

September 1st, 2010 ♦ 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: Chairman Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Russ Tempel, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

LIBERTY COUNTY MUSEUM

Betty Marshall stopped by to discuss the installation of two new windows and a new door on the old school house building. The Board has a quote from Cory Decker on the windows, but not the door. The Commissioners telephoned Cory, who said he could purchase and install the door for \$275, so the group gave him the OK. Betty also discussed the Museum's summer success. They recently paid all bills and are getting ready to close it up for the winter months.

INTEROPERABILITY MONTANA

Ian Marquand met with the Commissioners and Sheriff Burrows to update them on the Interoperability Montana program. Highlights:

- ❖ Interoperability Montana is proposing to have 120 "approved" tower sites in Montana, 69 are presently up with 51 to be built. The project has cost \$60 million to date with another \$51 million to be spent. Projected to finish project in next 3 years. They hope to get funding from the State and Homeland Security to finish;
- ❖ A list of services provided by Interoperability Montana was discussed; the priority item was a "helpdesk" with 24/7 availability;
- ❖ Interoperability Montana's financial plan includes 75% from State funds and 25% from users;
- ❖ Interoperability Montana is proposing a fee of \$100-\$200 / radio user after the following conditions are met:
 1. All radios are registered;
 2. There must be full-service accessibility in the given area; and
 3. This could have a date-specific start.
- ❖ Each tower site will be paid around \$11,000 / year in maintenance costs;
- ❖ An estimated number of radios for Liberty County to be around 41 total. If 20% are registered, that would be 8 radios X around \$200 each = \$1,600 / year.

Interoperability Montana will be meeting with MACo for their support and further discussion will follow at our fall meeting in Billings.

AMBULANCE

The ambulance bookkeeper, Julie Erickson, came in to see us per our request. She produced her paperwork to become an "independent contractor", which she feels will benefit her in her bookkeeping business. She has been processing medicare claims via mail with 30-day payments. Recently, she's working on electronic processing, which is now required by medicare. The upside is that payments will come in 7 days!

In fiscal year 2009-2010 Julie sent out statement totaling around \$95,000; of which around \$55,000 was collected, around \$30,000 was not collected, and around \$10,000 was pending.

INSPECTION OF OFFICIAL BONDS

Per MCA 7-4-2213, the County Commissioners are required in September to inspect our official bonds in the county. After discussion with the Clerk & Recorder, our general obligation bond is now satisfied. The Commissioners confirmed earlier this year from Tina Wood that all elected officials are bonded through a blanket policy through JPIA. The Commissioners are satisfied that the bonds are all in order.

COUNTY CLASSIFICATION

Per MCA 7-1-2112, the County Commissioners are required to address our county classification in September of each year. Upon examining our FY2011 County Classification form, our certified taxable value for classification purposes is \$13,906,376 which drops us from a Class 4 county to a Class 5 county. We acknowledge this change in our classification.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

September 7th, 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.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

The Commissioners received a telephone call from Patrick Construction needing more dirt at the site of the senior center project. The Commissioners telephoned Shawn Norick, and he will have the crew take care of it. (1,000 more yards needed). The details were confirmed with John Kleinsasser at the Town of Chester.

AIRPORT

The airport project is needing more dirt piled (about 100 yards). The road crew will also take care of this matter.

The Commissioners telephoned Bill Burkland of Peccia & Associates and requested that the asphalt and gravel be piled separate.

LEPC

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly LEPC meeting at the firehall. Darrell Stafford presented a letter from DES which addressed our SFY 2011 grant [EMPG] from the US Department of Homeland Security. After reviewing the paperwork, Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept and sign the award. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Basic information regarding Grant #FY 2010-2011-EP-EO-0015:

- ❖ Total Federal and Jurisdiction Match = \$26,507.56
- ❖ Federal Funds = \$17,819.93
- ❖ Local County Hard Match = \$8,687.63
- ❖ In-Kind Match = \$9,132.30

Darrell also presented the preliminary Basic Emergency Operations Plan for Liberty and Toole Counties. The group reviewed the plan and made simple corrections and changes. Ed Gherke clarified the provisions regarding organization and assignment of responsibilities.

Commissioner Hendrickson remained at the Firehall to participate in the COOP/COG training.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. Highlights:

- ❖ An assessment of our transportation system will be done in October by an agent from the state;
- ❖ Rod Keith shared the new "mission statement" for our transportation department;
- ❖ Rod Keith recently applied for a grant for replacement of one bus and our current van;
- ❖ Tom Stuber from MDOT was here on Friday, September 3rd, to inspect the bus barn project at the new senior center site; everything looked good to him.

LIBERTY COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting.

Highlights:

- ❖ General discussion about the "engraved brick" program as a fund-raiser for the new center;
- ❖ Rod Keith clarified a policy about congregated nutrition services. Sweetgrass Lodge residences under 60 qualify for nutritional services there, but do not qualify for "free" meals at the Senior Center;
- ❖ Liberty County Senior Center won a quarter of a beef from Triangle Telephone on a drawing;
- ❖ Our two Triangle Telephone grant applications are "on-hold" pending their decision about Liberty County's zero-interest loan. These two grants were for telephone equipment and installation services at our new center – plus a request for a new ice-maker.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Annmarie Robinson sent the Commissioners a copy of all current paperwork dealing with the Senior Center project's CDBG drawdown request. It included spreadsheets, compliance statements, certified payroll reports, and required forms;
2. An e-mail was sent to Cindy Johnson (Pondera County Commissioner) about Liberty County's stance on First Responder testing for a resolution to MACo;
3. An e-mail was sent to Krystal Steinmetz about our upcoming CTEP meeting.

PAYROLL

The current county payroll and payroll deductions were submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, to approve all for payment as it has been submitted. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

The three commissioners met with Jeff Minckler, (Liberty County's negotiator), Max Hallfrisch, (Teamsters Local #2 agent), and Jerry Ghekiere, and Justin Maki, (Liberty County road crew representatives).

Item #1: The Commissioners proposal to offer a 25¢/hour raise to our union workers and to pay the monthly increase (approximately \$50) in medical insurance premiums to participating members retro-active to July 1st, 2010 was discussed. The union agreed to accept our proposal with the following inclusion: "The updated wage schedule will reflect the 1% increase for FY 2009-2010".

Item #2: There has been some differing views on the verbiage and interpretation of our categorization of wages related to length of service. The schedule in question reads as follows:

| SERVICE | WAGE |
|---------------|---------|
| Start | \$12.56 |
| 6-12 months | \$13.08 |
| 1-2 years | \$13.70 |
| 3-4 years | \$14.32 |
| After 4 years | \$14.60 |

Where the controversy lies:

- A. In the 6-12 month category, does the raise begin at the start of 6 months or the end of 6 months?;
- B. In the 1-2 years category, does the raise begin at one year and continue through the first and second years of employment?;
- C. Does the third raise begin at the two-year level or is there no raise during the 2-3 year period?; -or-
- D. In the 3-4 year category, does the raise begin on the third year and continue to the 4th year, then the final raise?

Following a group discussion and absorbing the Union's interpretation, the Commissioners and Jeff met privately to discuss a potential resolution. Our new proposal follows:

| SERVICE | WAGE |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Start | \$12.56 |
| Upon completion of 6 mos | \$13.08 |
| Upon completion of 1 yr | \$13.70 |
| Upon completion of 2yrs | \$14.32 |
| Upon completion of 4 yrs | \$14.60 |

The proposed verbiage and chart simplifies the interpretation and all of the categories in question. Please note that the wages listed need to be updated, but are shown in the examples as a guide only.

In summary, there will be No Raises upon the completion of 3 years (other than approved COLA).

To avoid potential arbitration and litigation the Commissioners offered this proposal retroactive to July 1st, 2010. All present agreed. Jeff Minckler will write-up the actual proposed verbiage and wages.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

September 8th, 2010 ♦ 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: Chairman Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

NIMS 400

A NIMS 400 class is being held at the Chester Firehall on 9-8-2010 and 9-9-2010 and instructed by Ed Gerke, Charley Hanson, and Linda Williams. Commissioner Hendrickson attended the class.

PRELIMINARY BUDGETS

Clerk & Recorder Rhonda Pimley submitted the preliminary budgets for review by the Commissioners. Ads have been placed in the Liberty County Times for final approval / public hearing on 9-14-2010.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekier reports that Marvin Krook is leaving Chester, so we need to replace him on the Weed Board. Because Marvin has been a longtime, loyal member, Jim is ordering an appreciation plaque.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Max Hallfrisch called to report that the Union (Road Crew) voted and approved our proposals (see Items #1 and #2 under Union Negotiations on 9-7-2010).

CLAIMS

The current months claims were submitted for review. Commissioner Rockman made the motion, and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded it, to approve the payment of these claims. The motion carried.

DON MARBLE, PAST COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The Commissioners telephoned the Liberty County Times to request a copy of Don Marble's obituary, which was then forwarded to MACo for their next newsletter and the upcoming conference in Billings.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

The Commissioners are continuing to get requests for more "lean clay" fill-dirt at the construction site. The engineers underestimated this by approximately 2,000 yards. The Commissioners put in a call to Russ Wolfe to express their disdain!

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

September 14th, 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 COUNTY AIRPORT PROJECT

A "change order" was submitted from Bill Burkland of Robert Peccia and Associates. Bill mistakenly ordered a Class I beacon rather than a Class II cold weather model. The cost difference is not significant, except for the electrical work. Our share on the change will be \$61.75. Commissioner Rockman made a motion to accept this change order. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Six department heads (Rachel Ghekiere, Rod Keith, Rhonda Pimley, Shawn Norick, Anne Seidlitz-Melton, and Hugh Brown) attended the monthly meeting. No serious issues were reported.

TINA WOOD, INSURANCE/SAFETY AGENT

Tina met with the Commissioners and the above stated department heads about two concerns:

1. Cyber Liability:

- A. MACo will provide insurance, but it will run \$10,000 if we don't have procedures in place.
- B. The County definitely needs a written policy; some of the larger counties have policies, but they probably don't fit our needs.
- C. Russ reports that a MACo committee is working on a generalized policy; he will consult with Sandra Broesder of Pondera County.

Procedural Ideas from Tina:

- 1. Change passwords when an employee quits;
- 2. Make sure there is adequate fire-wall protection; a double Log-in may be a possible preventative measure;
- 3. Institute locking file cabinets for all sensitive hard copy paperwork; and
- 4. Find a solution for photo copiers that store information (that could be stolen, etc.).

2. Safety Policies:

- A. Tina would like each department to list all employees who are certified for first aide (make copies of cards for the MACo safety file);
- B. Those who are not certified should take the 2-hour CPR course from Yvonne Hunnewell and / or Hugh Brown.

GEORGE / ADVANCE I.T. SERVICES

Commissioner Hendrickson telephoned George Ferda, who is coming to Chester the week of September 20th. The Commissioners will visit with him about cyber issues.

DON MARBLE FUNERAL

County employees will be allowed to attend the Don Marble Memorial Service on Friday, September 17th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Courthouse will be open for most county services during that time slot.


ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick updated the Commissioners on road issues. Two tractors are mowing. Additional fill is being hauled to the Senior Center project. The crew has graded the Riverview Colony road per request on 9-3-2010. Shawn is still checking on the gravel screen.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Ron Gleason made a presentation to the Senior Citizens at the center on the upcoming Hospital Levy. The request for \$300,000 for use in equipment purchases and LMC renovations will be on the November 2nd ballot. The three commissioners attended this informative and positive presentation.

Ron's presentation:



Did You Know?

LMC is asking the taxpayers of Liberty County to approve renewal of the tax levy for \$300,000, a reduction of \$100,000 from prior years' requests. Passage of this proposal will reduce the current taxes of \$102.88 per year (\$8.57 per month) to \$77.16 per year (\$6.43 per month) on a home with a value of \$100,000.

LMC is operated by a Non-profit Corporation.
All assets of LMC belong to Liberty County and its taxpayers.
LMC converted to a 25 bed CAH on July 1, 2007.
For the year ended June 30, 2010, Wheat Country Estate direct revenues exceeded direct expenses by \$15,333.

At the end of July, 2010, we had 84 days of cash on hand compared to 32 days on June 30, 2006.

Since 2004, our number of Days of Revenue in Accounts Receivable has been reduced from 75 to near 40, an improvement of nearly 35 days.

The decrease in accounts receivable days has been accomplished with substantially lower numbers of administrative and total staff.

The number of Full Time Equivalent Employees has decreased from 102.51 in 2004 to 82.61 in 2010.

Since December of 2007, we have purchased \$657,000 in equipment and building improvements solely with taxpayer money. Since October of 2007, all taxpayer funds are deposited into a separate account that requires Board approval for release and can only be released for purchase of equipment and building improvements.

In July of 2010, LMC had 54 emergency room visits. Only 5 of these patients were transferred to Great Falls for care.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, LMC provided 439 emergency room visits. Only 47 of these patients were transferred to Great Falls for care.

Between 2009 and 2010, the number of patient falls at LMC decreased from 124 to 36.

During the year ended June 30, 2010:
Our clinic physicians and mid-level providers made 8,596 patient visits.
LMC provided 7,177 days of care to long term care patients. This is an increase of more than 100 days of care from the prior year.
LMC provided 42,584 laboratory tests and 1,994 radiology procedures.

If you have any questions on the upcoming Mill Levy vote or would like more information please ask an LMC Board Member or call or visit Ron Gleason, CEO, 759-5181.

CTEP

The three commissioners met with Jim Vinson, Noel Walston, and Linda VandeSandt regarding the CTEP at the Lion's Park. Correspondence from Krystal Steinmentz of Bear Paw Development Corp. reveals that this project currently has a value of \$55,586.75, with a local match of 13.42% (or \$7,459.75). The Chamber feels they can come up with this match as they already have about \$5,500. They will vote on the project at their next meeting on September 23rd. Linda will check with Krystal about city easements or technicalities, then Noel will follow-up on any paperwork with the city council. Neither the Chamber nor the Lions can/want ownership of this updated visitor info center/storage bay, so the city will ultimately be the owner. Noel also reported that the city will probably want the existing structure moved to the NW corner of the swimming pool. The Chamber will notify us of their decision.

LIBERTY COUNTY BUDGETS

Budget review was open to the public, but no one appeared other than the three Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the budgets as presented by the Clerk and Recorder. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Budget Resolution #10-16 was signed by the Commissioners. News: Rhonda reports that our reserves are now at 19.8%!

RESOLUTION 10-16

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 7-6-4024 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, Liberty County, held a public hearing September 14th, 2010 at 1:00 PM and,

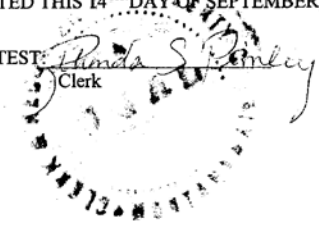
WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 7-6-4020 through 7-6-4036, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners of said County has held a hearing and passed a resolution applicable under the above sections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 14th day of September, 2010, the following budgets and levies have been adopted for the operation of Liberty County for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

| | TAX REVENUES | VALUATION | MILLS |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| General Fund | 362,472 | 7,049,080 | 51.42 |
| Bridge Fund | 145,775 | | 20.68 |
| Weed Control Fund | 32,040 | | 4.55 |
| Marias Fair Fund | 835 | | .12 |
| District Court Fund | 33,034 | | 4.69 |
| Library Fund | 61,020 | | 8.66 |
| Ambulance Fund | 4,282 | | .61 |
| Mental Health | 3,909 | | .55 |
| Senior Citizens Fund | 22,113 | | 3.14 |
| SC Transportation Fund | 9,937 | | 1.41 |
| Extension Fund | 51,447 | | 7.30 |
| Public Safety Fund | 170,518 | | 24.19 |
| Road Fund | 190,024 | 6,306,114 | 30.13 |
| Conservation District | 20,000 | 5,695,869 | 3.51 |
| Joplin Fire District | 18,031 | 1,524,297 | 11.83 |
| West L.C. Fire District | 23,910 | 4,781,817 | 5.00 |
| Senior Citizens – voted | 45,000 | 7,049,080 | 6.38 |
| Sr Citizens Transport – voted | 55,000 | | 7.80 |
| Health Care Facility | 400,000 | | 56.75 |
| Permissive Health Insurance | 173,038 | | 24.55 |
| Airport Commission | 16,529 | | 2.34 |
| Cemetery District | 18,694 | | 2.65 |
| Museum | 17,300 | | 2.45 |

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.

ATTEST:



Clerk

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Commissioner

[Signature]
Commissioner

JEFF MINCKLER

The Commissioners telephoned Jeff to request a final proposal on the union agreement, which he claims he e-mailed to Liberty County several days ago. Jeff will forward it to the Clerk & Recorder.

CLAIMS

Several claims were submitted for payment. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept these claims for payment. 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

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.

SENIOR CENTER

Rod Keith was in to update us on current paperwork and progress regarding the new construction project.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The Commissioners reviewed the official copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of 7-1-2010 to 6-30-2011. It included the new verbiage on consecutive work periods and the updated wage scales. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve and sign the agreement. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. A copy was sent to Max Hallfrisch and Jeff Minckler. A copy was also retained for the Commissioners files.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Penny Walston came in for approval of her new contract for FY 2010-2011. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve / sign the new Public Health contract. Fiscal year value = \$28,859.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Paperwork from the Montana Department of Commerce was forwarded to the Commissioners on 9-16-2010 by Annmarie Robinson. These forms were the "close-out" reports on funds from HB645 (ARRA monies), which totaled \$137,676. Commissioner Hendrickson signed the forms as requested.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The crew is presently mowing and working on roads north of Highway 2. Shawn has left multiple messages with the Colorado dealer regarding the gravel screener, but to no avail. The Commissioners telephoned the Great Falls dealer to discuss his low hour screener for \$29,000; maybe the County can demo it prior to making a deal; also maybe the County can work out a trade for our old trailer? One of our Hutterite colonies has expressed interest in our older Valtra tractor, but we need to get the other Valtra repaired before letting the older one go. Water is "standing" on parts of 366, which was recently magnesium-chlorided by the Rocky Boy Water Project (7 miles at \$4,000/mile), so the county crew will be grading 366 as soon as possible. Note: Shawn called Rlynn on 9-16-2010 for pre-approval on two \$500 + expenditures for tires and supplies.

GRAVEL ISSUES AT SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

After many telephone calls and e-mails to WAG and Clausen's, they finally agreed to use the County's on-site stockpiled pit-run as fill material around the outside building perimeter.

They requested 20 yards of crushed gravel for use as underlay for the sidewalks. The Commissioners priced this gravel at \$20 / yard and recommended that they use the excess millings for the airport project in lieu of crushed gravel.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended an LMC board meeting on the evening of September 15th. A decision was made to replace the windows in the administrative wing.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Hugh Brown stopped by to see if there are any pressing issues – none noted.

PAYROLL

Payroll was submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to pay the current employee salaries and benefits. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SIEMENS ENGINEERING COMPANY

The Commissioners received a statement from Siemens Engineering Company of Havre for nuclear densometer testing X 7, concrete testing X 1, standard proctor X 2, and mileage = \$2,871.25. Should this bill be included in WAG's and /or Clausen's bid package? [See minutes of 9-27-2010].

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere reports that Wayne Wardell is having additional medical problems, so is presently recuperating. Stan Huhtala is done in Toole County this week, so will be coming to work for Jim next week. Bob Ruddick plans to help install three windows at the shop this fall, then he'll be done for the season.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

September 27th, 2010 ♦ Monday

SPECIAL MEETING / WAG

A special meeting with WAG regarding the update on the Senior Center construction project was held on the above stated date. Present for the meeting were Larry Hendrickson, Rlynn Rockman, Russ Wolfe, Harry Heimburger, Betty Marshall, Pat Ludwig, Gary Jensen, Rodney Keith, and Annmarie Robinson. Annmarie provided the Commissioners with a current expenditure tracking sheet.

Items of discussion:

1. Bill from Jeremy Siemens (engineer) was discussed. He's a 3rd party provider whose bid was considerably less than SK Geotech, so WAG authorized Siemens to complete the necessary proctor tests.
2. The Commissioners have yet to receive bills from Cicon's (surveyors) and the City of Chester (for the "tap" fees). Cicon's are probably waiting for FEMA expenses before submitting their total bill. A small portion of their bill should go to Clausen's for establishing a "benchmark" on site. Monies may have to come from contingency funds to pay Cicon's.
3. Are we going to have to pay for the extra dirt work that Clausen's had to deal with on the site (the yardage estimated by Jeff Cicon versus the actual yardage moved / compacted)?

BUDGET CHANGES

Annmarie Robinson submitted a letter from the Montana Department of Commerce that addresses several changes (6) on the HB645 budget. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve these changes. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Annmarie will forward signed paperwork to the Montana Department of Commerce.

LETTER FROM FEMA

The Commissioners received a letter from FEMA in reference to case #10-08-0880C, which suggests that their final determination about our "flood plain" will be based on the reported elevations on the completed project.

AFTERNOON MEETING

At the 1:00 PM meeting with the construction crews and WAG, there were 13 people in attendance. All current issues were discussed, and no large problems were brought up. The County will have to haul in 500 yards of clay and pit-run.

The question of potential additional charges for the moving/spreading/compacting of more dirt than was specified in the original bid package was asked of Clausen and Patrick. They agreed that everything "flowed-well" in this process and that our county crew worked hard to prevent any delays in this part of the project, so there will be NO additional (change order) fees in reference to the dirt work.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 25th.

September 28th, 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.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere telephoned on 9-22-2010 to report that Wayne Wardell is now experiencing gall bladder issues; surgery is planned in early 2011. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman discussed this and mutually decided it was the best interest for all concerned (Wayne and the County) that he should not work until his medical condition improves. On 9-23-2010, Wayne produced a medical document from his physician authorizing his return to work on a full time status.

MACO SURVEY

On 9-22-2010, Commissioner Rockman completed the MACo organizational survey on-line at MACo's request. This information will be summarized and shared at the annual conference in Billings.

CLAIMS

The regular withholding payroll claims, insurance payments, and a petty cash claim for postage were submitted for approval. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve these claims for payment. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

GRAVEL SCREENER

Titan Equipment in Great Falls offered a screener as a demo. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman went to the county yards to inspect the unit. Also present were Shawn Norick, Dale Carlstad, and Mike Pallet (from Titan). Several loads of gravel were screened with positive results. The screener is a consignment unit "Thomas" brand with under 300 hours priced at \$29,000. Additional research will be completed.

CTEP

Lynda VandeSandt of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce called to report that the Chamber has approved the CTEP project at the Lions Park. Lynda notified Krystal Steinmetz.

RUSSELL COUNTRY

Lynda VandeSandt reported that she is willing to serve on the Russell Country, but she may need some minimal assistance with car use or mileage expenses. A telephone call to the insurance agent revealed that she would be covered under our county car policy. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to appoint Lynda VandeSandt to the Russell Country board. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. A letter was mailed to Lynda.

LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Richard Burrows stopped in to report that he has received several calls about the poor condition of the north Chester/Joplin roads, specifically the Haul Road and the one near the church. Also, the Sheriff offered the Commissioners his employee training file on NIMS to update our records.

COMMISSIONER RUSS TEMPEL

Commissioner Tempel telephoned to check in with Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman regarding any pressing matters.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to declare the following items as surplus equipment and now available for sale:

- 1. 1991 Dodge ¾ ton D250 pickup
- 2. 4 ton Black hawk floor jack
- 3. 15 400 watt halogen shop lights
- 4. Spread Master Chip-spreader
- 5. 300-gallon poly spray tank
- 6. Tar pot (600 gallon capacity "tar buggy")

Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Statement from Cicon and Associates for survey work at the Senior Center project. Two statements total \$5,950 as follows:
 - A. Initial property boundary surveys and topographical maps (including the "benchmark" for the flood plain) = \$4,150
 - B. Preparation of the CLOMR-R = \$1,800
- 2. Call to Rudy Cicon to clarify the two statements. The additional work and approximate fees will be as follows:
 - A. Fee for the LOMAR-F = \$800
 - B. Additional survey work by Cicon's will include about \$300 field work and about \$400-\$500 paperwork and recordings.
 Therefore, the total additional will equal about \$1,600.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman