

**August 3<sup>rd</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. Highlights of the meeting included:

- ❖ August 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a 5-county DES planning meeting at the Chester Firehall
- ❖ Training sessions will be planned in October for NIMS 701 & 703 (4-hours each).
- ❖ LMC is now offering "occupational therapy" (contracted through Conrad). LMC will soon be re-certified as a "Level-4 Trauma Center".

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. Highlights of the meeting:

- ❖ Current balance of all accounts = \$66,000 + (which includes two recent donations of \$4,000 BNSF and \$5,000 U.S. Bank);
- ❖ The council plans to sponsor a solicitation campaign for the new center. Ideas include door-to-door, telephone calls, informative brochure, and/or memorial / gift bricks;
- ❖ Rod Keith has updated the charges for "pleasure trips" (chartered) through our transit/bus system;
- ❖ The new project is officially underway; Patrick Construction is doing earthwork.

**SENIOR CENTER PROJECT**

Shawn Norick went down to the new Senior Center site and discussed the dirt moving. A new sample of the dirt from the top-soil pile has been sent to SK Geotek for testing.

**LMC BOND ISSUE**

Ron Gleason and Shari Meissner stopped in and discussed language and timing of the Hospital Levy request.

**LIBERTY COUNTY MUSEUM**

Betty Marshall informed the Commissioners about a continuation of the siding project on the old school house at the Museum.

**LIBERTY COUNTY AUDIT FOLLOW-UP**

The Commissioners sent a "letter of response" to our recent audit to Bob Denning of Denning, Downey and Associates.

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

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Wednesday

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#### SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

The Commissioners went down to inspect the Senior Center site. Patrick Construction is digging the footings on this day.

#### JOHN DEERE MOTORGRADER

Jerry Ridgeway from RDO stopped in to have us peruse the paperwork / contract on the new J.D. motor grader. The Commissioners requested a more specific itemization of the additional features (to avoid any issues when the unit arrives). After numerous e-mails and telephone calls to RDO, the group finally approved the contractual details except for the financial terms (to be finalized on delivery).

#### LIBERTY COUNTY AMBULANCE

Yvonne Hunnewell was in to discuss options on the ambulance:

1. Gas versus diesel: gas preferred if it comes in a 1 ½ ton;
2. Ford, Chevy versus Dodge;
3. 4-wheel drive is only in Type-1 chassis (pick-up) versus Type-3 chassis (van) : no 4 wheel needed;
4. 4 companies have been contacted and specs are coming;
5. 1-ton versus 1 ½ ton.

Underlined items above were the Commissioners preferred choices, depending on the staff preferences, cost factors, and availability.

#### SENIOR CENTER INSURANCE

The Commissioners telephoned Tina at Wood Enterprises to report that our project started on 8-2-2010, so she can enforce the "Builder's Risk" policy. She indicated that the policy has been active since 7-1-2010 (per contracts / paperwork from Annmarie Robinson). She would appreciate another call when we start the actual building construction.

#### CATERPILLAR

T&E (Kraig Pester) called to ask the Commissioners to return their Bid Bonds on the recent bidding process. The Commissioners mailed the two bonds back on this day.

#### CLAIMS

Current claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept for payment the claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Rockman 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.

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Chairman

**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Thursday**

Commissioner Tempel telephoned Kent Matkin at Pugsley Ranches about utilizing some of their reject gravel for the Senior Center project. Kent agreed to let us have what we needed. The Commissioners will compute an "in-kind" value for Pugsley's as a possible tax-deduction/donation. A public acknowledgment will also be done.

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Highlights of the Cemetery Board meeting on this date:

1. For fiscal year 2009-2010; the Liberty County Cemetery District stayed under their budget by around \$5,700;
2. During this past year, the total water expense for the Chester & Joplin Cemeteries was \$4,233;
3. The district is planning a future fund to replace the John Deere grounds mower;
4. Fern Wolery attended the meeting and agreed to replace Ron Wolery as the new board member.

**August 10<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.

**DEPT OF AG REQUEST**

Commissioner Hendrickson received a telephone call from the Department of Agriculture requesting a special container for disposal of plastic jugs containing chemicals (herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, etc). After some discussion, the Commissioners choose not to get involved in this due to liability issues. This should be a city landfill issue, as that is where these jugs are being dumped.

**MDPHHS CONTRACT**

A contract was submitted between the MDPHHS and Liberty County (Addendum #1 to Contract # 11-07-5-01-026-0) relating to reports, deliverables, and due dates on public health funds. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Karla Kulpas is to pick up the contract and mail to appropriate agency.

**CORRESPONDENCE ON AIRPORT PROJECT**

Correspondence from Bill Burkland was reviewed. Knife River plans to work at the Liberty County Airport from 8-23-2010 to about 9-20-2010 (4-week job). The runway will be closed from 9-6-2010 to 9-14-2010. The Commissioners have agreed to topsoil stripping for the new "overflow" apron. There are also two issues:

1. change from "Type I" versus "Type II" beacon (a cold-weather version is needed) – and –
2. more seeding / fertilizing / mulching will be needed than originally planned.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

Seven department heads were present for the monthly meeting (Rhonda, Gayle, Anne, Rachel, Shawn, Jim, and Jesse). They updated the Commissioners on current happenings in their offices. The Commissioners requested advance notice on any purchases in excess of \$500. The raises for the new fiscal year will be reflected on the upcoming payroll checks. The Commissioners will investigate potential computer services via Triangle Telephone.

**LIBERTY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

The planning board reviewed a minor subdivision (a 4.1 acre plot in the Dailey Subdivision purchased by Cory Decker) and recommended approval by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept this subdivision. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Shawn Norick reported:

- ❖ about 100 yards of reject gravel was hauled from the Pugsley pit to the Senior Center project yesterday;
- ❖ he received a request by Mrs. John Standiford to grade the old road into the "Walkman" place east of Gary Standiford's. The Commissioners agreed that this will not be done until we've caught up on other road work;
- ❖ the group discussed the airport topsoil stripping that has to be done before September 1<sup>st</sup>;
- ❖ the group briefly discussed details regarding the new grader.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

JoAnn Printy (Glacier County appraiser) and Donna Flaherty (new Liberty County appraiser) were in to discuss questionable discrepancies in the recent printouts on taxable valuations for Liberty County. Donna will check over those forms for clarification and report back to us soon. Rhonda and Gayle were at this meeting.

**MACO REFUNDS**

The county has received two refund checks from MACo: \$280 – JPIA Loss Control and \$1,260 – JPA Worker's Compensation Safety / Loss Control for fiscal year 2009-10! These refunds were paid for a good year with few losses in Liberty County.

**LIBERTY COUNTY AMBULANCE**

Yvonne Hunnewell brought in specs for the new ambulance. A "loaded" one looks good for around \$123,000. Yvonne also called Benefis about the possibility of purchasing our old ambulance for airport transfers. She was told "emphatically" that Benefis will not purchase any ambulance and compete with local services.

**RUSSELL COUNTRY**

The Commissioners wrote a letter to "Russell Country" re-appointing Betty Marshall as our local representative and confirming Pat Ludwig's retirement from the Russell Country board effective 6-30-2010.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept for payment the claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

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

**AIRPORT PROJECT**

The Commissioners telephoned Peccia and Associates regarding the airport. They expressed the need to have topsoil stockpiled. The Commissioners went to the airport to look for available dirt (possibly, from the elevated road west of the hangers).

**TRIANGLE TELEPHONE**

The Commissioners telephoned Triangle Communications to inquire about computer services. Either Shane or Bethany will stop by at their earliest convenience.

**SUBDIVISION UPDATE**

The official plat map for the Cory Decker subdivision was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

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

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Wednesday

Commissioner Rlynn Rockman was in the office on the above stated date, to address any issues and complete follow-up on pending / unresolved items.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Commissioner Rockman placed a telephone call to Penny Walston, who needs / requests a PIO (Public Information Officer) documented and trained to satisfy the PH deliverables. Penny will notify the Commissioners when a PIO course becomes available.

**TRIANGLE TELEPHONE**

Commissioner Rockman placed a telephone call to Triangle Telephone regarding their "Community Vitality Program" – for potential funds at the new Senior Center project. This program has two entities: a *donation* side and an *economic development* side. We presently have two applications offered by Rod Keith: 1) A \$4,000 bid for donated services by Triangle Telephone for equipment and labor for a telephone system installation at the new center, and 2) An economic vitality grant for \$2,200 for a new ice machine. These two items will be addressed at the Triangle Telephone board meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MUSEUM**

The planned remodel work on the old school house (includes re-siding, new soffits / fascia, and windows) is planned for this fall. Cory Decker has signed a contract for the work. We plan to "plug" the windows on the west side, but maintain the two windows on the south side. These two windows measure about 29" X 63". To replace them with Anderson type (vinyl clad, maintenance free, with a "tic-tac-toe" grid) will run at about \$200 each.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Commissioner Rockman placed a telephone call to Linda VandeSandt about "Russell Country". She thinks it would be good for her to be a part of this organization; but still needs approval from her board. She will get back to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

**GRAVEL PIT**

Commissioner Rockman placed a telephone call to Ray Seidlitz about his gravel pit. Ray's wife, Sharon, reports that the pit is just off the Pugsley Road west of their place. It is not a big pit, and there is a lot of pit-run. Jerry Fenger has been hauling a lot from it. Ray will call the Commissioners back regarding price / availability / etc.

There is potentially another gravel pit in the Devon area (John & Julie Shear).

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

August 17<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.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on the roads, several recent mechanical problems, and other issues. The crew is busy grading due to recent moisture and good conditions.

To date the crew has hauled about 320 yards of reject gravel from the Pugsley pits to the Senior Center project.

Rodney Svenson reminded the Commissioners that they agreed to flat-blade the road west of his place to accommodate harvest truck traffic. The Commissioners also received a call from Arnie Woods. Initially, Jerry Ghekier at the Road Department was telephoned; then later confirmed these projects with Shawn Norick.

#### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Penny Walston brought the Commissioners new calculations to clarify the discrepancies in our taxable valuations (refer to minutes dated 8-10-2010). They found a \$100,000 differential from last year's reporting attributed to the Tiber Hydro project.

#### SENIOR CENTER

Rod Keith came in to update the Commissioners on the new project. Concrete footings were poured yesterday.

Rod had let some of his grocery supplies dwindle down these past few month; that is what accounted for the excess expenditures on last months grocery claims.

Rod reported that Triangle Telephone recently donated a quarter of beef to our local Senior Center. Triangle Telephone purchased a 4-H steer at the Hill County Fair, then donated it to various entities in their system.

#### AIRPORT PROJECT

The three commissioners and Shawn Norick attended the pre-construction conference at the airport regarding the resurfacing / repair project planned for August/September at the Liberty County Airport [Project #AIP 3-30-0013-005-2010; RPA #08012.0]. The conference was conducted by Bill Burkland of Peccia and Associates. Also present were representatives from Knife River (general contractor), various subs, and Airport Board Chairman Jim Briden.

The Commissioners agreed to provide an adequate supply of top-soil (from the temporary road SW of main hangar), which the Road Department will mow, scrape, and pile. Knife River, in turn, will haul and stock-pile all millings / chips from the apron area for our potential / future use on the Senior Center project. Knife River sub will seed and fertilize the additional acre for \$60 and there will be an acceptable change-order on the recommended "all-weather" beacon. The electrical work at the airport will be done by Pavlic Electric; the beacon will be installed on the water tower by Pavlic with a crane via Dick Irvin.

The project will have a 45-day contract time from 8-23-2010 to 10-06-2010. The runway may be closed for up to 20 days during this process.

Penalties, postings, wages, materials, on-site testings, equipment, and other subjects were discussed in detail. The conference concluded with questions and a site "walk-through".

#### CYBER-SECURITY

Our insurance representative, Tina Wood, met with Rlynn to discuss insurance liability for potential cyber breaches (invasion of privacy issues; i.e., everything from medical issues to social security numbers to driver's license numbers to banking information that is on our computer files). Before an underwriter will insure Liberty County, we need a security policy in place. The questionnaire addressed many issues, some specific to various departments. Tina will do some additional research, then meet with the Commissioners and the department heads as a whole on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Cyndee Fraser sent e-mails to all concerned.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

Commissioner Rockman visited with Denise Wanken, the JP clerk, to discuss the record keeping at the JP office. She receives an itemized list of the current tickets with attached bonds (checks and cash) on a weekly basis. She confirms that these ticket numbers and monies match, then signs the receipted list. The tickets / funds are then entered into her computer system. Defendants who do not post bond, but appear in court and are fined, come directly to her for payment (or terms for payment). The fine is documented and posted in her records. There seems to be an adequate "checks and balances" procedure in force for this particular system. There are still questions about voided or misplaced tickets, as all tickets are numbered sequentially.

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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Chairman

**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ♦ Thursday**

**SENIOR CENTER PROJECT**

Commissioner Rockman received a telephone call from Bret Patrick of Patrick Construction regarding the soil test on the excess "Shettel" dirt at the construction site. Rlynn called "Jana" at SK Geotech to see if the test was completed. A return telephone call was received from Bret Warren (Billings – SK Geotech). He said that he had just e-mailed the results to Russ Wolfe. This dirt is similar to the other soil (our first tested sample) and qualifies for lean clay. His only concern is that there may be some "organic" material in this new dirt. Bret Patrick was notified; he thinks this particular dirt is better than the stuff we hauled in from the City treatment plant.

In addition, Rlynn met Bret Patrick and Dave Clausen at the site to discuss their preferred water source. John Kleinsasser stated that the city wants them to use the pump station, but Patrick/Clausen prefers to hook up directly to the hydrant on the NE corner of the site. Rlynn spoke with Rod Keith and Noel Walston (council members), who have no problem with the hydrant use. John Kleinsasser will supervise the hydrant hook-up procedures and weekend shut-off. Compaction and back-fill will begin Monday (8-23-2010).

August 24<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 and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

#### HERD DISTRICT

Rudy Cicon and Sheriff Burrows were in to discuss the newly formed Herd District north of Chester. It seems there are continued problems with uncontrolled cattle, specifically, on the Earl Colbry Ranch. Possible solutions were discussed.

#### PAYROLL

The current county payroll was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the payroll and withholdings. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### BALLOT ISSUE

Election Administrator Rhonda Pimley was in to discuss the ballots for the upcoming General Election. Because of the many initiatives, we may have to go to a two page ballot, which could be a nightmare to count/canvass. The Commissioners will examine the LCH/NH mill levy request in hopes of "shortening" the wording/etc so that it might fit on a preferred 1-page ballot.

County Attorney Hugh Brown is out of the office today. The group discussed this issue with Ron Gleason.

In addition, Rhonda requested that the levy in question have the lettering taken out of "all capitals" and reduce in size/font. These simple changes proved to be successful in fitting the proposal on a single page ballot.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on several road and equipment issues. The crew is presently grading and will be mowing ditches next week.

#### EMPLOYEE APPLICATION

Adam Munson dropped off an application for County employment (for any job that may come available).

#### EMS / DES

Yvonne Hunnewell was in to discuss several items:

- ❖ They're still receiving information on MEDTECH versus WHEEL COACH ambulances, and the crew consensus seems to be to get a 2009 or 2010 diesel (rather than wait for the 2011 gas engines). A ballpark price would be around \$128,000; the newest ones will run up to \$145,000;
- ❖ Yvonne is working on a grant for a few ambulance priorities:
  1. a new power cot for \$13,000 and/or;
  2. new radios/pagers;
- ❖ The local ambulance crew will be on-site at all varsity football games, but the other school events will be covered by 9-1-1 calls. To cover all sports events would require about 500 hours;
- ❖ The 5-county DES planning meeting has been rescheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>. A Coop-Cog exercise will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on September 7<sup>th</sup> after LEPC. The NIMS 400 training will be September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### SENIOR CENTER

Rod Keith was in with a news brief from Karin Roehm at the NCAA in Conrad: "All stimulus funding must be spent by September 30, 2010" or it will have to be returned to the State. Rod indicated that he "loads up" on supplies/etc in July, August, and September to spend down these fund-types: State Rate, State OTO, Federal OTO, Stimulus C1 and C2 funds.



**LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE**

Sheriff Burrows reported a serious road issue with potential liability problems near the Vern Pimley farm. This road was damaged due to heavy rains and run-off. The road has now been repaired.

Sheriff Burrows also reported that he recently housed a defendant at \$50/day X 7 days, who fulfilled his sentence locally via a Nevada infraction.

Sheriff Burrows attended the Rocky Boy Water Project (North Central MT Regional Water Authority) dedication on August 20<sup>th</sup>, south of Chester.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere was in to report that Wayne Wardell was medically approved to work 5 hours / day (a copy of the doctor’s release is on file). Bob Ruddick may begin working 5 hour days, too, as his wife is now recuperating. Jim is also considering other options in hopes of getting caught up on spraying projects.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Commissioners received a letter from Berry Y&V Fabricators, LLC of Billings seeking information about the possibility of their company moving oversize fabricating components through various counties, including Liberty County. The Commissioners consulted with Sheriff Burrows, Shawn Norick, and Rachel Ghekiere (re: bus routes) about the matter, and then sent a response to their inquiry (the response was sent to James McCord).
2. Cheryl Ulmer offered an invitation to a Townhall meeting in Havre on August 25<sup>th</sup> to meet Homeland Security Secretary Napalitano and Senator’s Baucus and Tester.

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

**August 31<sup>st</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.

#### **LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER**

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel went to the Liberty Medical Center to meet with Ron Gleason, Ray Standiford, Kyle Rudolph, and Rory Seidlitz to discuss installation of new windows on the administrative wing. Mr. Seidlitz will review his bid to install smaller windows with more insulation around them.

#### **SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS**

Rachel Ghekiere came in to discuss the school budgets for the 2010-2011 school year. After some discussion and explanation from Rachel, a motion was made by Russ and seconded by Rlynn to accept the Liberty County School District mill levies totaling 122.11 mills. The motion carried. This proposal was based on 60% gas and oil revenues and 60% interest revenues. The four individual school budgets were signed by Chairman Hendrickson.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. All graders are out on the roads today. The group discussed problem areas, which the crew is addressing. They're also mowing. Shawn will check out water drainage problems in Joplin (specifically near Vern Pimley's). Shawn asked for approval to order tires for two pickups. The motor mounts on one of the graders are bad.

#### **PAYROLL**

The Commissioners approved payment of the current payroll and withholdings.

#### **GRAVEL SCREENER**

The Commissioners made an inquiry on a 1994 Read RD40B screener; JD diesel engine with 2500-300 hours; 3" top screens and 1 ½" bottom screens; weight = 10,000 lbs; tires average; price = \$11,000 + \$2,200 delivery from Aurora, Colorado via ETI Equipment.

#### **BUDGETS**

Budgets for the Liberty County Trust & Agency funds, including the Museum Fund, West Liberty County Rural Fire District Fund, Joplin Rural Fire District Fund, TV District, Airport Commission, and Cemetery District were scrutinized by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve these budgets for the fiscal year 2010-2011. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **BOR**

Mike LaFrentz stopped in to thank the Commissioners for their accurate receipts on the Recreation Shelters. The group also visited about BOR's upcoming job opportunities and the Marina concessions contract.

#### **SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR**

Rod Keith was in to discuss his proposals to re-adjust his employee's pay scale to a 2-year cap versus his present multi-year scale. The Commissioners will take the information under advisement.

**SENIOR CITIZEN / BUS BARN PROJECT**

A meeting was held with Annmarie Robinson and Rod Keith to discuss the first billing cycle on the new project.

- ❖ Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the pay estimates as submitted. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried;
- ❖ Commissioner Tempel made the motion to utilize the remnants of HB645 (ARRA), and MDOT money and start using CDBG monies. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Rhonda and Gayle came in to understand the funding process; regarding the non-interest bearing account and the 3-day payment.

A teleconference was conducted to Dave Clausen to check on current status of project. He recently sent a project schedule / calendar to WAG for approval. Dave reports they are approximately one week behind schedule due to rainy weather and proctor samples on fill-dirt.

**LIBRARY**

The Commissioners received a letter dated 08-25-2010 from Peg Duffin, Chairman of the Library Board, requesting the Librarian (Teresa Fenger) be a salaried employee rather than hourly employee. Teresa came in to express her thoughts on this and get answers from the Commissioners. It was explained that the Commissioners presently have a call into the Department of Labor & Industry (John Andrews) regarding this matter.

**WADDELL & REED**

Waddell and Reed sent the Commissioners a "Heroes Earnings & Assistance Relief Tax Act of 2008" application for consideration. After review, Commissioner Rockman made the motion to sign the form and make it available to interested employees. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere was in to update the Commissioners on the weed department. Wayne Wardell is working 1/2 days, but Jim won't allow him to work on his own. Stan Huhtala has recently been laid-off at Toole County Weed Department due to budget constraints, so Jim plans to call him to see if he wants to finish off our weed year in Liberty County. Jim may also have a chance to utilize the young man with "20 hours of community service" on a weed-spraying grant at Pugsley's.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ❖ A sympathy card was sent to Mike Wendland (Hill County Commissioner) for the recent death of his mother;
- ❖ A sympathy card was sent to Harriet Marble and family in the passing her husband and former Liberty County Commissioner, Don Marble;
- ❖ A letter was sent to the Liberty County Fire Department in appreciation of their good work and a recommendation related to washing vehicles outside of the firehall during good weather.

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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Chairman