

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. A presentation from the National Weather Service was enjoyed by all attendees. At this time, Liberty County is experiencing a flash drought with no short-term relief in sight.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright met with the Commissioners to discuss the fair. The livestock sale was down a little bit, but overall it went very well.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

SICK AND VACATION

The Commissioners and County Attorney Robert Padmos, reviewed the current Sick and Vacation Donation Policy. Robert agrees that employees are eligible to donate up to 40 hours a year to one individual. All employees that are going to use extended leave will be placed on the Family Medical Leave Act.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to discuss his office.

PLANNING

The Commissioners spoke with Jim Ghekiere to discuss the revision of Liberty County's updated subdivision rules. A public meeting will be held in the future.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong met with the Commissioners to discuss the colony schools. The new books that have been ordered are being stored in the Commissioner's office.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to discuss her office.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum reported to the Commissioners that the traffic on the County roads have been heavy. Some problem spots are being fixed and others flagged.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

August 2nd, 2017 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to go over the Whitlash Road report.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright presented the Fiscal Year 2018 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Liberty County.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger turned in an updated Library Board Membership list and reported on Library business.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to discuss business in his office.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere met with the Commissioners to discuss work in his Department.

PLANNING BOARD

The notification of the subdivision regulation meeting was taken to the Liberty County Times for publication August 9th and August 16th, 2017. The public meeting will be held August 22nd, 2017 at 10:00 in the Commissioner’s office in the Liberty County Courthouse.

HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Woods painted the spaces in front of the Courthouse and Library to designate Handicap Parking.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

August 8th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

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MSU EXTENSION AGREEMENT

The Commissioners reviewed the contract between MSU and Liberty County for Extension Services. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and Commissioner Woods seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. Jesse Fulbright will be out of the office next week on annual leave.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to discuss a safety concern with the transit buses. Drivers have no way to secure extra bottles of oxygen that riders bring with them on the bus. Glenda has found an attachment that would be secured on the track that is used to secure wheelchairs. It will hold up to two bottles. The Commissioners agreed and approved the order of the attachment. Glenda has some drivers attending the bus rodeo in Great Falls. The meals to Rudyard and Gildford were discussed and everything appears to be working. Our staff has had time to prepare them and the meals are being picked up by other Senior Centers.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to discuss business in his office.

The stage one fire restrictions were discussed with Dick Burrows. It had been reported that some burning had been taking place and Dick will look into it.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to discuss the conditions of the roads and what maintenance was taking place. Some mowing is being done at this time, but a water truck is following the mower in case of a fire. Justin will be looking into the cost of dust abatement. The products being used by the contractor that is doing the work on the Whitlash road will be researched.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Doug Riffin met with the Commissioners to present a letter of resignation from Tim Snyder, who will work until October 31st, 2017 in order to give the office time to find a replacement.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

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Clerk

Chairman

August 9th, 2017 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

MUSEUM MEETING

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Museum meeting. Some of the items discussed were security cameras, weed control, and some maintenance items.

MORRISON-MAIERLE

The Commissioners reviewed the bid for the changed of internet service from SummitNet to Public It Migration. After some discussion, Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,750.00 for the project. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

INSURANCE

Marty Woods called and discussed insurance questions.

EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon reviewed and posted an overview of last evenings 4-H Council meeting.

ROCKY BOY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Commissioners were invited to the Rocky Boy's Water Treatment Plant Groundbreaking at Tiber Dam/Lake Elwell on August 18, 2017.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

August 15th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to update them on the ongoing road projects. Graveling of the Tiber Road and 366 is finishing up. The gravel supply is about exhausted. Mowing is progressing, and the Road Crew is using the new disk mower being followed by the rotary mower. A water truck is also following in case of fires. The Road Crew has been starting at 5 a.m. and stopping at 3:00 p.m. One grader has been on the Whitlash Road trying to level out some problem areas.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

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COUNTY BANKING

Treasurer Denise Wanken, County Attorney Robert Padmos, and the Commissioners met to discuss the closing of the Wells Fargo Branch in Chester. The County will be exploring some different banking options.

EMS AND PUBLIC HEALTH BILLING

Julie Erickson was in to discuss billing for EMS and Public Health thru Availty. Julie recommended that we use this software which is the same as the Hospital is using. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the contract. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and carried with all in favor.

AREA 3 AGENCY ON AGING

The Commissioners met with Glenda Hanson to review the Contract 2018-003-108 between Liberty County and Area 3 Agency on aging for years 7-2017 through 7-2018. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion carried with all in favor.

EXTENSION

The Commissioners met with Julie Gagnon to discuss the 4-H campground. The picnic tables are in need of repair. The FFA class was contacted to see if they would be interested in repairing them.

JUSTICE COURT

The Commissioners met with Holly Frederickson to discuss the Justice Court. The court continues to be busy.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

August 22nd 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to discuss road issues. The roads are still rough. The Road Crew has been mowing and hauling gravel. Road treatments were discussed. Justin will be checking prices and options.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to discuss the cameras in the busses. Grant funding is not available to purchase and install the cameras. The meals being delivered to Ruddyard and Gildford will be ending the first of September.

MORRISON-MAIERLE

Morrison-Maierle was at the Courthouse to change over the internet service to Triangle Telephone from the state internet service.

NORTH CENTRAL WATER PROJECT

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the Water Treatment Plant. Governor Bullock and Senator Tester were in attendance. The Core System has 22 miles of pipeline in place. When the treatment plant begins functioning it will be selling water to Chester, South Tiber, and Tiber Water Systems.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The Commissioners held an agenda meeting at 10:00 to review the new subdivision regulations. The Planning Boards met and recommended that the rules be adopted. Robert Padmos, Holly Frederickson, Angel Colbry, and Rudy Cicon were in attendance. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the new regulations. Commissioner Woods seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere reported to the Commissioners that the Weed Crew was down to two employees. The seasonal college employees have returned to school.

COUNTY BUDGETS

Angel Colbry and the Commissioners were working on some budget numbers. The final budget will be presented in three weeks.

EXTENSION

The Commissioners met with Jesse Fulbright and Julie Gagnon to discuss the 4-H achievement night. It will be hosted on September 24, 2017 at the Senior Center.

ROAD INSPECTION

The Commissioners toured the roads that had been treated with a dust control product. The areas that have been treated are holding up better than the not treated at this time.

PLANNING

Jim Ghekiere visited with Stayle Engineering to discuss the last bill for subdivision review. The billing was right and it will be reviewed this week.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

The Commissioners reviewed the budget resolution 17-10. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

WHEREAS, it is fiscal year end and it is recognized that some budgets are in need of adjustment and expansion;

Fund 2420 Joplin Light District

WHEREAS, Fund 2410 received more charges than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; he Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$178.00.

Fund 2231 Ambulance Contributions and Donations

WHEREAS, Fund 2231 received more in charges than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$4614.00;

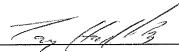
Fund 2976 Immunization Grant

WHEREAS, Fund 2976 received more in charges for services than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$3642.00;

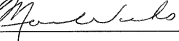
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the expansion of the above stated three funds have been duly approved for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

DATED THIS 22nd day of August, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

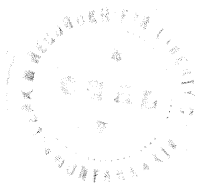

Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Angel Colbry
Liberty County Clerk & Recorder



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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

August 24th, 2017 ♦ Thursday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in special session on the above stated date in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

STOCKMAN BANK

Stockman Bank representatives made a presentation to Liberty County, CJI Schools, and LMC representatives.

August 29th, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

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TIBER WATER

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly meeting of the Tiber Water Board. Tiber Water does have a break at this time and are in the process of fixing it.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to give them a road report. Mowing is continuing at this time, depending upon weather conditions. Road conditions have remained poor due to the lack of rain. The dust abatement product placed on the Dump Road seems to be working. Road Crews are fixing the problem spots and graveling some areas.

MONTANA OIL, GAS, AND COAL COUNTIES

Commissioner Woods made a motion to pay our dues of \$253.00 to the Montana Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties for 2018. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright was in to give an update on Extension programs. MSU Extension is presenting programs dealing with the mental health issues in Montana. Jesse has put together a radio spot to talk about the fall burn down of weeds in dry conditions.

INDEPENDENCE BANK

The Commissioners hosted a meeting with Independence Bank.

FIRST SECURITY BANK

The Commissioners hosted a meeting with First Security Bank. After some discussion, Liberty County will be moving their account from Wells Fargo to First Security Bank. CJI School will be using the same bank.

HEMMER LLC MINOR SUBDIVISION

The Commissioners reviewed the preliminary plat for a one lot minor subdivision Hemmer LLC Minor Subdivision. The document had been sent to Staley Engineering for review. The Commissioners took the recombination to approve. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried with all in favor.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson was in to discuss the Justice Court.

AUDITOR

WEED DEPARTMENT

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman