

July 5th, 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.

TRIBUNE ARTICLE

The Great Falls Tribune ran an article in the 06/29/2011 publication at the request of the Commissioners, warning campers and visitors of safety concerns at Lake Ellwell over the 4th of July weekend.

ROAD ISSUES

Gary Buffington expressed concern that an area of Dugout Road (specifically, from 300 Road East to Broadhurst Road), was damaged by the diggers of the water line this winter. He is under the impression that we granted the easement with special terms that the engineer (Nate Weissenberger) promised about 1,500 yards of gravel for road repair. As they dug the lines, they stacked the dirt on the road, and then pushed it back into the trench. Some of the road gravel went with the dirt! In addition, they did some minimal damage to several culvert ends (due to heavy snow cover). These items should be addressed.

GAVILON

A representative from Gavilon (Monte Fauque) called Larry on 07/01/2011 to request a "tax rebate". Commissioner Hendrickson referred him to Hugh Brown about the tax abatement process.

DES

Commissioner Hendrickson had many calls from Ed Gierke last week dealing with Safety Issues at Tiber Dam regarding the July 4th weekend.

ROAD ISSUES

1. The Commissioners telephoned MDOT about Highway #224 (Joplin Road). They visited with Lynn Zanto and Wayne Noem.
2. Commissioner Tempel checked Black Jack Road
3. Commissioner Hendrickson talked to Bob Dafoe and Wolery about road issues.

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to discuss current road issues. There are numerous "blow-outs" in the road between Belcher's and Iverson's. Millings were hauled to a "blow-out" in Whitlash. The road damage from the Meissner Dam run-off needs a lot of work. We also need to repair to Rob Laas' road (north of house and correction corner). The screener is producing at about 60 yards per hour with two men on the job site. All of the county equipment is running well on this date.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were considered by the Commissioners:

- #11-13: Budget Resolution to transfer \$35,000 into the Ambulance CIP Fund;
- #11-14: Budget Resolution to expand Fund #2235 (Health Care Facilities) by \$30,688.88;
- #11-15: Budget Resolution to transfer \$4,265.28 from Fund #4041 to Fund #4991 that will expand the fund by \$2,127.67;
- #11-16: Budget Resolution to add \$1,373.00 to the Alcohol Rehab Fund #2800 and \$221.00 to Crime Victim's Assistance Fund #2917; and
- #11-17: Budget Resolution to expand the PILT Fund #2900 by \$30,000.

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve these five resolutions. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11-13

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the Ambulance Fund 2010-2011 budget be expanded by \$10,000 so that \$35,000 may be transferred from the Ambulance Fund into the established Ambulance Capital Improvement Fund.

DATED THIS 5th day of July, 2011



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

RESOLUTION 11-14

WHEREAS, the Liberty Medical Center has a voter approved levy that allows \$400,000 in tax revenue to be generated for the funding of operations of the Liberty Medical Center (Fund #2235); and

WHEREAS, Fund #2235 therefore has an annual budget of \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, Fund #2235 also currently has an excess of \$74,526 existing in cash reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Medical Center has requested that they be allowed to receive an additional \$30,688.88 in Fiscal Year 2010-2011, to be taken out of the reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Liberty County Commissioners have no objections to allowing this;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the Liberty Medical Center request for an expansion of their budget is granted and that the Fund #2235 budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 be expanded by \$30,688.88.

DATED THIS 5th day of July, 2011



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman: [Signature]
Commissioner: Russ Temple
Commissioner: [Signature]

RESOLUTION 11-15

WHEREAS, Fund #4991 was set up for the purpose of taking in the Federal ARRA revenue and expending it on the new Senior Citizen Bus Garage project; and

WHEREAS, the project is nearing completion, and the Fund #4991 is over budget by \$2,127.67 and the cash balance is -4,265.28; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Fund #4041 was set up with the intent of utilizing local match dollars to assist in funding the new Senior Citizen Bus Garage project and Fund #4041 has a remaining budget balance of \$53,876;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that \$4,265.28 be transferred from Fund #4041 into Fund #4991 and the Fiscal Year Budget for Fund #4991 be expanded by \$2,127.67.

DATED THIS 5th day of July, 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION 11-16

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 the non-tax revenue in the Alcohol Rehab Fund #2800, and the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund #2917, was anticipated at less than was actually received; and

WHEREAS, the Alcohol Rehab Fund #2800 has actually received to date \$5,373.00 in non-tax revenues, and the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund #2917 has actually received to date \$343.00 in non-tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, in the Alcohol Rehab Fund #2800 \$1,373.00 of this revenue was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets, and in the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund #2917 \$221.00 of this revenue was not anticipated at the time of setting budgets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the additional amounts of \$1,373.00 and \$221.00 be added to the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budgets of the Alcohol Rehab Fund #2800 and the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund #2917 respectively.

DATED THIS 5th day of July, 2011



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner: Russ Temple
Commissioner: [Signature]

RESOLUTION 11-17

WHEREAS, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money arrives from the Bureau of Land Management annually and is deposited into Fund #2900; and

WHEREAS, the MACo/JPIA Liability Insurance premium is paid annually out of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the premium for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was pre-paid out of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the PILT Fund #2900 budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 be expanded by \$30,000 to accommodate the payment of two years premiums.



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Commissioner: Russ Temple
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MDOT CONTRACT

The Commissioners received a vendor invoice from MDOT for their annual lease on a tract of Liberty County land used for their stockpile (lease = \$200/year). Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve this lease. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SCREENED GRAVEL

Jerry Fenger stopped in to discuss our screening project, as he needs product for various farmers. The Commissioners had previously discussed this with Shawn Norick and decided the price would be \$4.25/yard.

EMS

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped in to report that the 4th of July weekend was quiet. Our ambulance has been repaired. A special valve and several hoses blew apart (with no damage to the engine). Mechanical work was under warrantee. The ambulance will be back in service this week.

WAG

E-mails to and from WAG regarding updated "punch-list" items for the new senior center:

1. Street patch (not done yet);
2. Final site grading to be done by contractor, but completed by Liberty County (not completed by contractor);
3. Wire the outside alarm for sprinkler system (not done yet);
4. Replace sunken/cracked sidewalk section on southside (this is a warranty item);
5. Replace cement pad over separation tanks on northside (this is a warranty item);
6. Garage door tops do not seal (warranty item);
7. An excessive amount of silicone seal was used in the reinstallation of the dish line by J&V (poor workmanship).

It is Russ Wolfe's opinion that the total dollar value of items 1, 2, 3 is less than \$5,000, so he suggests that we pay everything owing (less \$5,000 hold back). The other items have been completed, but require follow-up and/or warranty.

After discussion, the Commissioners decided to pay Clausen's "in full" to clean up the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. We will include a note to Clausen's asking for response to the warranty/unresolved issues.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT-OF-STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson asked for permission to go to Canada with visiting family on 7-6-2011. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to grant permission. Commissioner Tempel 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

Chairman

July 6th, 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: Commissioner Russ Tempel and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

EXTENSION AGENT

Jesse Fulbright was in to visit. He and two local 4-H'ers will be in Bozeman at 4-H Congress from July 11th-14th. Ann Wickum will be on annual leave from July 8th-15th, so the office will be closed. The phone will be diverted to Jesse's cell phone number.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Mike LaFrentz was in to update the Commissioners on Lake Elwell. The proposed high elevation will go to 3011.8 . High release will be at 1500 in 10-14 days. July 4th weekend went well. Mike will get the Commissioners the "high pool" acreage estimate so that they can have an idea on weed control / reclamation.

The BOR is presently looking for two summer laborers. The Commissioners gave him names of a few potential applications.

DES

Darryl Stafford called to ask if Liberty County sustained damages in excess of \$7,000 due to the recent flooding conditions. The Commissioners answered in the affirmative! It seems that the state DES is sending a damage assessment team to Toole/Liberty next week. Shawn will itemize some of the road damage / repairs. The Commissioners will also include the damages to the BOR shelters.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for consideration. After scrutinizing these claims, a motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Rockman to approve for payment. The motion carried.

MOBILE RADIOS

At the Commissioner's request, Sheriff R. Burrows provided a list of the "tone" frequencies for the county portable radios.

CLAUSEN'S

The Commissioners approved the final payment to Clausen's (general contractor at the Senior Center project) and sent a letter requesting completion of unresolved and warranty issues.

CLERK OF COURT

The Commissioners called the Clerk of Court to inquire as to the status on the Kenfield case. Ann Melton reports that Joe Cobell reported that there is presently a motion in effect for a "stay of execution" for sentencing. When the judge signs it, the defendant will begin his sentence.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

EGT AND GAVILON

The Commissioners called Mike VanBuren of EGT and Monte Fauque of Gavilon to ask for their assistance and input into a news report from KRTV. News reporter, Jen Hollenbach of KRTV, came to Chester and interviewed Commissioner Rockman and representatives from the two train-loading facilities on July 7th, 2011

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on 7/7/2011. The group adopted a special agency resolution for the establishment of a retirement plan through PERS. The group also initiated an employer's contract, payment policy, and payroll cycle as requested. Rachel Ghekiere (secretary) will process all required paperwork.

July 12th, 2011 ♦ Tuesday

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LEPC

Ten members, including the three Commissioners, attended the monthly LEPC meeting. Point of interest:

1. Ron Gleason reported that LMC will be spending about \$290,000 on medical equipment this next Fiscal Year. This monies will come from the mill levy;
2. Jim Ghekiere has completed a grant for 26 pagers and a floater pump for the Joplin Fire Department;
3. Yvonne Hunnewell discussed the successfulness of the Harlem bus accident. Also, we received our ambulance back with minor repairs; the group discussed the trip charge and towing charge;
4. Darryl received a CD from FEMA on "dam safety". He will view it and possibly use it for a future LEPC training session.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly Board of Health meeting on July 8th, 2011. Items discussed:

1. There is no local decay ordinance to enforce a few potential problems (i.e., Snyder's auto graveyard and Balsley's non-licensed trailer court).
2. "Farmer's Markets" are exempt from private vendors' license fees (which cost approximately \$90-\$115/year). Vendors at the Farmers Markets cannot / should not sell potentially hazardous food items (like custard pies, etc).
3. At special functions (like the annual Joplin Car Show), non-for-profit organizations can sell food products without a license. However, individuals (for profit) cannot. This was discussed with the Anderson's (bakery goods) at the recent car show.
4. There is a local rental trailer that was approved as HUD housing several years ago. It is owned by a man from Whitefish and is property managed by Streit's (Bootlegger Realty). A recent complaint was followed up by Karen Salo, who took photos of mold, holes in the floor, and dead cat smell in the crawl space. The group agreed to send a letter to the owner, HUD, and Streit's with a strong recommendation to mitigate / repair; letter to be signed by Dr. Young (Public Health Officer). The trailer is presently rented by Bonnie Robinson at \$430/month, but she is vacating the premises in August.

OLD SENIOR CENTER

The Commissioners placed an ad in the Liberty County Times on 7/13/2011 and 7/20/2011 offering the old building for sale by sealed bids.

WEED SUPERVISOR

Jim Ghekiere informed the Commissioners that Toole County's Weed/Road Supervisor (Jim Midboe) is retiring on September 30th. Jim Ghekiere was called by the Toole County Commissioners to discuss the possibility of him assuming the role as Weed Supervisor for both counties. Jim has written most of the Weed grants over the past 15 years for Liberty and Toole Countys; these multi-county and multi-landowner grants seem to get preferential attention. Grant benefits to Toole County from 1998-2009 totaled \$160,846 (per Jim's calculations).

Toole County hires about 6 college students to spray from May 15 – Aug 15. They do very little "fall" spraying like Liberty County does. Val Moench does all the paperwork for their weed department.

Jim proposed to do this joint-venture with sharing of costs. His role as planner and 9-1-1 director may require some additional help (i.e., hire a 6 month weed crew sprayer who could work the remaining 6 months at GPS mapping and 911). Auto, office, phone, education, training, etc expenses can be negotiated.

The Liberty County Commissioners will visit with the Toole County Commissioners.

The Commissioners has a conference call with the three Toole County Commissioner's. Jim Midboe's salary is \$42,900, of which 23% is for his weed work (~ \$10,000). Their budget will probably not allow for two full time employees, so they may pursue a replacement for Midboe as is. Additional pros and cons of combining the two weed departments (using Jim Ghekiere) were discussed. The group mutually agreed not to pursue this any further. Ben Ober will call Jim Ghekiere.

CTEP

Lynda VandeSandt, Bob Mattson, Jim Vincent, Noel Walston discussed whether or not to move forward with the proposed CTEP project at the Lions Park rest area. A phone call will be made to engineer Jeremy Siemens to discuss it further with him.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER LINE

Tom Montgomery asked if the Commissioners would consider attending a meeting with Hill County at the intersection of Road 366 and 223 to discuss the road crossing.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FEMA

Lenny Johnson, a representative from FEMA, will be here to look at the road damage from the flooding.

LIBRARY

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel met with the library board (Peg Duffin, Linda Backen, Gail Matkin, and Librarian Teresa Fenger) to discuss their budget issues. It was suggested that the keep their coffee / espresso revenue and expenses separate from the general budget. In addition, the request of \$2,500 to their salary budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was denied at this time.

EMS

Yvonne Hunnewell was in to report a few EMS items of interest:

1. The state Ambulance inspector is coming 7/14/2011;
2. The towing bill on the new ambulance was \$321. The Commissioners added \$184 for labor and mileage to Great Falls to pick up the ambulance. Yvonne will try to get Front Range Services to pay these two bills per warranty.
3. There will be a meeting with Ken Threet of the DLI on 7/15/2011 to discuss the problems with EMS licensing and training.
4. Our latest First Responder Class cost \$2,700.

RADIOS

The Commissioners ordered 8 narrow band radios via E-Bay at \$330 each (versus \$595 at Hi-Line in Cut Bank). They will be coming pre-programmed.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

NCAAA

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly and end of the fiscal year meeting of the District III NCAAA in Conrad. Highlights:

1. Funding update reveals loss of revenue for next fiscal year as follows: \$46,988 in Federal and State funding plus match monies of \$8,311 in cash-in-lieu and \$6,173 in center commodities = \$61,472 total. Ouch!
2. Our present landlord has been notified that we will be moving to our new offices at the new center in Conrad later this summer. Present rent = \$730 / month; New rent = ?
3. In May the board approved the purchase of new office furniture via e-mail info from Karin R. and Allan U. This furniture is being constructed by the Montana Correctional Enterprises in Deer Lodge; because it won't be invoiced / shipped until the new offices are ready, the monies will come from the 2012 budget. A vote to ratify the e-mail approval of this furniture passed.
4. Due to an excess of LIEAP Administrative funds for 2011, a contract amendment was received giving an additional \$11,414 (to be spent by 12-31-2011). Because at least 50% of the NCAAA office work is spent on LIEAP issues, these additional funds will be spent on furniture, phone expenses, and other office fees.
5. The financial reports were received and accepted for April, May, and June. As of June 30, 2011, 98% of the anticipated revenue has been received (\$1,156,608) and 91% of the expenditures have been paid (\$1,073,570). This computes to cash remaining of \$83,038. There are also prior reserves of \$220,026. Our current annual budget for all programs is approximately \$1.4 million!
6. The NCAAA will not contract with the Great Falls RSVP to handle the commodities this coming year.
7. SHIP training is paid by NCAAA for the community volunteers and agents (specifically, Linda Backen).
8. The proposed budget was examined and approved for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, including DPHHS project and allocation sheets, contracted providers and lodges, total funding for Area III programs, and employee raises.
9. Approved raises to Janice (\$23,920), Susan (\$18,330), and Joelyn (\$25,480) = 50¢ / hour. Approval raise to director, Karin (\$38,168) = 75¢ / hour. The group did not consider changes to medical health insurance, which is paid at a maximum of \$4,200 / year to each employee.
10. Next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.

July 13th, 2011 ♦ Wednesday

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FEMA

Lenny Johnson of FEMA met with the Commissioners and the Road Supervisor to discuss flood and water damages to the Liberty County roads, etc. Shawn and Lenny went to Lake Elwell to examine damage there (specifically, our camping shelters). They also inspected several roads for water damage. Lenny seemed positive that we may receive some compensation from FEMA. The Commissioners gave him photos of area damage.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Vern Petersen of JPT;
2. Letter from Dave Clausen to confirm receipt of final payment and follow-up on warranty items.

JANITORIAL SERVICES

Ruth Ann Norick's father has medical issues, so she will be gone for a few days beginning 7/14/2011. Jacob Knapton will cover for Ruth Ann.

RESOLUTION #11-18

A budget resolution (#11-18) to transfer \$1,000 from the Library Capital Improvement Fund #4030, to the Library Fund #2220 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was presented. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve the resolution. The motion carried. A copy was given to Teresa at the Library.

RESOLUTION 11-18

WHEREAS, the Library Fund #2220 has set up a Capital Improvement Fund #4030 for the purpose of upgrading the library building; and

WHEREAS, the Library completed an upgrade to the lighting in fiscal year 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, the Library has requested that revenue from the Capital Improvement Fund be transferred into the Library Fund 2010-2011 budget to assist with payment of the lighting project;

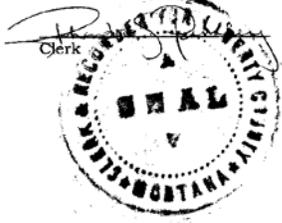
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that \$1,000 from the Library Capital Improvement Fund #4030 into the Library Fund #2220 for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget.

DATED THIS 13th day of July, 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Eugene Hendrickson
Chairman
Russ Campbell
Commissioner
Stymie Rockman
Commissioner

ATTEST:



LIBERTY COUNTY WIND MONITORS

Bret Kenfield called last week to request the new readings (cards) from the county wind monitors. Shawn Norick will follow up on this.

CLAIMS

Final claims for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 were submitted for payment. Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman to pay these claims. The motion carried.

CITIZEN INQUIRY

Jim Grammar was in to discuss the expense to "P & A" injection wells (about \$10,000 three years ago and about \$15,000 this year). He likes to keep up on the maintenance to these old wells and understands that there may be funds available through the Brownfield Grant program. He tried to get some reimbursement several years ago through a Bear Paw grant, but it had already run out. He pays a lot of oil and gas taxes (\$40,000 / year plus 25¢ / barrel), so would like any available reimbursement for his "P & A" expenses.

Additional note: The "blow-out" on the road northwest of Sage Creek Colony is a liability hazard and needs to be repaired before harvest!

DISTRICT COURT

Clerk of Court, Anne Seidlitz-Melton, gave the Commissioners a copy of the lifted "Stay of Execution" for Kal Kenfield, who is ordered to report to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office on 7/15/2011 for incarceration.

SANITARIAN CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners received two letters that were sent by Karen Salo to Snyder's Dent Shop regarding concerns about their auto junkyard.

COUNTY CAR

Brad Maples from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, used the county car on 7/12/2011 and suffered a chipped windshield on Highway #223. The cost via Ward's is \$150 and Charlie Thielman will install. (The County deductible per Tina Wood is \$500).

CLAIM TO TOOLE COUNTY

The Commissioners need to send a claim to Toole County Road Department for the used packer at agreed price of \$6,000.

ROCKY BOY WATER PROJECT

The three commissioners and Shawn Norick met Hill County's three commissioners and Jerry Otto at Highway 223 and 366 to discuss and examine the Rocky Boy work in reference to digging up county roads for their new water-line. Tom Montgomery and Nate Winds from the Rocky Boy Water line crew also joined the group. Hill County is considering bore requirements at about \$70,000 for crossing at Han's, so the group discussed the pro's and con's to both methods. The group also discussed "slurry" fills.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Mike LaFrentz stopped in to report that he did some research, and technically, the BOR owns the (6) six shelters. The County has a vested interest and could probably claim 50% ownership for FEMA sake.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 14th, 2011 ♦ Thursday

SENIOR CENTER

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson met with the representatives from Triangle Telephone (Anne Boothe, Rick Stevens, and Rick Pokorny); USDA Rural Development (J.P. Pendleton and Tom Atkins); Bear Paw Development (AnnMarie Robinson); and members of the Liberty County Council on Aging at the Senior Center for a photo opp on the project.

The group was informed by Anne Boothe that the REDLG monies will be coming in August.

July 15th, 2011 ♦ Friday

DPHHS

Commissioner Hendrickson, Commissioner Tempel, and Commissioner Rockman met with Jim DeTienne (DPHHS); Lew Jones and Rob Cook (area legislators); Dr. Gladys Young and Ron Gleason (Liberty Medical Center); and Yvonne Hunnewell and Steve Ghekiere (Liberty County Ambulance) to discuss issues regarding EMT / First Responder training and testing etc. Point of interest:

1. Average age of Montana EMT's is about 50 years old;
2. Volunteers go through the same training as the paid EMT's;
3. It's tough to get people interested because of the time, training, and testing;
4. Some possible benefits for EMT volunteers: retirement allowance after 20 years of service; offer minimum pay for "on-call" time and /or each ambulance run; or offer some sort of tax break / rebate for service time;
5. The future of EMS is funding of the programs by communities. This may encourage people to serve as EMT's;
6. Several community paramedicine models are being explored in Minnesota and Colorado;
7. Another option would be to make training available via tele-medicine and internet;
8. Montana currently complies with the National Registry program, and Pearson's Testing validates these requirements;
9. The Montana Board of Medical Examiners hopes to provide better accessibility of test sites: mobility vs. more site locations;
10. They presently offer a 6-month waiver on the EMT requirement related to ambulance service (which we have locally);
11. Work Comp provision: any injury occurring on the volunteerism should be paid by the volunteer workman's comp policy rather than the employer's work com (if you leave work as a volunteer).

Jim will take this info back to his office and the Board of Examiners. Lew and Rob will also consider some future legal provisions regarding this issue.

Note: Ken Threet of the DIL was supposed to attend this meeting, but he had conflicting meetings.

July 19th, 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.

MACO DUES

The current MACo and NACo due are \$2,953 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to pay the dues. The motion carried.

MARIAS RIVER WATERSHED

The minutes of the Marias River Watershed meeting of July 5th in Shelby were reviewed. Nothing remarkable to document other than the Pugsley Bridge project, which is on hold due to the water levels.

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. He will replace new tapes and batteries in the wind-monitor towers. Hill County agreed to let the Rocky Boy Water Project dig up the road and do a "slurry" fill near Han's.

Shawn needs new tires for one of the graders; they're presently getting two cappings from each casing. The Commissioners OK'd the tire purchase.

LOAN AGREEMENT

The official loan agreement between Liberty County (borrower) and Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association (lender) was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve and sign the document. The motion carried. County Attorney Hugh B. Brown will process the paperwork. The amount of this REDLG loan is \$266,472.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Ron Gleason reported that the total expenditure on the electronic medical records program at Liberty Medical Center is \$125,441. He requested permission to fund this program through resources from the Hospital Tax Levy. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to allow Liberty Medical Center to use these special levy funds to pay for this program. The motion carried.

COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD

The Liberty County Compensation Board met today to discuss the salaries of elected officials for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Those present were Ron Gleason, Dana Lalum, Gail Cicon, Hugh Brown, Anne Melton, Holly Frederickson, Rachel Ghekiere, Gayle Dahlen, and the three commissioners.

Each board member had been given an informational packet of past decisions, state laws, COLA, county classification, taxable valuations, and current salary schedule. The Commissioners also reported on decisions by neighboring counties and local businesses:

1. Teton = Frozen wages in 2010-2011, except the union; therefore, this Fiscal Year they gave 65¢ / hour to all employees plus \$100 / month towards health insurance premiums;
2. Blaine = 25¢ / hour plus medical insurance premium increase;
3. Toole = 24¢ / hour (1.6% COLA) plus \$75 / month for insurance premiums;
4. Glacier = The Compensation Board recommended the 1.6%, but the Commissioners granted a 2% increase plus they lifted the cap on increased insurance premiums (which jumped 18% this year);
5. NCAAA in Conrad = 50¢ / hour for three office staff and 75¢ / hour for the director;
6. U.S. Bank = 3%;
7. Liberty Medical Center = 2% COLA plus 2% evaluation raise plus medical insurance increase.

After general discussion, a motion for a 2 ½% salary increase for elected officials (based on the Clerk & Recorder's base salary) was made by Dana Lalum, and seconded by Gail Cicon. The motion carried. The Commissioners accepted the board's recommendation per motion by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Tempel. This motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners will do the necessary calculations and notify the union regarding salary negotiations.

Clerk & Recorder's base salary = \$32,386 X 2 ½% = \$809.65 / year increase (equal to 38.9¢ / hour). New base salary of \$33,196;

Deputy salary (new) = \$29,876 (based on 90% of \$33,196) = \$729 / year increase (equal to 35¢ / hour);

Possible recommendation = 35¢ / hour to all employees (including the union).

NCAAA, INC

The 2012 contract between the NCAAA, Area III and Liberty County Senior Center was offered for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, and Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion to accept the contract. The motion carried. Rod Keith will process the paperwork.

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT

Paul Tuss visited via phone regarding tax abatements. He agrees that EGT and Gavilon did not inquire prior to beginning their projects, so probably should not qualify. However, Columbia Grain did call about possible abatements before their potential expansion, so maybe should qualify.

CTEP

Jeremy Siemens was contacted by Russ Tempel and agreed to finish the engineering work on the CTEP project for \$2,000. He plans to stop by the project site at Lion's Park on 7-21-2011.

USED PACKER

The Commissioners sent Toole County a bill for the used "Walk and Roll" Packer that they purchased from Liberty County this past spring. The agreement was to extend Toole County's payment into Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Rod Keith developed two specific job descriptions for his present position: aging services director and transit coordinator. The Commissioners will scrutinize it for any changes and / or additions.

JP CLERK

The Commissioners visited with Holly Frederickson and Gayle Dahlen about the future expectations and role of the Justice of the Peace clerk, who is presently Denise Wanken. Gayle would like to train Denise in all aspects of the Treasurer's position and eliminate the part time JP clerk's position through her office. Holly does need a clerk due to increased work load and the group discussed a potential 20 hour per week position. The group will discuss this further when the Commissioner's receive the new taxable valuations and the budgets.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 26th, 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.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Rod Keith's job descriptions as "Aging Services Director" and "Transit Coordinator" were reviewed and updated.

CORRESPONDENCE TO CONSTITUENT

The Great Falls Tribune ran an article on July 23, 2011, about Brownfield grants available through Bear Paw Development Corporation. A copy of the article and a short note was forwarded to James Grammar per his inquiry on July 13, 2011.

GRAND OPENING AT SENIOR CENTER

A public BBQ and Grand Opening of our new center was held Saturday, July 23, 2011. The event was successful with attendance at about 300 people. Special invites included Paul Tuss and Annmarie Robinson (Bear Paw), Rick Stevens (Triangle Telephone), Mike Waite (Rehberg Rep.), and Jim and Vonda Laird (J&V). Paul Tuss and Rick Stevens gave short congratulatory speeches. Appreciation goes out to Rod Keith and his staff, and the Council on Aging for the extra work in making this event memorable.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Commissioner Tempel requested permission to leave the state from July 26th, 2011 through August 1st, 2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried.

ROAD SUPERVISOR

Shawn was in to report on road issues. They are working on road "blow-outs" and repairs.

VISIT BY CONCERNED CITIZEN

Con May stopped in to discuss his concern about land sales to the Hutterites. He feels there should be some laws limiting the total percentage of acres that they can own in each county. He also asked about "other benefits" they get such as discounted medicine, food commodities, etc. The Commissioners agreed to make a few inquiries.

RESOLUTION # 11-19

A resolution to accept the recommendation, of the County Compensation Board, to offer a 2 1/2 % raise to all Liberty County Elected Officials (retroactive to July 1st, 2011) was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11-19

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,

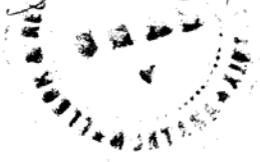
WHEREAS, the recommendation of the County Compensation Board was to award a 2 1/2 % raise for all Elected Officials retroactive to July 1, 2011;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that effective the 1st day of July, 2011, 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 Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Nineteen cents (\$33,196.19). 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 Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Nineteen cents (\$35,196.19). The County Superintendent of Schools is a half-time position; therefore, she shall receive Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Ten cents (\$16,598.10) plus an additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) per year. The County Attorney shall receive in addition to his state compensation of Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$24,210.00), a salary of Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Fifty-four cents (\$21,245.54) plus 1% longevity of \$167.00 from the County. The Justice of the Peace shall receive a salary of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Forty cents (\$13,942.40) 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, 2011.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2011

ATTEST:

Theresa S. Dumery
Clerk


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Commissioner

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Commissioner

EMPLOYEES SALARIES

After accepting the 2 1/2 % raise for Elected Officials, the Commissioners discussed and calculated a comparable raise for non-elected employees. The following motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel: All county employees not covered by collective bargaining and/or fall under a special county agency board will be granted a raise of 35¢ per hour for the fiscal year of 2011-2012 (retroactive to July 1, 2011). The motion carried.

GRAVEL

Jerry Fenger was in to discuss gravel. He would like to get four loads for Violet's as soon as possible. Shawn will work with him tomorrow.

CENTER LEASE

Julie Gagnon stopped in to get final "tweaks" on the application / lease agreement for private or community use of our new center. Julie will make the changes and forward the information to the Commissioners, Wood Enterprises, and MACo. (specifically, Greg Jackson).

SNYDER'S DENT SHOP

Dennis Snyder came in to see the Commissioners regarding his recent negative correspondence from the County Sanitarian, Karen Salo. She is requesting Snyder to apply for a Motor Vehicle Wrecking Facility License, as his auto stockpile is not a restoration lot, but an auto graveyard for parts and supplies. In addition, improvements on the lot fencing is requested. After some discussion on the pro's and cons of this issue, Dennis will pursue the application. He will also call Karen Salo.

FEMA

Ed Gierke stopped in with FEMA paperwork as a formal request for public assistance for damages due to recent flooding issues. Forms were completed and faxed to MT DES (406-324-4790 attention: Tim Thennis).

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried to authorize payment of current employee payrolls. Also included was an approval of all payroll withholdings and all "end-of-the-month" deductions (health insurance, dues, FLEX, etc.)

EXTENSION OFFICE

Jesse Fulbright reported a successful Marias Fair.

BID ON OLD CENTER

Per the Commissioner's Times ad, only one sealed bid was received for the old center building as follows:
\$11,500 from Rudy Cicon of Cicon & Associates, LLP.
Per telecom with Rudy, we are not accepting this bid at this time.

CCCC

Tom Montgomery stopped in to discuss a special proposal: the CCCC would like to put in a temporary 6" above-the-ground water line extending from the Indian pump-station, up the hill in the south ditch of Highway #366, and eastward to the Pugsley Road. Agreeable terms:

1. They will chlorinize the pipe-line (which will be PVC);
2. They will go under the 2-3 approaches that are involved;
3. The pipe-line will be for summer use only, so the pipe will be drained in the fall;
4. They will assume total liability for the line. He will get the necessary paperwork done for final approval.

Two other items were discussed:

- A. Tom agreed to "slurry" fill the 2 future crossings on #366 and the Tiber Road;
- B. CCCC will provide some promised gravel at the Osterman and Pugsley crossings.

RESOLUTION # 11-20

Elizabeth Woods offered a resolution requesting prosecutorial assistance from Chouteau County Attorney, Stephen Gannon, in the case of Montana vs. Emily Gorham. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried to accept this resolution.

RESOLUTION #11- 20

Whereas, the Liberty County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of State of Montana v. Emily Gorham, and

Whereas, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned cases, and

Whereas, Stephen A. Gannon, Chouteau County Attorney, has agreed to act as special counsel on request of the County Attorney and upon the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, and

Whereas, pursuant to §7-4-2705, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners may authorize the Chouteau County Attorney to provide assistance to the Liberty County Attorney's Office to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned criminal cases pending in Liberty County.

It Is Hereby Resolved:

That Stephen A. Gannon, Chouteau County Attorney, is hereby appointed as Special Deputy County Attorney for Liberty County for the purpose of the prosecution of the aforementioned case.

It Is Further Resolved:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the Chouteau County Attorney. Witness fees and expenses, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the Liberty County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2011.

ATTEST

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CLERK AND RECORDER


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WEED SUPERVISOR

Jim Ghekiere was in to discuss the weed department. He will get a report from Pete Stevenson, Bureau of Reclamation, on the total flooded acreage at Lake Elwell.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman