commissioners will consider his request and resume, then put him on a future agenda.

WEED CONTRACT

Jim Ghekiere brought in the annual BOR contract / Statement of Work for weed control at Tiber Reservoir in Liberty County for calendar year 2011, offered by the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. This is a \$16,000 contract that requires a minimum salary of \$11.50 / hour (for grounds maintenance laborers). After much discussion with Jim G. about this contract, the Commissioners agreed to pay the county weed guys the \$11.50 / hour *when* working under this contract on BOR lands. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to approve this arrangement. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

June 7th, 2011 ♦ 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.

LEPC

The three Commissioners and nine additional members attended the monthly LEPC meeting. Following the meeting there was a short training session on the Emergency Response related to Hazmat.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. The current donations to the Senior / Transit Center are about \$40,400 (of which about \$8,400 is designated). The current balance per the treasurer's report is about \$87,800. There was general discussion about the new facility. The Council requests that the Commissioners review and approve their proposed lease/rental policies. The potential date for the grand opening is 1:00 PM, Sunday, July 24th. The landscape committee will meet with the Commissioners at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 8th. Good news – Jeannie will continue to be the center head cook!

SENIOR CENTER

The three Commissioners attended the official opening day on Monday, June 6th. Approximately 60 people came for lunch and tours of the building. The county road crew spent the entire day repairing and rebuilding the alleyway north of the new center. NOTE: The concrete pad / driveway at the north garage door did, in deed, crack. A pick-up backed off the driveway, it's front right wheel dropped into a sink-hole and got stuck, and water subsequently ran into the sink-hole from the underside of the driveway.

DES

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped in with statistics that she recently obtained regarding responder numbers in the surrounding counties and communities. In comparison Chester/Joplin has 8 basic EMT's, Fort Benton has 8, Conrad has 10, Shelby has 12, Choteau has 10, Fairfield has 12, Rudyard has 4, Big Sandy has 10, etc., so we are holding our own locally.

WEED BOARD

Robert Pugsley, Jr., member of the Liberty County Weed board, stopped in to discuss weed issues. With a possibility of a few weed grants, some paperwork regarding weed district formation and by-laws are requested. Jim Ghekiere is working with Hugh Brown on the paperwork that will confirm the original Weed Board resolution dating back to 1969.

NEW CENTER

The Commissioners completed a few maintenance projects at the new center's kitchen (i.e., lowered several cabinets, installed a baker's rack, etc.)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson was in to discuss a few items:

1. She has organized a roster of "community service" defendants that shows their current status, etc.;
2. She recently attended judge's training in Great Falls and would like to have access to the State Driver's record program (annual fee = \$25). The request was OK'd by the Commissioners;
3. She and Denise Wanken will be attending a 2-day training fro Full-Court in Helena next week;
4. An attorney from Pondera County will be handling an upcoming case for Hugh Brown;
5. Holly is still looking for a 20 hour temporary to organize old files. The Commissioners suggested Jennifer Hawks or Deb Haaland;
6. Additional item not related to the Justice of the Peace Office: The Freight Road is essentially impassable due to recent rains and muddy conditions.

RESOLUTION 11-09

A resolution to authorize Mary Ann Reis, Pondera County Attorney, to act as a special / visiting attorney in the case of the State vs. Loyd Boyer. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to accept this resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11-09

BE IT RESOLVED, That MARY ANN REIS, Pondera County Attorney, is hereby appointed Special Deputy County Attorney for Liberty County in the case of State vs. Loyd Boyer, Cause No. _____.

Dated June 7th, 2011.

LIBERTY COUNTY



By: [Signature]
Member of Board of County Commissioners

[Signature]
Clerk and Recorder

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

Jim Vinson stopped in to get permission to eliminate the indoor gas meters at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse, and to provide one meter with separate lines to each facility. The Commissioners OK'd the request. It will reduce costs to a single meter charge (instead of two).

CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on 6-2-2011. Ted Zorn's recent employment has provided PERS complications, so the State is requesting additional paperwork. Ted is looking to purchase a 15' trailer for hauling the lowering device and grave equipment.

FAMILY FUN DAYS

A special event, "Family Fun Days", planned at the Liberty County Airport on Saturday, June 11th, is being sponsored by a local church and/or Jason Jacobson. Our insurance agent, Tina Wood, got wind of this via a Liberty County Chamber of Commerce e-mail. The Commissioners telephoned Jason with liability concerns, as motorcycle demonstrations are being performed. He called Tina and produced a certificate of event insurance, so she is satisfied that we are liability-free.

PECCIA AND ASSOCIATES

The Commissioners received a statement from Peccia and Associates for Liberty County Airport improvements pay request (pay request #3) for \$19,283.93 (of which 5% is our costs, \$963.93, and 95% is FAA costs, \$18,320). Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to pay this claim. The motion carried. We plan to follow-up on this statement before sending the payment.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

June 8th, 2011 ♦ 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.

NEW CENTER

The Commissioners met with the Council on Aging Landscaping Committee, consisting of Gary Jensen, Bill Gunderson, and Jane Allen. Also present were Rod Keith, and Julie Gagnon. They would like grass, shrubbery, and flowers in those areas near the building (to the south and west). The curb areas can be done in rock and/or trees. Gary will check on costs for under-ground sprinklers, sod, edging, trees, etc. and will get back to us as soon as possible.

In addition, the road crew is finishing the alleyway with our airport millings.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Commissioner's proceedings dated May 24th through May 31st were offered for approval. There were a few simple corrections. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept these minutes with corrections. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

EMPG

The Commissioners ordered the following items that were offered / specified in our 2010-2011 grant:

1. CANON SX130 IS camera = \$202;
 2. DELL laptop computer per specs = \$1,341;
 3. DELL 1510X projector = \$773;
- Total expenditures = \$2,316

RMR AGGREGATE

The Commissioners received an invoice from RMR Aggregate for the 25 ¼ tons of ¾" washed gravel (that was picked up in Conrad by our County Road crew for the Senior Center). The charge was \$9/ton X 25¼ = \$227.34. The Commissioners were disappointed in the bill because they had recently done some "above and beyond the duty" things for Ray O'Brien (owner of RMR). Commissioner Tempel made a call to Ray to discuss the bill. He agreed that our help in obtaining a pit permit (specifically our timely paperwork and Shawn's "hand delivery" of same to Helena) was invaluable, so he told the Commissioners to tear up the bill. They did!

PECCIA AND ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Hendrickson telephoned Peccia's to discuss and confirm the recent Airport statement (see notation on 6-7-2011 minutes). Peccia's reported that this was the charges for an on-site testing laboratory during the airport resurfacing project. They apologized for the late billing and could offer no reasonable explanation for the delay.

OLD SENIOR CENTER

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Rockman that the old Senior Center building (legal address = 30 1st ST E) be declared surplus property. The motion passed unanimously.

MARIAS RIDGE FARMS

Jerry Fenger stopped in to have the Commissioners re-sign the gravel permit for Marias Ridge Farms (AKA: Ray Seidlitz place south of Chester).

CLAIMS

Monthly claims were submitted for consideration. Commissioner Tempel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman to approve payment of the current claims. The motion carried. The Commissioners requested that the Clausen check(s) be held for a few days pending phone calls and e-mails.

MORRISON-MAIERLE

Morrison-Maierle computer service personnel, Mike Felton and Shaun Brown, made a presentation to the three commissioners, Rhonda Pimley, and Gayle Dahlen about their IT services. Prior to this meeting, they examined our computer system to learn the following:

1. They "cleaned-up" our C-Drive, which is a 500 gig drive that is essentially full;
2. They got rid of all old, uninstalled info;
3. Our server is not presently protected from potential viruses, and our virus definitions are several months old;
4. All back-ups appear to be working;
5. Windows updates are way behind. Workstations can get their own updates off the internet;
6. Of the 22 courthouse computers, there is just a few that probably need to be updated / replaced (i.e. the appraiser's computer and the old Gateway in the treasurer's vault).

Morrison-Maierle can offer us a contract as follows:

- A. Monthly maintenance with updates = \$45 / computer (generally averages to ½ hour / computer / month, but extra time = 0 dollars);
- B. \$75/ month on our server;
- C. Approximately \$20 / month to maintain off-site data and records; and
- D. \$5 / month / computer for anti-virus malware. Therefore, if we contracted for 8 computers, it will cost approximately \$500 / month. Piece-meal service on other computers will run \$85/hour. Morrison-Maierle can provide computers and equipment parts at very competitive prices.

References include Stillwater, Toole, Custer, and Garfield counties and the cities of Hardin, Malta, Columbus, Miles City, and Jordan.

Morrison-Maierle will provide a written proposal for the Commissioners consideration.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Karla Kulpas called to report that she's updating her emergency plan, which calls for a generator. The Commissioners have visited with Penny Walston about the possibility of purchasing a generator with some of her grant money. Penny is also checking on a few furniture items for Public Health.

WEED SUPERVISOR

Jim Ghekierie will be gone from June 8th, 2011 until June 14th, 2011.

CONCERNED CITIZENS

Several locals, including Rose Campbell and Darlene Skari, are worried about potential flooding at their farmsteads due to the dam overflow at Meissner's north ranch.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

June 14, 2011 ♦ 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

A Certificate of Survey at the border was presented for approval. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to approve and sign the new survey. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Eight department heads and the three commissioners met at the monthly conference. Updates were shared by each department head. Nothing remarkable was noted. Fiscal Year is winding down, so the Commissioners will be working on budgets, salaries, etc.

DISABILITY RIGHTS OF MONTANA

The Lucas Grossi of the DRM group called. They plan to make their annual inspection of our public buildings (specifically the courthouse, library, and the new senior center) to confirm any updates and/or insufficiencies in our ADA program.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Commissioners minutes dated June 1st through June 8th were offered for approval. After reviewal, a few minor corrections and additions were made. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to accept these minutes (pages 737-742) as corrected. The motion carried.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT-OF-STATE

Russ Tempel will be out of state from June 20th to the 28th. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve this absence. The motion carried.

PAYROLL

Payroll was submitted for approval. After examining the payroll forms and summary sheet, a motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to pay the current county salaries. The motion carried.

INDEPENDENT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Kyle Harlan, an independent building inspector, made a second visit with the Commissioners in hopes of contracting inspection work in Liberty County. He referred to MCA 2009 laws 50-60-304(3) and 50-60-302(c), which allow for independent inspector certification, etc. [for additional information e-mail: bsdbcb@mt.gov]. He is presently working with his attorney and insurance agent on a contract / "errors & omissions" liability insurance. He is proposing a 75% / 25% split between himself and the county on final inspection fees.

ADVANTAGES:

1. At least part of the funds stay local;
2. Inspections will be more prompt, timely and thorough, which is a benefit to contractors and owners;
3. It might improve our insurance rating? (Note: The Commissioners telephoned Tina Wood, who couldn't confirm this); and

DISADVANTAGES:

1. Potential liability issues if there's a major mistake, and
2. Some additional work for county personnel.

The following jurisdictions are utilizing a similar system: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Missoula County, Richland County, Butte-Silver Bow County, and the City of Cut Bank.

HRDC MEETING

Commissioner Tempel attended the monthly HRDC meeting in Havre on June 8th, 2011. There was nothing significant to report.

LIBERTY COUNTY LIBRARY

Librarian Teresa Fenger, visited with the Commissioners about the following items:

1. Their recent "loan" from the County Building Fund for library improvements (suspended ceiling and new lights) will be paid back this month from library funds;
2. Board member, Rita Laird, has finished her 5 year term. Their recommended replacement is Linda Backen. Teresa will send an official letter on this request;
3. They've had an exceptional coffee sales month due to breakdowns and malfunctions of several other local espresso enterprises, poor weather, and increased traffic in the library;
4. With the upcoming budget, Teresa will be asking for an increase of \$2,500 in the salaries line items, to cover vacations and time-off for her and Bev Jochim. They may not actually use it, but would like to have it if they do need it.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson did hire Jennifer Hawks as a 20 hour temp to clean out and organize the old files. Shortly after getting into file cabinet #1, Jennifer found several old checks and \$70 cash --- with more to follow! Holly will follow up on these old checks.

MAINTENANCE

The Commissioner's installed a new sump pump in the courthouse basement and completed a few minor repair projects at the new center.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

June 9th, 2011 ♦ Thursday

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman attended the MACo District #4 and #5 all day meeting in Havre. The following items were discussed, resolved and confirmed:

1. MACo's Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget;
2. Elections (2 year terms): District 4 President: Russ Tempel
District 4 Vice President: Kathy Bessette
District 5 President: Ben Ober
District 5 Vice President: Tony Sitzman
3. MACo officer nominations: 2nd Vice President: Joe Briggs
Fiscal Officer: Cindy Johnson
4. 2011 Legislative Report: The group discussed the current laws, passed by the recent legislature, that have a direct impact on county government. Some of note:
 - a. HB297: Extension of time to preserve historic right-of-way for state lands;
 - b. HB61: Allowing local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on county unpaved roads;
 - c. HB43: Clarifies employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana;
 - d. HB156: Increase rate of payment for vet's burial allowance (range \$200-\$400) and vet's headstone installation fee (increased from \$75 to \$100);
 - e. HB187: We must consider MT made wooden products in highway and road specs;
 - f. HB198: Revision of eminent domain laws;
 - g. HB319: Requiring contractors to list special fuel user's permit on government project bids--- after October 1st, 2011 all bids will be refused if no permit # included;
 - h. HB334: Revision of worker's comp laws --- hopes to decrease WC rate by 27% and get workers back to work;
 - i. HB122: Funding changes to PERS --- will increase from 6.9% to 7.9% for new employees (effective 7-1-2011);
 - j. SB372: Lowered business equipment tax.

June 21st, 2011 ♦ 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 and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman. Commissioner Tempel will be gone the next two meetings.

SENIOR CENTER

Rod Keith stopped in with some paperwork and Senior Center updates. The transit grants are unchanged for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Rod is having a staff meeting today to resolve some recent employee conflicts and P.R. incidents.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve for payment all of the payroll deductions for the June 30th payroll period. The motion carried.

LIBRARY

The ADA inspection was completed last week at the library. Teresa Fenger reports that everything went well. The inspector's suggestion is that we eventually improve the back parking lot, run the paving up to the back-door threshold, and use the back door as a handicap entrance. No automatic door-opener would be necessary. The other handicap designated parking spots could be eliminated. A report is forthcoming.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Rod Keith called to request the disposal of the three old chest freezers at the Senior Center. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to declare these three freezers obsolete. The motion carried.

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. Blading is being completed down south; conditions are not conducive up north. The screener and conveyors are finally being moved to the Laas pit. Some fill material has been delivered to the Freight Road. They will haul some top-soil and fill dirt to the Senior Center. Jim Fritz has requested the return of his cattle guard. It was also suggested to widen the crossing at Tootsie Creek. Shawn inquired about union negotiations.

CLAIMS

Several late claims were submitted for consideration. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve these claims for payment. The motion carried.

GRAVEL PITS

John and Julie Shear, owners of the Petersen gravel pit south of Devon, stopped in to get clarification on ownership and permitting of our pits in Liberty County; to report that their pit will be permitted in two weeks; and to offer the commissioners potential gravel and sand products if need be.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly LMC Board meeting on June 15th, 2011. Items of note:

1. The Frontier Hospital model program may come to fruition here;
2. The board considered 4 bids from accounting agencies and elected to go with their present firm (Eide Bailly); and
3. LMC approved the purchase of a new anesthesia machine for \$42,000.

NCMRWA

Rob Moog was appointed to the board of the Rocky Boy NCMRWS project.

DES

Yvonne Hunnewell was in to update the Commissioners on DES. The "hot wash" is scheduled for 6-23-2011 to discuss the recent school bus accident near Devon. Liberty County's ambulance staff responded to this incident and transported 7 patients to the Liberty Medical Center. The opened an EOC (Emergency Operation Center) at that time.

PUGSLEY BRIDGE

The Commissioners received the map(s) showing the revisions to the plans on the Pugsley Bridge project. A confirmation letter of receipt was mailed to the Montana Department of Transportation.

FIRE CHIEF

Quannah Bailey came to see the Commissioners at their request. Gavilon is looking for a water truck with a good pump for this week only; they need water for compaction issues. Gavilon (per Jessie) would be willing to make a gift for services rendered. Quannah will contact Jessie.

EGT

Nick Larson stopped to update the Commissioners on their project.

MORRISON-MAIERLE

Commissioner Rockman, Commissioner Hendrickson, Rhonda Pimley and Gayle Dahlen had a conference call with Mike Felton of Morrison Maierle regarding their written proposal for IT services. To set-up their recommended system, the following services and charges are suggested:

- 1. Expansion of the C-Drive to allow for more useable space and to prevent potential failure of the server.....\$710;
- 2. Managed configuration of two of the seven workstations.....N/C;
- 3. Provide active monitoring of the workstations *not* on the management agreement, requiring additional configuration to eight workstations.....\$680;
- 4. Monthly Management services include:
 - A. 7 workstations with anti malware (\$45 X 7) = \$315;
 - B. 1 file server with anti malware (\$100 X 1) = \$100;
 - C. Off-site data back-up on server (\$35 X 1) = \$ 35;
 - D. 13 unmanaged workstations with anti-virus and anti malware installed (\$5 X 13) = \$65.

In conclusion, set-up fees total \$1,390 and monthly fees total \$6,180 (First year of fees = \$7,570).

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman made several reference calls to Morrison Maierle IT customers. Results:

- 1. Their computer service is excellent;
- 2. They can solve many problems electronically and/or "talk you through" some problems;
- 3. They are generally very prompt in responding by phone and/or on-site;
- 4. Their per diem charges are set by them; and
- 5. They can be very expensive.

Rhonda and Gayle would like some stability and dependability in our computer service. Morrison-Maierle is a reputable firm who come highly recommended from Black Mountain. Rhonda and Gayle would appreciate the Commissioner's consideration in accepting the Morrison-Maierle contract.

The Commissioners telephoned Mike Felton and asked if he would consider a cash discount on the County's first year's prepaid contract. Mike will get back to the Commissioners.

Note: Mike called Commissioner Hendrickson on 6/22/2011 to report that they could not offer a prepaid cash discount as requested.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

June 28th, 2011 ♦ 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 and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

EMS MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the local EMS meeting on June 27th, 2011. The group discussed the recent bus accident near Devon. Commissioner Hendrickson also reported that the new ambulance is in Great Falls for mechanical repairs; Toole County has loaned Liberty County an ambulance.

SPRAY DRIFT ISSUE

Commissioner Hendrickson and Jim Ghekiere investigated a complaint about "potential spray-drift" from a county road ditch onto nearby farmland. They discussed it with the concerned farmer, resulting in a mutual resolution.

RESOLUTION #11-10 AND #11-11

Upon the advice of MACo, the County Commissioners adopted two resolutions relating to special revenue funds and expenditure order for resource categories pertaining to GASB 54. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve these resolutions. The motion carried.

LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION #11-10

ADOPTING RESOURCE CATEGORIES AND EXPENDITURE ORDER FOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (GASB 54)

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued its Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, requiring, among other things, all state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy regarding spending priorities of fund balance in governmental and proprietary funds; and

WHEREAS, Liberty County receives inflows of revenue and other financing sources for use in governmental funds; and

WHEREAS, the governmental funds will expend those resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to adopt this resolution to affirm that the fund balance resources of the County's governmental funds will be categorized according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments, to identify the expenditure order of resource categories for all governmental funds and to designate the County Clerk and Recorder and/or the Board of County Commissioners, individually and/or collectively, as having authority to express assignments in the County's governmental funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County that the fund balance resources of the County's governmental funds will be categorized as follows:

RESOURCE CATEGORIES

- Nonspendable: Resources not in spendable form (ex: inventory) or those legally required to be maintained intact (ex: principal portion of permanent trust funds)
- Restricted: Constraint is externally imposed by third party (grantor, contributor, etc.), State Constitution or by enabling legislation by the State Legislature
- Committed: Constraint is internally imposed by local government by resolution
- Assigned: Constraint is internally expressed intent by government body or authorized official through budget approval process;
- Unassigned: no constraints

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County that the expenditure order of resource categories for all governmental and proprietary funds, when restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned are available, be as follows:

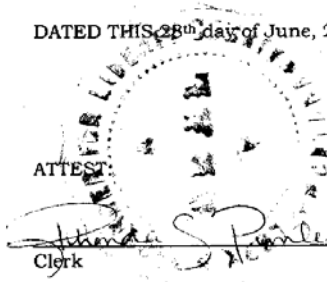
EXPENDITURE ORDER FOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES

- First: Restricted
- Second: Committed
- Third: Assigned
- Fourth: Unassigned

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County designates the County Clerk and Recorder and/or the Board of County Commissioners, individually and/or collectively, as having authority to express assignments in the County's governmental funds.

DATED THIS 28th day of June, 2011

ATTEST:



Andrea Spangler
Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Larry Hendrickson
Chairman

Rlynn Rockman
Commissioner

Commissioner

LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION #11-11

COMMITTING FUND BALANCE RESOURCES
FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (GASB 54)

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued its Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, requiring, among other things, all state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy (Resolution) committing fund balance resources for special revenue funds; and

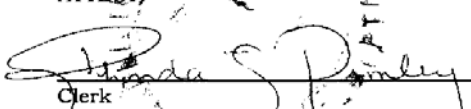
WHEREAS, Liberty County receives inflows of property tax, State Entitlement share, investment earnings, grant funding and other revenues including but not limited to certain lease revenue and fee and permit revenue for expenditures on the specific purpose (function) of certain Special Revenue Funds; and

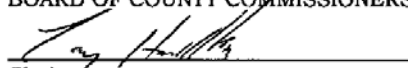

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to adopt this resolution to restrict and commit the fund balance resources of special revenue funds in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and GASB 54, and intends to continue to allocate and report the activity of the specific purpose in Special Revenue Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Liberty County Commissioners that it commits allocated general tax, State Entitlement, grant revenue and interest earnings for expenditure on the specific function of the Special Revenue funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specific amount formally committed will be determined by the Clerk and Recorder, in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioners by means of the following: (1) review fund balance as of June 30th each year (2) determine necessary cash/reserve to be maintained in the fund, and (3) determine if excess fund balance will be retained in the fund as a commitment for the specific purpose or transferred to the General Fund.

DATED THIS 28th day of June, 2011

ATTEST:

Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to report on road issues. They've had a lot of mechanical issues the past few working days. The gravel screener is operating at the Laas pit, but there have been a few hydraulic problems with it. Culverts, road wash-outs, and soft spots were discussed.

DES

Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Rockman and Yvonne Hunnewell had a conference call with Toole County Commissioners (Ben Ober and Dave Miller), Darryl Stafford, James Midboe, and Val Moench at the request of Ed Gierke about concerns at Lake Elwell during the upcoming July 4th weekend. The concerns are related to submerged and floating debris in the lake; high levels at the lake resulting in minimal camping sites and boat ramps; unavailable toilet services; and closed roads. Toole County is closing some roads on the North/South Bootlegger accesses (south of Devon). The commissioners agreed to call the local media (Tribune, KMON, KSEN) to alert all boaters, campers, and visitors of these issues.

RESOLUTION #11-12

As recommended by Ed Gierke, we addressed a resolution dealing with the high water levels at Lake Elwell with potential flooding dangers. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve this resolution. The motion carried and a copy was faxed to Ed Gierke.

LIBERTY COUNTY DECLARATION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12

WHEREAS, flooding, caused by high temperatures, melting snow pack and above-normal precipitation along with far above normal Lake Elwell water levels has occurred within the County of Liberty on or about this 28 day of June, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners that an Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402 MCA and all provisions of the County Emergency Operations Plan are in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, County Assessor and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners this 28 day of June, 2011.



ATTEST: *J. Remley*

Clerk and Recorder

[Signature]
Chairman
[Signature]
Commissioner

Commissioner

SENIOR CENTER SUPERVISOR

Rod Keith submitted his official letter of intention to retire on September 2nd, 2011. The Commissioners will take his resignation under advisement.

PAYROLL

Current employee payroll was submitted for consideration. Commissioner Rockman made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, to approve payment of salaries. The motion carried.

A & D ASPHALT

John Rafferty of A & D Asphalt Paving (Great Falls) was in to discuss his paving bid at the Senior Center: 3" for 18,000 sq.ft @ \$3.00/sq.ft. = \$56,000; which includes the area east of the current driveway pavement. He can also resurface the west Library parking lot for \$10,000. No decision was made.

PUBLIC HEALTH

"Health Infonet" and "Interwest Health" are preferred providers requesting signed applications for their Fiscal Year 2011-2012 services. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve these applications for Karla's processing. The motion carried. Karla updated the commissioners on her program and her new office. She is not reapplying for a \$1,400 "childhood" grant this next year because of the excessive paperwork and much of it doesn't apply here. After discussion, the commissioners agreed to match the Medicaid administration fee for inoculations, which is \$14.13 (effective 7/1/2011).

AIRPORT INQUIRY

Kari Lee Dailey stopped in to check on availability of lots at the airport for a future hanger. Locations were confirmed on the airport maps.

CORRESPONDENCE

Max Baucus sent the commissioners a letter to confirm the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Montana due to the devastating flooding. Max is working with FEMA on statewide damages and will help however he can.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekierie was in to discuss potential future weed problems due to flooding at the Lake. The group also visited about his research on a Woolridge boat for special use on Lake Elwell by Liberty and Toole Counties.

Jim offered his MT Dept of Ag grant of \$7,500 for approval. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to sign the grant agreement. The motion carried.

Tylor Hull will be working for Jim as an HRDC employee effective July 5th.

Jim attended the Bear Paw Development meeting last week. Local projects were discussed, including the requested tax abatement for Columbia Grain. Paul Tuss would like to visit with the commissioners about this.

Jim is presently renewing Liberty County’s Roadside Haying Agreements.

Jim discussed a proposal from Highline Communications for a new NPX Recorder system for the Liberty County Sheriff’s Office. The one presently used dates back to 1998 and is not working to potential. This new system will cost about \$14,000 with funds coming through 9-1-1 monies.

SENIOR CENTER

Julie Gagnon came in to visit about Rod Keith’s upcoming retirement, her future role at the center, and other casual conversation about the center.

HI-LINE SPORTSMAN CLUB

Dennis Hanson stopped in with photos of Lake Elwell. He expressed concern with property damage that could have been avoided with preplanning (i.e., damaged picnic tables, etc.). He had a recent visit with Mike LaFrentz of the BOR. The commissioners gave Dennis a copy of the BOR’s preventative actions at Lake Elwell during the month of June.

GRAND OPENING

An invitation letter was composed for the “Grand Opening” of the new Senior Center and mailed to special dignitaries and organizations. This event is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd.

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

The Commissioners officially accepted Linda Backen as a new Library Board member. A confirmation letter was sent to the Library.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman