

September 1st, 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.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the LEPC meeting. The group had a presentation by Janet Trethewey from DPHHS on the Community Cardiac Awareness.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes updated the Commissioners on the road project dealing with the new crossing at 2100 Road East. Pete Woods is doing the scraper work and all is going well. The mowers are going in the northern part of the County. The Road Department had their John Deere Skid Steer being worked on at RDO Equipment.

PAYROLL

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

COMMISSIONER OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to allow Commissioner Tempel to be out of state on October 23rd – October 26th. Commissioner Wicks seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

TIBER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Tiber County Water District Meeting. They discussed local water needs and flushing the lines for sediment. They have had sufficient water available for current users.

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel went to the Executive Board Meeting for HRDC. The agenda for the regular monthly meeting was set.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson is exploring different ways to keep her numbers up and how to increase them. This week they are hosting a traveling art show.

SAGE CREEK WATER

The Sage Creek Water District requested to have the County write a letter to Bear Paw Development to ask for assistance in funding the installation of the new water meters.

EMS MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly EMS meeting. Part of the training involved football injuries.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Frederickson gave an update of her court.

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 2nd, 2015 ♦ Wednesday

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STAHLY ENGINEERING

After a discussion, Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to have Stahly Engineering redo our Subdivision Regulations to bring them up to code. Commissioner Wicks seconded and all were in favor. Commissioner Tempel called Stahly Engineering and informed them that we are interested in having them redo the Subdivision Regulations. They will be sending a contract for Liberty County to sign.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright still is hosting an Exchange Student. She will be presenting at the Senior Center September 8th, 2015.

CEMETERY DISTRICT

Ted Zorn was in to talk about a gate in the Whitlash Cemetery. He will fix the gate to make it more usable.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Tempel called Jim Combs, at MDOT, to discuss the changing of the speed limits coming into Chester on MT Highway 223. A speed study was completed and we are currently waiting for the results.

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, 2015 ♦ Tuesday

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GRAVEL

The Commissioners are trying to find out from Ray O'Brien when he will be up to start crushing gravel. The Commissioners have talked to both Wickum's and Fenger's about the availability to get gravel from their pits.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes updated on the road work on the BNSF crossing which is progressing. The Crew attended the Snow Rodeo in Great Falls last Thursday; we do not have the results yet. The Road Crew picked up the skid steer at RDO and brought it home. The skid steer does have a hydraulic leak that will need to be fixed.

MACO BUILDING INSPECTION

Marty and Tina Wood, of Wood Insurance representing MACO Insurance, was here to do building inspections. The deficiencies will be addressed. All exits need to have a lit "exit" sign. The Senior Center needs to replace the heavy wooden tables with lighter easily moved tables.

JERRY FENGER

Jerry Fenger was in to tell the Commissioner that the gravel we were hoping for will not be available until next spring. All crushers are currently unavailable.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. After reviewing the claims Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Tempel 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

Chairman

September 9th, 2015 ♦ Wednesday

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SAGE CREEK WATER

The Sage Creek Water District requested the Commissioners to help with working with Bear Paw Development to secure a grant to help with installing water meters. The Commissioners drafted a letter to ask for assistance from Bear Paw. The letter will be presented to the Bear Paw Board on September 10, 2015.

ROAD EASEMENT

The Commissioners met with Doug Demarest to discuss the proposed easement on the Whitlash Road that goes through his property. Doug will be consulting his attorney to get advice.

BLACK JACK ROAD

The Commissioners inspected the low water crossing on the Black Jack Road. The Commissioners will have to explore some different options to make the crossing better.

COUNTY ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Commissioners discussed the option to have all the employees have a County issued ID card. After reviewing the form, Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to restart issuing ID cards to Liberty County employees. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor. The ID form will go out with the next payroll.

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 15th, 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

The road project at the 2100 East crossing is progressing. They have the culverts installed on the North/South road. RDO is coming up to perform some maintenance on one the of the 872GP graders; it has a hydraulic leak. The Road Crew will be fixing the ceiling in the School House at the Liberty County Museum today because of the rain.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson replaced the heavy wood tables with new lighter plastic tables, to fix the deficiency that was found during the safety inspection. The old tables will be donated to the Lions Club.

PAYROLL

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

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

The Commissioners reviewed the Special Use Permit No. 15-LM-60-2458 with the BOR dealing with the gravel pit on Highway 223. It was to remove up to 12,000 yards of gravel. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded. All were in favor to approve the permit.

SANITARIAN

Sarah Robbin, the County Sanitarian, was here on September 14th, 2015. She has been cleaning and updating the filling system in her file cabinet. Sarah did inspections at the Great Northern B&B, Wheatland Suits, Senior Center, and Liberty Medical Center. She will be here for the Board of Health meeting on October 5th. Sarah also will be meeting with the Town of Chester to discuss the town's waste water system and lagoons.

FAIR BOARD

Justin Wickum, the Liberty County Representative of the Marias Fair Board, was in to discuss the upcoming post fair meeting.

4-H

The Commissioners met with the Shooting Sports Instructors. Instructors include Mat Fenger, Dennis Hanson, Larry Hendrickson, MaryAnn Zorn, and Ted Zorn. MaryAnn presented the option to have a gun raffle for the cost of the program. We have the opportunity to buy a riffle at cost from a retailer. After some discussion it was decided to pursue the raffle. The Instructors will bring added information to the next meeting.

MONTANA FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Warden Mike Krings stopped by to talk about the beaver problems on the County roads in the northern parts of the County. He brought some information to help with the beavers building dams on the County road culverts. We also discussed how to implement a trapping program.

RYAN ZINKE

Christy Hageler, District Director for Congressman Ryan Zinke, was in to visit about issues in the County. The Whitlash Road, farm commodity, farm prices and road issues were discussed. The topic of having an agriculture round table to discuss farming issues was brought up.

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 16th, 2015 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in a special session on the above stated date at 3:00 PM in their room at the Courthouse, to go over the current FY 2015-2016 budgets. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks. Also in attendance were Clerk & Recorder, Angel Colbry; and County Superintendent of Schools, Kathy Armstrong.

BUDGET HEARING

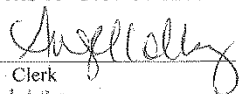
After reviewing the budgets that were presented to the Commissioners, Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

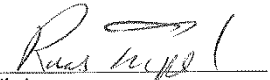
RESOLUTION 15-08


WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 7-6-4024 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, Liberty County, held a public hearing September 16th, 2015 at 3:00 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 16th day of September, 2015 the following budgets and levies have been adopted for the operation of Liberty County for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.


	TAX REVENUES	VALUATION	MILLS
General Fund	416,392	8,837,830	47.11
Bridge Fund	141,135		15.97
Weed Control Fund	28,629		3.24
Marias Fair Fund	708		.08
District Court Fund	42,916		4.86
Library Fund	96,178		10.88
Ambulance Fund	0		0.00
Mental Health	0		0.00
Senior Citizens Fund	40,788		4.62
SC Transportation Fund	101		.01
Extension Fund	52,269		5.91
Public Safety Fund	263,914		29.86
Road Fund	234,828	7,943,245	29.56
Conservation District	25,785	5,032,265	5.12
Joplin Fire District	19,873	1,828,811	10.87
West L.C. Fire District	55,988	6,114,434	9.16
Senior Citizens – voted	45,000	8,837,830	5.09
Sr Citizens Transport – voted	55,000		6.22
Health Care Facility	261,889		29.63
Permissive Health Insurance	228,883		25.90
Airport Commission	20,190		2.28
Cemetery District	22,833		2.58
Museum	20,613		2.33

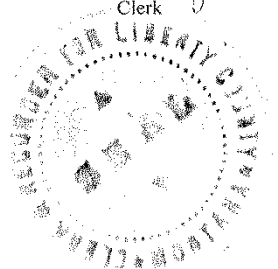
DATED THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

ATTEST: 
 Clerk


 Chairman


 Commissioner


 Commissioner



ELECTED OFFICIAL OUT OF STATE

Kathy Armstrong asked to be out of State October 6th – October 19th, 2015. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to allow Kathy to be out of State. Commissioner Wicks seconded and all were in favor.

CLAIMS

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

September 20th – 25th, 2015

MACO

The Commissioners were at the annual MACO Conference in Missoula for the week; and were not available in the office.

September 29th 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 CROSSING

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the Whitlash Road crossing for the Hi-Line Colony. Commissioner Wicks seconded and all were in favor.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes reported both mowers are broken down; the parts will be here this week.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to update on the happenings at the Senior Center.

TIBER WATER

Commissioner Wicks attended the Tiber County Water District Meeting in Conrad. Part of the discussion was the North Central Regional Water System that planned to be online in 2020.

PAYROLL

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

JOPLIN STREETS

The Commissioners reviewed the street issues in Joplin with the County Attorney, Hugh Brown. After some discussion it was decided that a survey was needed to find the exact property boundaries. Cicon and Associates were contacted and have agreed to do the survey.

RESIDENT TAX PAYER

Rodney Swenson was in to discuss the recent property values that have been sent out by the Department of Revenue. It was explained that the values went up, but will not change the taxes by much.

911

The new siren will be installed this week. The siren is at the County Shop and the technician from Sentry Siren is on his way. Liberty County will not be joining the regional 911 consortium that is being organized. The cost if we joined is much higher than if we continue with our present arrangement.

LIBERTY COUNTY AIRPORT

The project at the Airport is continuing; all that is left is the painting of the taxi ways. Some of the bills were presented for payment. The Commissioners approved paying the bills.

LIBERTY COUNTY MUSEUM

Betty Marshall, Director of the Liberty County Museum, was in to have a meeting scheduled with the Museum Board and the Commissioners. It was posted on the agenda for October 6th, 2015. The locks have been rekeyed on all the doors at the Museum.

GRAVEL

The Commissioners have been in discussion with Johnson Redi-Mix and Jerry Fenger to find some gravel for some road projects.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Commissioner Hendrickson attended a meeting at Liberty Medical Center dealing with the recruitments of Providers and Nurses.

MACO HEALTH CARE TRUST

MACO presented a dental and optical insurance plan that could be available to County Employees. The Commissioners will have the Clerk & Recorder distribute the plan to gage any interest from employees.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman