

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 ♦ Saturday**

**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AT PROJECT SITE**

The Liberty County Commissioners met with the Council on Aging at the ground breaking site for the new Senior Center. The Commissioners signed the letter of acceptance from the Department of Commerce. Kathy Brenden, the CDBG representative with the Department of Commerce, presented the forms to the Commissioners for acceptance. Also present were Annmarie Robinson and Paul Tuss, both of Bear Paw Development Cooperation. The letter from U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg was read to those present at the ground breaking.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**LEPC**

Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly LEPC meeting held at the Firehall on the above stated date.

**CASCADE COUNTY REGIONAL YOUTH CENTER**

The Commissioners compiled a letter to the Cascade County Regional Youth Center informing them that their services were not utilized by Liberty County last quarter.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Shawn Norick was in to see the Commissioners regarding road issues. The graders will be busy the next two weeks. They also have several culvert and washout repairs. Shawn will research a few specifics and preferences on the upcoming grader bids.

**AMBULANCE**

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped in to discuss the potential purchase of a new ambulance. Reportedly, we have approximately \$162,000 in equipment reserves. The average costs of new ambulances are around \$115,000 and a power cot around \$12,000, and radios around \$600. Yvonne will call several dealers regarding demos and research the value of our old (#48) ambulance.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Rlynn Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. Not much new this past month. The Council on Aging did receive a gift from BNSF for \$4,000 to be used on the new senior center building project. Pat Ludwig will send them a thank you.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Jerry Fenger stopped in and inquired about the price of a trailer that the Road Department has for sale.

**MARIAS RIVER WATERSHED**

Commissioner Rlynn Rockman attended a Marias River Watershed meeting in Shelby. Approximately twenty area members attended the meeting, including locals: Robert Pugsley, Kent Matkin, Ken Gagnon and Marlene Moon. Information and a slide presentation on the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument was provided by Benes, Slagel, and Holden:

- ❖ They are encouraging cottonwood and riparian growth on the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument;
- ❖ Noxious weed control;
- ❖ Minimal control of rodents / beaver damage (stating there has been a "natural balance" dating back to the Lewis & Clark days);
- ❖ Developing recreational sites (i.e., campsites, toilets, boat ramps);
- ❖ Solving livestock versus recreational conflicts; and
- ❖ Next step will be flood-mapping (probably will be done by the BLM).

Warren Kellogg gave a Marias River Assessment update. They are presently taking multiple test samples for aquatic bugs and riparian sites.

Other business included discussion of a summer youth float trip from Sanford Park to Pugsley Bridge, which is planned for August 5<sup>th</sup> for up to 30 total floaters (ages 12-15). Marlene Moon is arranging for rafts, etc.

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

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**WOOD ENTERPRISES**

Insurance agent Tina Wood stopped by with renewal paperwork for MACo Worker's Comp Trust, which authorizes Wood Enterprises to be Liberty County's "agent". A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to sign the paperwork. The motion carried, and the paperwork was signed and delivered to Tina Wood.

**BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

Resolution 10-12 affirms active participation by Liberty County in the Bear Paw Economic Development District by authorizing our annual "dues" at \$5,000. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to sign the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-12.

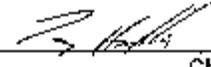
**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE BEAR PAW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.**

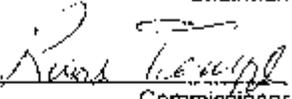
**WHEREAS**, The County of Liberty is in need of a professional planning staff to assist in the orderly planning for the development of new industry to provide job opportunities to the unemployed, and

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

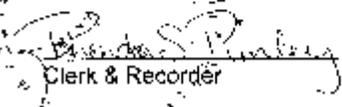
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we support the continuation of said staff and will actively participate in the District Program. We pledge \$5,000.00 as our share of the Local Matching Funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

  
Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
ATTEST:  
  
Clerk & Recorder

**CLERK & RECORDER**

The current Liberty County Clerk & Recorder has never taken the \$2,000 annual stipend (which is available in addition to her base salary for serving as the county election administrator). A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to authorize the \$2,000 annual payment to our Clerk & Recorder effective 7-1-2010. The motion carried.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Shawn Norick was in to discuss several items:

- ❖ They are currently doing the Magnesium-Chloride prep on Road 366;
- ❖ Shawn asked for advice on an employee issue.

**LIBERTY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Karla Kulpas came in with updated paperwork regarding "Maternal & Child Health" task orders for period 7-1-05 thru 6-30-12; which pays Public Health approximately \$1,700 per year. The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to accept this program. The motion carried and the papers were signed and returned to Karla for processing.

Karla discussed a proposed billing agreement with "Health e-web", which is a fixed-pricing service agreement. This company will process her insurance and related billings for \$69/month. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to accept this agreement. The motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman to accept for payment the current claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**BID FORMS**

Public advertising in the Liberty County Times for the motor grader bids have been run this week (7-7-2010). The Commissioners mailed "bid specs" to RDO and T&E.

**SALARY COMPENSATION BOARD**

An annual meeting of the Salary Compensation Board was conducted on this date at 3:00 PM in the Commissioner's office. The board met as required to discuss potential salary adjustments for elected officials for the fiscal year 2010-2011. The committee consisted of the three commissioners (Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Tempel, and Commissioner Rockman), three additional elected officials (Clerk & Recorder Rhonda Pimley, Treasurer Gayle Dahlen, and Clerk of the District Court Anne Seidlitz-Melton), and three community members (Ron Gleason, Dana Lalum, and Kim Miller). Kim replaced Mary Ann Zorn, who had served on this board for the past several years. Not present was County Attorney Hugh Brown.

The Committee members had reviewed informational packets (prepared by the Clerk & Recorder), which explained the rules & regulations related to their authority and responsibility. Also in the packets were information about COLA, Market & Taxable Values, current salaries & history of raises, and county classification spreadsheets. At the meeting Rhonda provided additional information regarding Liberty County payroll summaries, comparison salaries to other counties, and more facts from MACo about CPI-COLA.

Several items were discussed in depth, including this year's health insurance premium increase of approximately 7.9%; last year's raise of just 1% (which was substantially lower than other public sectors); raises dating back to the early 1990's; what neighboring jurisdictions are predicting for raises this fiscal year; our recent "pay-off" of an obligation bond; and our financial ability to offer any raises. We also discussed that if any raises are given to elected officials, then the other County employees are generally treated to similar raises.

The following motion was made by Dana Lalum and seconded by Gayle Dahlen: recommendation of a 2% salary increase to elected officials (from monies through the General Fund) and an additional increase of approximately \$49 towards the monthly health insurance premiums (which is an approximate 2% benefit from a permissive levy). All present voted "yes", with the exception of Commissioner Hendrickson (who voted "no"). The motion passed.

Commissioner Rockman made a motion to accept the Board's basic recommendation, allowing the Commissioners to make specific calculations and adjustments as necessary before finalizing the proposed raises. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed by a 2:1 vote (Commissioner Hendrickson was opposed).

Following adjournment of the Salary Compensation meeting, the Commissioners made preliminary calculations regarding the health insurance issue. Commissioner Tempel made a motion to increase the county payments for employee health insurance to \$588/month. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion and it passed. As a point of information, the monthly payment for premiums the previous year was \$545/month. The \$43/month additional premium for this fiscal year represents about a 2% increase in benefits to those employees who participate in the health insurance plan.

The Commissioners agreed to table their decision related to the proposed salary increase until their next meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Monday

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING REGARDING SENIOR CENTER PROJECT**

Present for the meeting were the three commissioners; Russ Wolfe (WAG); Tom Stuber and Walt Nelson (MDOT); Dave Clausen and Autumn Lineweaver (Clausen Construction); Brett Patrick (Patrick Construction); Annmarie Robinson (Bear Paw Development); Shawn Norick (Road Department); and Council on Aging members Harry Heimbigner, Dallas Denter, Betty Marshall, Jane Allen, Gary Jensen, Bill Gunderson, and Rod Keith,

Commissioner Hendrickson read the Non-Discrimination Statement and the meeting got underway.

A tele-conference was conducted with Bill Anderson at MDOT to confirm ARRA regulations and paperwork.

Annmarie Robinson spoke about CDBG regulations and paperwork, Davis-Bacon wages, etc.

The contractors asked various questions of MDOT, WAG, and the officials present.

The projected starting date per Clausen is August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lean clay-fill and gravel issues were discussed. We may have to use an alternate to the ¾" gravel recommendations.

The Council on Aging board is promoting fund-raiser ideas to add several alternates (i.e., fireplace).

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

Present for the monthly department head meeting in addition to all three commissioners were, Gayle Dahlen, Rod Keith, Jim Ghekiere, Shawn Norick, Jesse Fulbright, Rachel Ghekiere, and Rhonda Pimley

Rachel Ghekiere discussed school budgeting and transportation meetings.

Jesse Fulbright discussed preparations for the fair, with about 25-28 4-H members attending this year. Jesse also talked about the Orange Wheat Blossom bug; which he is monitoring for with traps. We presently have none in our county but, it may only be a matter of time.

Shawn Norick visited about the Rocky Boy water project. They will place the traffic monitor out on that road now. The road department now has two new tractors. These are being leased through a new promotional program with Case IH.

Jim Ghekiere stated that he is currently short-handed and behind on his summer work.

Rod Keith discussed the pre-construction meeting held the day before. He told the group that the contracts with Clausen were signed and that the anticipated start date is August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Gayle Dahlen briefly discussed her new hire in the office. She will be the main motor vehicle person.

Rhonda Pimley discussed the new security cameras that have been placed in her vault for election purposes.

Commissioner Rockman discussed the meeting of the Salary Compensation Board. The raises have been approved but details have not yet been worked out. Rlynn also discussed the health insurance contribution increase of \$43/month.

Commissioner Tempel encouraged all department heads to continue to carefully watch their budgets.

Commissioner Hendrickson commented that we continue to patiently wait for taxable valuations from the Department of Revenue. Commissioner Hendrickson also visited with the group about the new young employee that the county has through an HRDC program.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS

As per the County Commissioner's request, Rachel Ghekiere answered a few questions regarding school bus transportation charges and regulations.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick discussed several items with the Commissioners:

- ❖ Employee issue, which will be resolved on 7-14-2010;
- ❖ Crew is extremely busy (with new moisture) trying to stay up on roads. It was agreed to offer some overtime on Fridays;
- ❖ Shawn still needs to solve a plugged culvert in Joplin near Vern Pimley's and a "sink-hole" near Moore's;
- ❖ Additional culvert repairs throughout the county;
- ❖ Questions regarding specific bids on motor graders.

RESOLUTION 10-13

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to accept the following resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rockman, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-13

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 the Liberty County Immunizations Grant Fund, the Council On Aging Fund, and the Recreational Enhancement Fund anticipated less in non-tax revenues than has actually been received;

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Immunization Grant Fund actually has received to date \$42,431.75 in non-tax revenues for charges for services in Fiscal Year 2009-2010;

And the Council On Aging Fund actually has received to date \$92,753.00 in non-tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2009-2010; And the Recreational Enhancement Fund has received to date \$2,597.22 in non-tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2009-2010;

WHEREAS, in the Liberty County Immunization Grant Fund \$15,956.75 of this revenue was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

WHEREAS, in the Liberty County Immunization Grant Fund \$11,562.61 was previously added to the budget in Budget Resolution 10-08;

WHEREAS, the Liberty Medical Center is requesting they be allowed to expend the additional \$4,394.14 in the Liberty County Immunization Grant Fund;

WHEREAS, in the Council On Aging Fund \$10,090.00 of this revenue was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

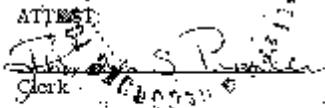
WHEREAS, the Council On Aging Director is requesting he be allowed to expend an additional \$1,700.00;

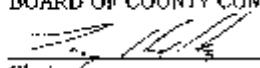
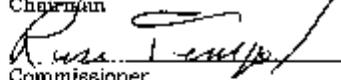
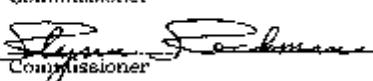
WHEREAS, in the Recreational Enhancement Fund \$2,097.22 of this revenue was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners would like to be allowed to expend the additional \$2,097.22, as well as the additional \$3,396.97 that was set aside into Cash Reserves (for a total of \$5,494.19);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that an additional amount of \$4,394.14 be entered into the Liberty County Immunizations Grant Fund budget to be expended; an additional amount of \$1,700.00 be entered into the Council On Aging Fund; and an additional amount of \$5,494.19 be entered into the Recreational Enhancement Fund.

DATED THIS 13th day of July, 2010

ATTEST:  
  
 Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
  
 Chairman  
  
 Commissioner  
  
 Commissioner

RESOLUTION 10-14

The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to accept the following as written. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-14

WHEREAS, 7-4-2504, MCA, states that the Board of County Commissioners must establish salaries for all elected officials by the first day of August each year, and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503 (4) (a) MCA, states that a County Compensation Board must be established to recommend salaries for Elected Officials for each Fiscal Year, and,

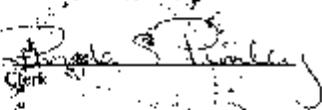
WHEREAS, the recommendation of the County Compensation Board was to award a 2% raise for all Elected Officials retroactive to July 1, 2010; and in addition, the County shall add an additional amount to their contribution towards the health insurance premium in the amount of \$588.00/month towards this year's premium.

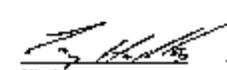
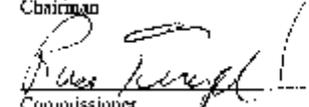
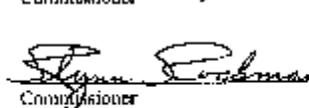
NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010, the County Commissioners, County Clerk and Recorder/Election Administrator, County Treasurer/Assessor, Clerk of District Court and County Sheriff shall receive a salary of Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six Dollars and Fifty cents (\$32,386.50). The 1% longevity established in FY 2004-05 will be an additional \$261.00 for qualifying officials. The County Sheriff, the County Treasurer/Assessor, and the County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator shall receive an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year setting their salaries at Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six Dollars and Fifty cents (\$34,386.50). The County Superintendent of Schools is a half-time position; therefore, she shall receive Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Twenty-five cents (\$16,193.25) plus an additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) per year. The County Attorney shall receive in addition to his state compensation of Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$22,710.00), a salary of Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and Thirty-five cents (\$20,727.35) plus 1% longevity of \$167.00 from the County. The Justice of the Peace shall receive a salary of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars and Thirty-two cents (\$13,602.32) plus 1% longevity of \$110.00.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such pay schedule as hereinbefore referred to be effective from and after July 1, 2010.

July 1, 2010.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:   
Clerk

  
Chairman  
  
Commissioner  
  
Commissioner

APPLICATION FORM FOR PERMISSION TO CROSS

The Commissioner's reviewed the current application form relating to crossing and/or paralleling county roads and made a few changes / updated the form.

NORTH CENTRAL MT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Commissioner Tempel made a motion to allow the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority to parallel the north side of Dugout Road, which is the south line of Township 28 N, Range 5 E, Sections 13,14, and 15. The Commissioners mailed the permit and correspondence to Kadmas.

**SENATOR JON TESTER**

Field Director Cheryl Ulmer, stopped by to visit with the Commissioners:

- ❖ Discussed an issue that water compacts and allocations are being done without consulting with water right holders. The Commissioners had sent a letter expressing their concerns on this issue;
- ❖ Update: Earl-Fisher Biofuels are entering a partnership study with BSNF & Northern Montana College to provide fuel for a locomotive study (one to use bio-diesel versus one to use regular diesel, then examine both engines after a year). The study will hopefully confirm engine efficiency and emissions;
- ❖ Discussed EMS radios / pagers. Liberty County could use 5 or 6 radios (at about \$2,500 each) and 15 to 20 pagers (at about \$500 each), but there is no special funding for this;
- ❖ Discussed issues regarding Rocky Boy Water project at Lake Elwell;
- ❖ The group also re-visited about the Border Patrol and the Liberty County / Canadian border;
- ❖ Discussed special training and expense for EMS, WMD, and NIMS programs and the frustrations with rules/regulations/demands regarding these programs.

**EMS / DES**

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped in to update the Commissioners on the new ambulance research. Our current units are:

- ❖ 2000 Ford Type III, Class I with about 79,000 miles
- ❖ 1991 Ford Type III, Class I with about 53,000 miles

Yvonne also gave the Commissioners a report on ambulance calls and transfers over the past 5 years:

2005-2006 = 61 calls and 50 transfers  
 2006-2007 = 72 calls and 45 transfers  
 2007-2008 = 86 calls and 46 transfers  
 2008-2009 = 47 calls and 38 transfers  
 2009-2010 = 59 calls and 43 transfers

Other topics discussed included the District 2 DES meeting that will be in Chester on July 27<sup>th</sup>, and James Dahlen is working out very well in his new position.

The ambulance billing clerk was also discussed. Julie Erickson is presently current with all ambulance accounts and has collected over \$50,000 this past year per Yvonne. Yvonne recommended a \$50/month increase in Julie's present stipend of \$450/month. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to offer this increase to Julie. The motion carried. The Commissioners did request of Yvonne that she have Julie come to see them about getting an independent contractor's license.

**CLAIMS**

Final claims to end the fiscal year of 2009-2010 were submitted for payment. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

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

**EXTENSION AGENT**

Jesse Fulbright was in to see the Commissioners. They discussed his budget, specifically, the travel item (mileage & travel expenses). He indicated that his postage reimbursement from the state has been cut by approximately 50%. The microscope / camera is being used successfully on larger specimens (not so good on aphids & mites).

**WEATHER STATIONS**

Ken Gagnon came in on behalf of the conservation district about our weather stations. Where are they and what's their status?

- 1) Jeff Mattson
  - 2) Carl Mattson
  - 3) Violet's
  - 4) Courthouse
  - 5) About 5 miles north of Galata
  - 6) About 1 mile east of Inverness
- current stations where information is available.

RESOLUTION 10-15

Regarding the transfer of \$20,000 out of ambulance ending fund balance and into the capital improvement fund set up for purchasing a replacement ambulance; Commissioner Rockman made the motion to do a budget resolution to complete the transfer. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-15

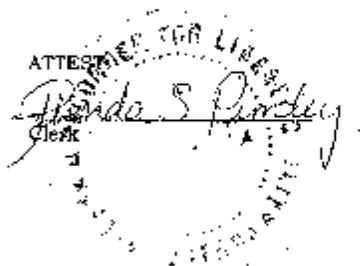
WHEREAS, it is realized that the ambulance will need to be replaced in the near future;

WHEREAS, a Capital Improvement Fund has already been established for the purpose of building reserves to replace the Liberty County ambulance;

WHEREAS, there is revenue remaining in the Ambulance Fund fiscal year end cash that could be utilized towards purchasing an ambulance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that \$6,500 be added to the Ambulance Fund 2009-2010 budget so that \$20,000 may be transferred from the Ambulance Fund into the established Ambulance Capital Improvement Fund.

DATED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*[Signature]*  
Chairman

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The group scrutinized last years budget, then completed a new budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 (staying within the same parameters). Board member Ron Wolery, attended his last official meeting on this date and resigned. Rlynn composed a "letter of thanks" to Ron, which was mailed to him by Rachel Ghekiere. Fern Wolery will be contacted as a possible replacement for Ron.

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

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

CLAIMS

Several final claims (including county liability insurance) were submitted for approval. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve these claims for payment. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Commissioners met with the road supervisor and a road crew employee to resolve several public complaints regarding improper care of county equipment and questionable methodology in road maintenance.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rodney Swenson was in to visit about possibly getting a few roads graded prior to harvest.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES

The following decisions were made about employee salaries:

- 1) All elected officials will be awarded a 2% salary increase to their base salaries.
- 2) All deputy officials will be awarded raises that maximize their salaries to a 90% equivalency of the base salaries of their elected counterparts.
- 3) All other employees (with the exception of the Road Crew, who fall under collective bargaining, and those county entities who are controlled by their own governing boards) will be awarded a raise of \$.25/hour on their current salaries.

The motion was made by Commissioner Tempel to accept the above stated decisions. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER ROOF DAMAGE

Wind damage to roofs at LMC occurred on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The insurance company required documentation of weather conditions, so the Commissioners telephoned the airport station (Julie Briden recorded high gusts of 69 mph that day). The Commissioners provided a letter for Shari Meissner stating this fact.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners sent "Thank you" letters to Mary Ann Zorn, Ron Gleason, Dana Lalum, and Kim Miller for volunteer service on our Salary Compensation Board.

HERD DISTRICT

The Commissioners opened the "herd district" public hearing at 1:00 PM. Present were Shawn Norick and Hugh Brown. There were no public opinions, positive or negative, offered at this hearing. At 1:10 PM, Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to approve the annexation into the existing herd district located in various sections of Range 7 E in Townships 36 N and 37 N. Official notice was prepared for the Liberty County Times, to be published for the next four weeks.

PUBLIC HEARING

Annexation  
into an  
Existing Herd District

The Liberty County Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1:00 PM at the Liberty County Courthouse in Chester. The purpose of the hearing is to hear protests, verify petition signatures and obtain public comments regarding the petition to have the following land annexed into the existing Herd District located in Townships 36 and 37 North, Range 7 East:

TOWNSHIP 36, NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST

Section 1: All  
 Section 2: All  
 Section 3: All  
 Section 4: E 1/2  
 Section 10: All  
 Section 11: All  
 Section 12: All  
 Section 13: All  
 Section 14: All  
 Section 15: All  
 Section 22: All  
 Section 23: All  
 Section 24: All  
 Section 25: All  
 Section 28: All  
 Section 27: All  
 Section 34: All  
 Section 35: All  
 Section 38: All

TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST

Section 1: All  
 Section 2: All  
 Section 3: All  
 Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4  
 Section 5: SE 1/4  
 Section 9: All  
 Section 10: All  
 Section 11: All  
 Section 12: All  
 Section 13: All  
 Section 14: All  
 Section 15: All  
 Section 16: All  
 Section 17: SE 1/4  
 Section 20: E 1/2  
 Section 21: All  
 Section 22: All  
 Section 23: All  
 Section 24: All  
 Section 25: All  
 Section 26: All  
 Section 27: E 1/2, S 1/2 SW 1/4, East 300 feet of the NE 1/4 SW 1/4  
 Section 28: S 1/2 SE 1/4 except the west 60 feet  
 Section 33: E 1/2  
 Section 34: All  
 Section 35: All  
 Section 38: All

Comments may be given orally at the hearing or submitted in writing before 1:00 PM, Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Anyone who would like more information or who wants to submit questions or comments should contact the Liberty County Commission at 758-5385 or PO Box 459, 111 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Chester, Montana 59522.

Larry Hendrickson  
Chair of the Board  
(June 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010)

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Betty Marshall was in about a few items: a) Advisory Board area meeting is Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, in Big Sandy. A bus load of local seniors are going. Marilyn Gunderson is being recognized as "Senior of the Year".

b) Betty brought the two construction bids for the Museum project for the Commissioners reviewal. She will discuss the window removal / replacement with her board.

c) Betty agrees to serve another year on the "Russell Country" board, but Pat Ludwig does want to retire from the board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was sent to Betty Marshall acknowledging her appointment to the Russell Country board. A "Thank you" was sent to Pat Ludwig for her past service on this board.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Lynda VandeSandt will discuss the "Russell Country" board with her chamber boards at their July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. In addition, Jim Vinson wants to get going on the CTEP project.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Hendrickson signed Jim Ghekiere's contract with the State that authorizes him to be a "weed free forage inspector".

Jim also updated the Commissioners on the Clay Stratton Canadian thistle problem.

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Commissioner Rockman attended the City Council meeting at 7:00 PM, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ The city council signed the building permit for the Senior Center project;
- ❖ The County asked for permission to utilize their "lean clay" fill-dirt stockpiled at the city water treatment plant. City manager, John Kleinsasser, was reluctant to give us this dirt without replacement, as he claims to need it at the land-fill. He estimated that there is only around 300 yards available, but councilman Bill Albee's estimate is closer to 3,000 yards. After some discussion the council agreed to let us have the dirt with the provision that we replace it with any substitute that can be used as cover at the land-fill.
- ❖ The group also visited briefly about the CTEP project at the Lion's Park. Councilman Brett Earl showed some interest in the existing "information shed" and the possibility of moving it to the grounds at the Chester swimming pool.

**U.S. BANK DONATION**

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, Commissioners Tempel and Rockman joined Rod Keith and the Council on Aging board at the Chester Branch of U.S. Bank for a presentation of a \$5,000 donation to our Senior Center project. Liberty County sincerely appreciates this special gift from U.S. Bank.

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**EMPG**

Ed Ghierke and Darrell Stafford were here on a monitoring visit to discuss 2009-2010 year-end paperwork. Please pay attention to electronic deposits regarding code numbers and/or breakdown sheet on specific accounts that are reimbursed.

The Commissioners gave Darrell three copies of payments Liberty County received from the Department of Military Affairs this past year. One more payment is forthcoming per Ed. District II meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM at the Chester Firehall.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Commissioner Rockman attended a Liberty County Board of Health meeting on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. There is still some PHER monies available per Penny Walston. No other pressing issues.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Rod Keith brought in the annual contract from the NCAAA operations with Liberty County. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to sign the documents. Motion carried.

**GRADER BID OPENING**

After required advertising, the Commissioners received two bids for a new motor grader: RDO and T&E

Quick summary of the two bids:

T&E Company (CAT) = Model #160M – AWD, year 2011

\$288,320 (less trade-in \$65,500)

5 year / 5,000 hour warranty

\$222,820

Guaranteed repurchase prices up to 5 years

Government interest rate = 4.1%

Kraig Pester and Mark Aunne present...

RDO (John Deere) = Model #870 G, year 2010

\$292,512 (less trade-in \$105,080)

Add 7 year / 7,500 hour warranty = \$6,251

\$193,683

Guaranteed repurchase prices up to 7 years

Government interest rate = 3.9%

Jerry Ridgeway present...

The Commissioners thanked them for their bids and told them we would evaluate and get back to them.

**GAELECTRIC**

Three gentlemen from Gaelectric stopped in to visit and update the Commissioners on their project. They obtained Liberty County's wind data for use in long term correlation.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Kathy Brendan stopped in to see if the Senior Citizen's project had broken ground. She will be by periodically to evaluate the project.

**AIRPORT**

The Commissioners met with Bill Burkland of RPA and met with Airport Board members to discuss tree trimming. All involved agreed to the outcome of the meeting. Contracts were signed with the FAA and Knife River.

The Board visited with Doug Riggan about trimming the trees; he will get back to 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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Clerk

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Chairman

**July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Monday**

Commissioner Rockman met with citizen, Dale Fitz, to discuss pro's and con's about allowing animals (specifically dogs) in the county library (and other public buildings). After a lengthy discussion with scenarios and common sensical debate, there was an understanding that animals could not "loungue" in public buildings due to the general safety of other patrons and potential liability issues.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Tuesday**

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**MARIAS FAIR**

Jesse Fulbright updated the Commissioners on the Marias Fair. He said that the kids did well at the livestock sale.

**AUDIT RESPONSE**

The Commissioners drafted a letter in response to Liberty County's recent audit report; the letter addressed three minor deficiencies. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to forward the letter to the Department of Administration. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION MEETING**

Commissioner Tempel attended the annual transportation meeting regarding school bus routes / contracts / etc.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The rebates for new lights showed up for the county shop. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept Shawn's recommendation to purchase the RDO (John Deere) 872 GP. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept the Library budget as presented by the Library Board. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**DES DISTRICT II MEETING**

Commissioner Rockman and approximately 15 area DES personnel attended this meeting at the Chester Firehall.

**Highlights:**

Joe Parenteau provided an audio-visual report on the recent Rocky Boy "disaster declaration" regarding snow melt / rainfall / flooding issues.

Deb Gessaman spoke about FEMA's role in this disaster; i.e., photos before and after, emergency repairs versus permanent repairs, disposing of sand bags, and documentation is extremely important.

- ❖ Repairs are allowed only to pre-disaster, not better than before (when related to reimbursement).
- ❖ Counties can request a 2 mill subsidy in the event of a disaster. If not used, this money must be held in a special account until the next disaster. It only takes one commissioner to sign a disaster proclamation, but it takes all three Commissioners's to declare the disaster!

Ed Gierke is requesting a letter from each jurisdiction whose grants have not increased this fiscal year; this letter states that we're more dependent on in-kind matches as a funding source. He will e-mail the Commissioners a sample letter.

Ed Gierke went over all the new forms and explained the importance of documentation.

**PAYROLL**

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept for payment the current payroll as it has been presented. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Hospital Board meeting conducted on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The major items discussed included the future mill levy request. It was decided that the hospital would ask for \$300,000 (\$100,000 less than asked for before). The group also talked about requiring a new doctor soon, as Dr. Kozakiewicz will be leaving next spring.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve the May minutes as amended. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ABSENCE OF COUNTY OFFICER FROM THE STATE**

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to grant Commissioner Tempel permission to be absent from the state from September 16, 2010 through October 10, 2010. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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