

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 ♦ Monday**

Commissioner Morb Wicks came to the Courthouse for the filming of the Chester the Cheetah Commercial. Chester the Cheetah was running for Mayor of Chester against Mayor Noel Walston. The commercial will be on the internet. The film crew used the Courthouse as one of its backgrounds.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ 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: Commissioner Morb Wicks. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel were available by phone.

**PAYROLL**

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson via phone and seconded by Commissioner Tempel via phone. The motion was approved with all in favor.

**LEPC**

Commissioner Wicks attended the LEPC meeting and signed the Wage Grant papers for DES. Various reports were given on the happenings in the County. A discussion with Brenda Wickum and Karla Kulpas was the possibility of combining the Public Health position and the Emergency Preparedness position. The dates are still in question.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Landscaping at the Center was discussed. We are still waiting on news from the MDT CTEP Grant.

**EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright updated on what was new in the Extension Office. He will be on vacation August 13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**SENIOR CENTER**

It was decided if the bus went out of town on a trip; the County will pay for the bus drivers' lunch.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Marc Holmes was waiting for the final confirmation from BNSF on the Beulow Crossing. Kevin Sculley, the new mechanic has started work.

**BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT**

Bear Paw Development called and they are still looking for an answer on the CTEP project.

**LIBRARY**

Teresa Fenger is having a staffing problem with Fridays. She is wondering if they do not find anyone to work, will they need to be closed on Fridays. An agreement was signed with Knaws Inc. to use their sign by Cheri's Montana Lounge to advertise the Library.

**ROB MOOG**

Rob Moog gave his letter of resignation for the Tax Appeal Board. He also has concerns about the pivot at the Joplin Sewer Lagoon.

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

Laurie Hall was in to discuss the new valuations. They went up 21%. She said with the appeal process it may go down.

**CLAIMS**

The current claims were submitted for payment. After reviewing the claims Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion via phone and Commissioner Wicks seconded. All were in favor to approve the claims.

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ Wednesday**

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**EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright and Julie Gagnon were in to visit about the carcass show at the fair. New ideas were discussed on what new programs to offer in 4-H.

**ART MOBILE OF MONTANA**

The Art Mobile will be in Chester September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at the Senior Center.

**CJI SCHOOLS**

Renee Richter, the School Clerk, was in to discuss the new county valuations. The school will have a budget meeting August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to finalize their budget.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Pat Ludwig was in to talk about the programs being offered at the Senior Center.

**TAX VALUATIONS**

Alan Skari was in concerned about the new tax valuations. He was inquiring about how the money will be spent.

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ Tuesday**

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#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Marc Holmes reported he has been having some issues with residents doing some unwanted road work. Someone filled in the low water crossing on the Black Jack Road. He will ask the Sheriff's Office for assistance in finding out who did it. He also had an issue on 1200 Road South where some approaches were installed without permits.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded to sign contract number 2016-003-108 between the Area 3 Agency on Aging and the Liberty County Commissioners for the Montana Older American Act Programs, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Glenda Hanson informed the Commissioners she had applied for capital assistance to purchase a 13 Passenger Cutaway Bus. She did receive it.

#### **WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere had one of his employees fall off a spray rig. He had him get checked out by Liberty Medical Center. He has the crew out on the lake spraying. Dow Agro Sciences will be doing a test of aerial spraying on the Russian olive trees. They will be using a helicopter to do the work. This is a test; it does not have to be paid by the grant.

#### **911**

Triangle Telephone has agreed to supply and install a pole for the new emergency siren. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded to use the bid from Sentury Siren to supply the new siren. All were in favor.

#### **PLANNING**

Angel Colbry, the Clerk & Recorder, visited with Stahly Engineering & Associates, Inc. about reviewing any Subdivision Plats and Certificate of Surveys the County receives. The cost of the reviews would be \$150.00. The Commissioners will visit with them at MACO in September.

#### **JANITOR**

Rachel Ghekiere will be filling in as janitor until RuthAnn Norick gets back from the Marina. The proposed date is September 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **HRDC**

Commissioner Tempel attended the HRDC meeting in Havre tonight.

**BNSF**

Commissioner Hendrickson emailed Jason Sanchez dealing with the Beulow Crossing. The contract was received and signed by BNSF and will be returned to the Commissioners.

**BLACK JACK ROAD**

The Commissioners had a call about the low water crossing on Bear Gulch Creek on the Black Jack Road. We will have the Road Department take a look and see what can be done.

**JUSTICE COURT**

The Justice of the Peace, Holly Frederickson, informed the Commissioners on the on goings in her court.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Doug Riffin had gone to investigate the Black Jack Road. He talked to the land owners in the area and helped resolve the issue.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Hugh Brown checked in to see if the Commissioners had any issues for him to work on. They did not have any at this time.

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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**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ Wednesday**

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**DEQ**

The Commissioners called Terry Campbell, PE of the DEQ WPC SRF Program, at the Technical Financial Assistance Bureau (406-444-7343). The conversation was related to the letter sent to the Commissioners on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 dealing with the Operation and Maintenance Inspection of the Joplin Wastewater Lagoons. The Commissioners found out if the pivot was sold Liberty County would still retain the discharge permit.

**STAHLY ENGINEERING**

The Commissioners had another call with Stahly Engineering who is proposing to rewrite our subdivision regulations. Stahly Engineering will be sending a proposal to us to review.

**CLAIMS**

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

**SENATOR STEVE DAINES OFFICE**

Alison Vergeront, a Representative of Senator Daines, was in to discuss issues in Liberty County. The topics discussed were roads, grain shipping, and farming.

**TAX PAYER INQUIRY**

John Laird asked how the new appraisal was going to affect local taxes.

**JOPLIN SEWER**

Rob Moog was in to discuss the Joplin Sewer District. The district will have to replace some sewer lines. Also discussed were the sewer lagoons and the access road to them. Also mentioned was the possibility of forming a new sewer district.

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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August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ Tuesday

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#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes has had the crew start mowing; it is slow going. The Road Department has fixed the GIS cables coming into the Courthouse to the base station. The Commissioners and Marc went to inspect the railroad crossing that the County will be improving to replace the Beulow Crossing. The Road Department will be making and installing a roof access to help with the maintenance of the stove roof vents at the Senior Center.

#### SENIOR CENTER

The Center is having an issue with the standalone fridge. Glenda Hanson will have it moved to the garage and will have it leak tested.

#### COUNTY SANITARIAN

Sarah Robbin was in on Friday to look at some septic systems and to inspect the Senior Center.

#### PAYROLL

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#### CLAIMS

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#### ROAD ISSUE

Marc Holmes reported the CCC and North Central Regional Water Line Crew had moved their equipment across Montana 366. The trucks got stuck and they were pulled out by a pay loader and drug down the road. The Commissioners sent an email and photos to the Congressional Delegation explaining what had happened and their dissatisfaction.

#### VEBA

The Commissioners contacted Melanie Denning at Montana VEBA. She explained that we are going about the process ok. A VEBA application will need to be attached to the last benefit check; so it can be sent in to enroll in the VEBA account.

**DES**

Darrell Stafford, the DES Coordinator, presented this year's forms to officially appoint him as the Liberty County DES Coordinator. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded, all were in favor. The copies of the forms are in the DES file in the Commissioner's Office.

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Marc Holmes is starting the 2100 Road East project. Pete Woods will be doing the scraper work for us. The Commissioners called Ray O'Brien about gravel crushing. We are trying to find out when he will be coming. The crew is mowing and getting some road work done.

**EAGLE SCOUT**

Cory Kelly was in to discuss the finished project of the Segmented Circle Panels at the Airport. The panels turned out very good.

**RESOLUTION 15-07**

Commissioner Wicks made a motion and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded; the motion passed with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 15-07  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGETS

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; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$110.00.

Fund 2800 Alcohol Rehab

WHEREAS, Fund 2800 received more in charges than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$3090.00;

Fund 2840 State Noxious Weed Grant

WHEREAS, Fund 2840 received more charges than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$4270.00;

Fund 2976 Immunization Grant

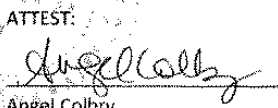
WHEREAS, Fund 2976 received more in charges for services than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$3920.00;

Fund 4030 CIP Fund-Library

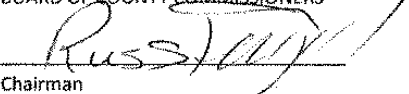
WHEREAS, Fund 4030 received more in charges than originally anticipated at the time of setting budgets; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$2510.00

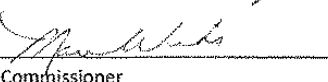
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the expansion of the above stated three funds have been duly approved for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

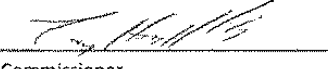
DATED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

ATTEST:  
  
Angel Colbry  
Liberty County Clerk & Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

**SAFETY MEETING**

Julie Gagnon presented some plans that are in the process of being updated in the safety manual. We reviewed the County car and pickup pre trip inspection. She will modify the manual and bring it back. Julie will also look for road side emergency kits for both vehicles.

**MONTANA OIL AND GAS COUNTIES**

The Montana Oil and Gas Counties dues are due for renewal. The amount is \$969.30. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded, all were in favor to pay the dues.

**TOWN OF CHESTER**

Mayor Noel Walston gave an update on the happenings in Chester. They have been doing street work and they had the old water tower repaired. The Town is very excited to be working with the new Sanitarian, Sarah Robbin. She has been doing a very good job.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson said all is going well at the Senior Center.

**LIBERTY COUNTY HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM**

Julie Gagnon has rewritten the program and recommended to have us adopt it. The Commissioners reviewed the program. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded to approve the program. It passed with all in favor.

**CIP FUNDS**

After reviewing the budgets the Commissioners made the decision to transfer some fund balances to their CIP Funds. They were:

Ambulance Fund 4035 - \$30,000.00

Senior Citizens Fund 4040 – \$20,000.00

Senior Transportation Fund 4041 –\$ 20,000.00

County Car Fund 4055 - \$10,000.00

Public Safety Fund 4046 - \$20,000.00

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Tempel seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Judge Frederickson updated the Commissioners on the working of her court.

**PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE**

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to allow Commissioner Wicks to be out of the state.  
Commissioner Tempel seconded; all were 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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