JUNE 5TH, 2012 ♦ 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

Eight members and three commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. Highlights:

1. This summer Yvonne Hunnewell can get those qualified first-responders to EMT status (via a "grandfather" clause). We have 15-16 trained first responders, but only ½ of them have actually experienced some critical calls. We presently have nine EMT's locally.
2. Jim Ghekiere has applied for a $17,000 DNRC Rural Fire System grant.
3. The Liberty County Sheriff's Office has ordered a new computer via our IT server, Morrison-Maierle.
4. There's a "push" to convert to narrow-band radio system by January 1, 2013.
5. The EMS/Fire paging system at Liberty Medical Center can be updated for about $5,100.

DISASTER PLANNING

A special meeting was held with 11 members of our Disaster & Emergency Services, Liberty Medical Center, and Wheat Country Estates to plan a disaster drill at Wheat Country Estates on Monday, June 11th. There will be an explosion ("boom"), followed by a 911 call. All residents will be evacuated from Wheat Country Estates; two residents will be injured and be taken to the Liberty Medical Center emergency room. The evacuees will be transported to the Senior Center. All radio correspondence will announce "This is an exercise".

CHIPPEWA CREE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Tom Montgomery was in to get approval on two road crossings on South Tiber Road and Route 366 for the Rocky Boy Water Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to approve these two crossings.

DES

Darryl Stafford requested that we produce a DES Planning Grant Funding commitment letter required to apply for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. The letter was composed, and signed, and forwarded to Kent Atwood at Montana DES.

TAC MEETING

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. Highlights:

1. One of our transit grants has been approved;
2. There's no word on the new bus yet;
3. Rita Chvilicek will replace Cal Moore on the TAC;
4. Jane Allen will replace Krys Cole as the "public at large" member;
5. We will need a replacement for Jane Allen as the Liberty Medical Center representative; and
6. Next meeting to be September 4th.

LIBRARY BOARD

On the recommendation of the Liberty County Library Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried to approve Sandy Anderson to serve on the Library Board for a 5 year term ((2012-2017).

FRITZ AUCTION

Dena Fritz sent us the agreement paperwork to allow them the privilege to have their annual consignment auction. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried to sign the contract. The auction will be June 23rd.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. Not much new happening. A current balance on hand = $84,299.96. Educational seminars this fall will be planned; two suggestions are "End of Life Planning" and "Yellow Pie Plate".

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. Current precipitation will help with optimum grading conditions.

EMS / FIRE

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly EMS / Fire meeting on Monday evening (June 4th).

ROAD / STREET ISSUES

Karen Hadford made numerous calls and complaints to the Commissioner's and to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office regarding unsafe conditions in Joplin due to equipment parkage and storage by Cliff Nelson Construction. We will continue to follow-up on this matter.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Ron Gleason and Shari Dolan came to visit with us about financial issues at Liberty Medical Center and the Wheat Country Estates. They're trying to identify potential budget cuts. Again, they're hoping to find alternate management or ownership of Wheat Country Estates, so they can re-coop about $50,000 in eligible medicare payments.

LIBRARY BOARD

We met with the Library Board (including Peg Duffin, Sandy Anderson, and Gail Matkin) to bring a conclusion to our discussions regarding library budgets, governing board, salary proposals, and other concerns. We will make some decisions soon.

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 6TH, 2012 ♦ 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.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Ron Gleason came back at our request to answer questions and discuss possible proposal regarding the Wheat Country Estate dilemma. He will get additional facts and figures to us.

TOWN OF CHESTER

Mayor Walston was in to visit. We discussed the Wheat Country Estates with potential city involvement. We also produced a copy of the Interlocal contract for city police protection from the county.

RESOLUTION #12-07

We received a resolution via mail from Bear Paw Development Corporation which affirms Liberty County's participation in the Bear Paw Economic Development District for Fiscal year 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to adopt this resolution.

Footnote: Our annual financial obligation to Bear Paw Development Corporation is $5,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-07

A RESOULUTION AFFIRMING ACTIVE PARTICIATION IN THE BEAR PAW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, The County of Liberty is in need of a professional planning staff to assist in the orderly planning for the development of a new industry to provide job opportunities to the unemployed, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration has in the past provided funds for said staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we support the continuation of said staff and will actively participate in the District Program. We pledge $5000.00 as our share of the Local Matching Funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2012.

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk & Recorder

AIRPORT

Jim Briden was in to discuss airport issues. We reviewed an airport improvement pay request from Robert Peccia & Associates. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to approve the claim.

CROSSING PERMIT

A road crossing permit on Windy Ridge Road was requested by Meissner Ranches. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, and the motion carried to approve this crossing (to be bored).

JOPLIN CONFLICT

Sheriff Burrows, County Attorney Brown, and Justice of the Peace Frederickson met with the three Commissioners at our request to discuss the continuing saga regarding Hadford / Nelson in Joplin. We examined legal street maps, discussed the complaints by each party, discussed any actions taken, and arrived at a mutual agreement in handling this case.

CLAIMS

Current county claims were submitted for consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to approve payment of these claims.

MAINTENANCE MEN

We met with the two maintenance men to discuss their specific duties:

1. John = Courthouse and Senior Center cleaning; courthouse yardwork; ordering supplies;
2. Vern = Library & Firehall cleaning; general maintenance & repair work to our buildings;
3. Work together on special projects and/or cover for each other on sick days, etc.

SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE

After several requests to Jason Jacobson, we finally received proof of liability insurance to cover his planned "FUN DAYS" event at the Liberty County Airport, planned for Saturday, June 9th. The certificate of insurance covers $500,000 / occurrence / aggregate and liquor liability (insured by the Grand Bar, Chester).

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 12th, 2012 ♦ 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.

DES TRAINING

On Monday (6-11-20120 the local DES, EMS, Fire Department, and Liberty Medical Center had a training exercise at Wheat Country Estates. The scenario was an explosion in the kitchen, which resulted in two injured staff and evacuation of the residents (who were transported to the Senior Center). The exercise took about two hours total. Commissioner Hendrickson was actively involved in the exercise.

OPPORTUNITY LINK

Eryn Nissen and Eric Fanning of Vibrant Futures, who are consortium partners with Opportunity Link, came to see us. Vibrant Futures is a community-driven plan with a 3-year grant and a 20-year unified planning goal to improve employment, housing, health, safety, transportation, water quality, etc in our region (11 counties + 3 Indian reservations). They're asking our support to the consortium = imput and inkind support only. Advantages to membership would be grant preference and grant writing tools from Vibrant Futures. A motion by Commissioner Rockman, was seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried to join the consortium.

RSVP

Pat Ludwig came to see us about updating our policies regarding our local RSVP program. We presently have 29 RSVP members, all over 55 years old, who donated over 5,000 hours of community service last year. Some of their activities include the U-Shoppe, Food Bank, RISE reading program at the school, maintaining school activity scrapbooks, the SNAP program (food stamp), and driving activities (like "Meals on Wheels"). We used to be under the blanket policy of the state RSVP in Great Falls, but that program has faded due to funding issues. So the local concern is Liability Coverage to these volunteers. We will research the issue with MACo and Wood Insurance.

Info from Greg Jackson at MACo: Worker's Comp is optional, but recommended. If you rely strictly on liability, what happens is the injured party gets the $5,000 medical pay then sues the county for additional expenses and injuries. Workman's Comp will handle those issues. The way to calculate the Workman's Comp fees follows:

1. 5,000 volunteer hours X $7.31/hour [the 9420 class code] = $36,550
2. $36,550 X .0731 / $1,000 = $2,669
3. $2,669 X .92 (Liberty County Modification Factor) = approximately $2,455 total premiums / year.

The biggest risk for volunteers is for the drivers, so MACo would need that number to calculate some additional liability expense on those driving. All other volunteers are covered through the general liability policy.

We faxed our RSVP "service agreement" to Greg Jackson at 442-5238.

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