

August 6th, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

LEPC

There were nine attendees, including the three County Commissioners at this month's LEPC meeting. Barb Beck brought her updated goals for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc updated us on issues at the road department. They have fixed the Black Jack Road, and there was water over the Lothair Road that is being fixed.

PRE DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

Bar Beck was here for a Public Meeting regarding the Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Plan adaptations were discussed, but as no person came forward and presented public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

LIBRARY

Teresa said that they are explaining using the Transit buses to bring kids to the Library. The Commissioners will look into the rules on this matter.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Mike LaFrenz discussed the current operational plan with the BOR. Commissioner Tempel made the motion that was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to sign the BOR forms 425 and 270. The motion carried.

DES

Ed Gerke updated the Commissioners on current issues. We will have to complete an audit for past years. Darryl has been notified.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to pay salaries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tempel, and the motion carried.

MUSEUM

The Museum Board met with the Commissioners to discuss the recommended by-law updates. Hugh Brown was present for advice.

CLAIMS

Claims were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and was seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to pay all the current claims.

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

The County and the Liberty Medical Center contracted with Lea Anne Lewis (SCPC) to provide mental health counseling services in Liberty County one day / month. Her first day will be August 12th. The Commissioners put a new story about Ms.Lewis in the Liberty County Times dated 8-7-2013.

CROSSING PERMIT

Hill County Electric sent an official request on behalf of Ray Ramberg showing location and description of road crossing, which was approve on 7-30-2013. The paperwork was given to Marc Holmes.

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 7th, 2013 ♦ Wednesday

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VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

We organized a list of all of our active volunteer firemen for our insurance agency to complete the research on Workmans comp. Wood Enterprises completed the necessary Workmans Compensation Insurance applications for submitting to the Montana State Fund, which were signed by Jim Coffman of the Joplin Rural Fire District (20 members) and James Dahlen of the West Liberty Rural Fire District (18 members). The applications are for bids only; first estimates are \$3,684 (Joplin) and \$3,316 (West Liberty).

Question: Is volunteer, Richard Burrows, already covered under Work comp?

EMS

Tara Hendrickson stopped in to discuss a few items relating to EMS:

- 1) She's receiving a statement from Bear Paw Credit Union on an account under "Liberty County Quick Response Unit" with a balance of \$61.12 that is presently "red flagged" (due to dormancy). She is unable to get information on this account due to the fact that the two signatures on it are Yvonne Hunnewell and Ron Lineweaver. We will follow-up on this.....

(Yvonne will close this account at the BPCU and transfer the \$61.12 to the ambulance fund).

- 2) The current "air cards" in the computers at EMS for use is doing "trip reports" on return ambulance trips from Great Falls transfers, do not work as predicted due to poor cell / internet service between Great Falls and Chester. She is going to discontinue our service contract, if possible, with those agencies involved.

JOPLIN SEWER DISTRICT

Rob Moog stopped in at our request to discuss the pivot located at the Joplin Sewer reservoir. We have been making sizable monetary repairs to this equipment on an annual basis, much to our chagrin. May's use the pivot to irrigate local grass using excess fluid in the reservoir. Our suggestion is to give the pivot to May's for their upkeep / responsibility. We visited with Hugh Brown regarding paperwork and research.

GIS / GPS GRANT

Gail Shatkus was in to report that the MAPS group will be here the week of August 12th. A meeting with the county, city, school, weed department, and cemetery district will be August 14th.

CELL PHONE UPDATES

Jim Ghekiere delivered the four new cell phone systems, all programmed and ready for use....Road Department, Weed Department, Extension Office and a "floater" phone.

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 13th, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. The crew is presently repairing water holes on Bears Den and Blackjack Roads; cleaning out culverts; also general grading. Marc reports that Carl Mattson / crew ran a personal grader on the road north of Sylvia Jensen's and left a "wall of grass/dirt" on the edges to prohibit easy access to the fields by area farmers. Marc, Trey, and Vern cleaned up the branches from the trim job on the courthouse tree on 8-12-2013 per our request – good job! Marc will be gone September 3,4,5 on vacation; Jerry Ghekiere will be the "acting super" in his absence.

JOPLIN SEWER

Hugh Brown stopped in to look at our old files regarding the pivot system at the Joplin Sewer District, so he can begin the paperwork on transferring ownership of the pivot.

LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon stopped in to discuss the upcoming "4-H Achievement Night" possible program and location for this event.

MENTAL HEALTH

Lea Anne Lewis, LCPC, spent her first day at Liberty Medical Center on 8-12-2013. She met with CEO Dustin Ahrens and Commissioner Rockman to confirm / sign contracts. She organized her office and counseled a few clients in the afternoon.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to update us on center issues. Everything is running smoothly. Glenda will be gone on vacation on August 19, 20, 21.

COUNTY JANITORIAL / MAINTENANCE

- 1) John Melton plans to go on social security on 10-1-2013, so he can work only 4 hours / day to qualify for the social security benefits. He would like to continue cleaning the Senior Center only.
- 2) Vern Holmes would like to cut back to about 3 days / week at about 4 hours / day so he can qualify for retirement benefits, effective ASAP.

ROAD ISSUE

John Fritz stopped in to report that the road just west of his place is treacherous to travel due to ruts, water holes, etc. Marc Holmes was notified.

RDO

We called RDO to discuss the following charges per bill received on our "loaner grader":

- 1) Repair broken mirror = OK, as we damaged it;
- 2) Repair lights and bent step = not OK, as these were already damaged when the grader was delivered to us;
- 3) Full-service to grader after it was picked-up = We question this because we didn't have the grader long enough to justify a service detail; if requested, we would have done the service job here at a lot less expense; and they sold the loaner with a service job a part of the deal (so we shouldn't have to pay for that!);
- 4) Footnote: The replacement loaner was also delivered with a bent stop!

Commissioner Hendrickson telephoned Eric Bechtold at RDO, who will adjust the bill accordingly.

A.T. KLEMENS

We final caught up with Klemens manager, Dennis "Jake" Zermeski, regarding invoive #E3157 dated 5-21-2013 for \$1,204.07 for repairs to the two food service "gage doors" at the center. The bill was heavy in labor and mileage for two trips to Chester from Great Falls. After the job was done, we had additional electrical problems, so we called Dale Pimley to solve it! Zeke agreed to adjust the bill; he called back to offer a \$190.00 adjustment.

MACO

We called Liz, workmans comp claims representative at MACo, to discuss our road department employee presently on workmans comp. He last saw the Nurse Practitioner on 7-29-13 and was referred to a pain specialist in Great Falls. MACo's last official notice on this employee was dated 7-15-2013; at that time his condition was listed as "modified" (very restricted duties at 3 days/week at 4 hrs / day). We couldn't put him back to work with these limited restrictions. Liz will keep us informed.

NCAAA

Karen Roehm, director of NCAAA, called Commissioner Rockman with "good news" on 8-8-13. The area agency was anticipating around \$250,000 in State funds this year as a one-time payment, but the last legislature mandated an additional \$90,000 to base funds. Therefore, this year's payment will be \$341,908. We decided to withdraw our plans to dip into our reserves for distribution to area Senior Centers.

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 14th, 2013 ♦ Wednesday

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MAPS

The Commissioners met with Toole County and the MAPS people. Mallory Ripenburg, Matt Pierce, Thad Kaiser, Rudy Cicon, Gail Shatkus, Jesse Fulbright, Jim Ghekiere, Pat Ludwig, and Dylan Berg were the members present.

Matt discussed the proposed plan which is already started in Toole County. They will digitize all maps. Gail talked about Liberty County grants. Pat stated what information that she already had, and talked about what she was hoping to have as an end product. Rudy had questions about accuracy and how Matt would get to less than submeter. Rudy felt that we needed to get the best data available to make the product the best it could be. The group discussed the ability to share the equipment to give all the users opportunity to use it.

SCHOOL BUDGETS

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the school budgets. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to pay the claims as they have been presented. 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.

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Clerk

Chairman

August 20th, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. They're mowing at Windy Ridge and McDowell's and working on the Blackjack Road. Several employees are off this week due to harvest / family illness. Will re-work the John Fritz road following Charlie's difficult attempt last week. Last week a local farmer pulled a make-shift blade over 1000 Road South and made a mess of the road! The crew recently worked the Tiber Road. It's obvious it's harvest time due to powder conditions and "wear" to the road centers. While working on Blackjack, Trey bent a truck wheel and blew out a tire after backing over a boulder. Marc received a current "medical status" report on the road crew employee who is presently on workman's comp. The employee is still scheduled to see a specialist.

PAYROLL

The current county payroll was submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to approve payroll.

VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

We received the quotes from the MT State Fund for Worker's Comp premiums for our volunteer firemen as follows:

- 1) West Liberty Rural Fire District = \$3,564.73
- 2) Joplin Rural Fire District = \$3,941.92

We still need tax ID numbers for these two districts, so we contacted Hugh Brown to process the necessary paperwork to obtain these numbers.

I.T. SERVICES

Matt Davison of DIS Technologies came to see us about potential I.T. services. Rhonda Pimley met him at her recent Clerk & Recorder's convention and he requested a meeting with us. His company is presently handling MACo's I.T. and they serve several Montana counties, cities, and schools. They can provide the same services we are now getting from Morrison & Maierle and more (i.e., internet, phones, printers, and a "county silo" program). His quote / box is less expensive than Morrison & Maierle's, as is his hourly service rate. Because we haven't yet signed a new yearly contract with Morrison & Maierle (which is \$510 / month plus extras), we agreed to let him do an initial review of our system (the first two hours are free), then we'll make a decision. He did look at our current cables, which we've nknow are antiquated and need of updating.

JOPLIN SEWER DISTRICT

Hugh Brown finished his research on the Joplin Sewer District pivot. His letter to us addresses the issue and recommends that we offer the pivot for public or private sale. A copy of the letter and short not was forwarded to Rob Moog.

LAKE ELWELL SHELTERS

We received the bill from Cicon & Associates for services rendered in the required surveying and documentation of elevations for each of our recreational shelters at Lake Elwell. We had to comply per FEMA request to get the "hold back" monies for repairs due to the water damages in 2011. Cicon bill = \$3,979.50.

COUNTY JANITORIAL

Current janitor, John Melton, is retiring to Social Security on 10-01-2013. He can make minimal extra money, so requested that we keep him on as the Senior Center janitor (4 hours per day = 20 hours per week). We spoke with Glenda Hanson, who is happy with his work at the center.

Current maintenance man, Vern Homes, is also looking to cut back on hours due to age, etc, but is willing to stay on with the county if possible.

We called Ruth Ann Norick to consider a part time janitor job for this winter / spring to handle the courthouse and /or library. She will get back to us.

SAFE DRIVING CLASS

There is a "Safe Driving" class by MACo scheduled for October 15th and 16th in Chester.

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

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Chairman

August 27th, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

GPS / GIS GRANT

Gail Shatkus reported that the base station site will be located tomorrow (8-28-13). She would like Jim Ghekiere, Rudy Cicon and one of us available to meet with Brice of Selby's.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to update us on road issues. The crane charge via Dick Irvin to retrieve the grader from the ditch on the Fritz road was \$650. The crew is mowing and grading this week. The Road Department picked up a year's supply of filters for the two new cat graders = \$2,400. Two workers are currently on vacation. Marc will be gone next week on vacation (Jerry will be in charge in his absence).

EMS

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly EMS meeting on 8-26-13. A training class is being planned to update first responders to EMT's.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss center issues. Not much to report, except the two freezers from Lowe's are presently down (parts have been ordered).

SCHOOL BUDGET

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to resign the revised school budget and levies. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

JUVENILE PROBATION / YOUTH COURT

We received a \$60.00 check from the Youth Court for credit on account of juvenile "R.D." for malicious damage to the cemetery shop. Check was given to Rachel Ghekiere at Liberty County Cemetery District.

RDO

Jerry Ridgeway called, then faxed two loaner agreements for a 2012 JD 872 G and a 2011 JD 672 G. We signed the documents and returned via fax the same day. Tina Wood was notified regarding the insurance.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson asked for permission to be out-of-state (to Alberta) on the weekend of 9-7-2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. 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