April 7th, 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

LEPC

The DES Coordinator, Darrell Stafford, showed the group a new router that will be used to communicate with the computer used in a disaster. Liberty County will be hosting a weather spotting on April 27th, 2015 at the Fire Hall. The Fire Department is working on the insurance rating for Chester. They are still waiting for their tender truck to have the motor replaced. The Road Department is blading roads. The Senior Center had a meeting dealing with hauling people with infectious diseases. The Commissioners commented on the GIS project in conjunction with CJI School and the Town of Chester.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Supervisor, Marc Holmes, attended MACRS in Great Falls. He said the meeting was very well attended. The Road Crew has been replacing culverts at various locations. The gravel trucks have been repaired and are ready to be used. Repairs are still being done on the other equipment. The group talked about the ad for the public comment dealing with the Beulow Crossing. Burlington Northern and the County are in discussion about closing the Beulow Crossing and improving the crossing to the east.

COUNTY SANITARIAN

Sarah Robbin inspected Chester's trailer courts and has recommended some changes. She also went to Joplin and inspected a residence at 405 2nd Ave. East; which was brought to the Commissioner's attention. She issued an Environmental Health Letter to the resident. The letter was served by the Liberty County Sheriff's Office on April 7th, 2015.

CHIPPEWA CREE CONSTRUCTION

Larry Morsett, Shawn Belcourt, Tom Montgomery, and David Carlson of A2es Engineering, updated the Commissioners on the water line construction plans for the summer. They are going to connect the east and west lines by Henke's, and work on the intake from the lake. The Commissioners expressed their concerns with the road usage and what A2es Engineering's plans are for helping with maintenance.

EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon has been researching the internet connection in the Extension Office. It was determined the service from the State of Montana was the most expensive and slowest of any other Extension Office in the State. She has been researching the option of switching to Triangle Telephone.

CEMETERY

The Town of Chester is in the process of digging a new meter pit for the Cemetery. The new pit will be across from the County Shop. The Commissioners are allowing Marty Lyders to put in a new meter for his water in the same pit. The Town of Chester requested a new culvert. Toole County had a culvert that we could purchase. Jim Ghekiere went to Shelby to pick it up.

TOWN OF CHESTER

Mayor Noel Walston inquired on how to adjust the speed limit on Highway 223 coming into Chester. The Commissioners called Jim Combs, Highway Engineer for the Montana Department of Transportation, and turned in the request. The timeline and/or the outcome of the request are not known.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere said the new pickup had been ordered. He has not had any interest in the job opening in the Weed Department.

CLAIMS

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

JANITOR

An ad for the Janitor position was placed in the Liberty County Times.

PUBLIC MEETNG NOTICE

A notice of public meeting was placed in the Liberty County Times. The ad was written as follows:

Liberty County Commissioners announce a public meeting to discuss the closing of the Beulow Crossing (2000 Rd. East) and improving a crossing 1 mile east of Beulow.

This meeting is being held in conjunction with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Road. The meeting will be held at the Commissioner's Office at 2:00 pm Tuesday April 28, 2015. Public comment is welcome and encouraged.

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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**

April 14TH, 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

EAGLE SCOUT

Cory Kelly is in the process of getting his Eagle Scout badge. He is looking for a project; we offered the painting of the Segmented Circle Panels. Cory will offer this project to the Boy Scout Board to see if it will qualify.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes updated the Commissioners on the ongoing projects. The graders are still going, but are running out of moisture. Marc will order the sign for the Water Plant road. Jerry Ghekiere gave his letter of resignation for October of 2015.

COUNTY PAYROLL

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

JOPLIN STREETS

John Cicon is doing some survey work in Joplin; and found we are missing some street right of ways. We are having Hugh Brown, the County Attorney, look into this.

WEST CHESTER FIRE DISTRICT

Dallas Denter, the Secretary of the West Chester Fire District Board, presented the Commissioners with their nominations for the upcoming election. Steve Backen will stay on the Board. Mark Engstrom is going off of the Board and will be replaced by Jason Wanken. There were no other nominations to the Board.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Commissioner Larry Hendrickson requested to be out of the State May 25TH - 31ST. Commissioner Wicks made a motion and Commissioner Tempel seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

JPT INSURANCE

Gary Hablutzel, the Representative from JPT, met and discussed Liberty County's renewal. Our increase this year is 8%. They will send us some information on dental and vision.

JOPLIN WATER

DEQ will be doing a walking audit of the Joplin water system. Rob Moog will be in attendance to answer any questions.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Justice of the Peace, Holly Frederickson, asked permission to be out of the State. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

CLAIMS

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

EXTENSION

Agent Jesse Fulbright was in to discuss 4-H issues.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Judge Frederickson reported on the proceedings of the Justice Court.

LIBERTY COUNTY MUSEUM

Betty Marshall from the Museum Board reported on the 501C3 that was applied for. It has been granted. The Board changed signatures on the Museum Memorial Account.

OPI

Ann Glikey returned a call about the inquiry of the 4-H Shooting Sports using the gym. According to 45-8-361 MCA, if it is preapproved by the School Board, it should be ok.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Letters were sent out to the area contractors to come to the Board of Health meeting on April 24, 2015. They will get a chance to meet Sarah Robbin the new Sanitarian.

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**

April 21st, 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign crossing permits for the fiber optics. Commissioner Wicks seconded, the motion passed with all in favor.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes is working on the Freight Road. The Commissioners had some concerns raised about the road. We are still looking for employees.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson updated us on the bus mishap that happened on Sunday April 19th, 2015. She turned in the claim to insurance. The Road Department will look at the bus to assess repairs. The roof at the Methodist Church will have to be repaired also.

NORTH CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Wicks had a conference call meeting on April 16th. The budgets were discussed and it was decided to have another meeting July 18th, 2015 to finalize the budgets.

CLAIMS

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

ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES

Bill Burkland, Engineer for RPA, updated the Commissioners on the bids for the Airport runway seal. They will be opened at 1:00 pm today.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Judge Frederickson presented a bill for evaluation that she requested; it was for $500.

CONGRESSMAN RYAN ZINKE

Mike Waite, Representative for Congressman Zinke, visited with us and discussed issues. We talked about the airport project and the cost changes from the FAA. Mike will check into the changes.

GIS PRESENTATION

An article was sent to the Liberty County Times about the GIS presentation to the Montana State Library Board.

TRI COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

A Representative for the Tri County Task Force asked if Liberty County would stay in the Task Force. After Sheriff Riggin recommended Liberty County stay involved, Commissioner Wicks made a motion; it was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion passed with all in favor to stay in the Task Force.

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**

April 28th, 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 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes has had his crew fix the Freight Road. We had some concerns about the road. We are in the interview process for operators. The crew is blading roads over by Lothair. The culvert on 2200 Road South was inspected; we will supply 2 bands and extensions for fixing it.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Commissioners discussed the health insurance renewal. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to increase the County's contribution for employee's health insurance to $732.00 per month. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and the motion passed with all in favor.

COUNTY PAYROLL

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Riggin presented a letter to the Montana Department of Transportation dealing with the speed limits on Highway 223 in the Chester city limits. The Town of Chester and Liberty County are requesting the MDOT change the speed limit.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson has turned in the claim on the Methodist Church. She will have a body shop give an estimate on the damage to the bus.

RDO

Representatives for RDO, Jerry Ridgeway and Damon Van Diest, were by to see how things are going.

ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES

We made a phone call to Bill Burkland, Engineer for the Liberty County Airport project, to talk about the bid that took place last week. He is talking to the FAA about some of the issues that came forward with the process. We will talk more about it next week.

AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept the Northwest Insurance Group bid on liability insurance from the Ace Insurance Group. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING

Commissioner Wicks attended a public health meeting on April 24th, 2015 at the Fire Hall.

TIBER WATER

Commissioner Wicks attended the Tiber Water meeting in Conrad on April 28th, 2015.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Weather Spotter Training at the Fire Hall on April 28th, 2015. There were 13 people in attendance.

LIBERTY COUNTY MUSEUM

We contacted Triangle Telephone about the internet at the Museum. The application was filled out and sent back, so the Museum could have internet.

GRAVEL PIT

Jerry Fenger was in to talk about gravel in his pit for County use.

WIND SOCK

Patrick Wicks was in to discuss the relocation of the wind sock. He has a bid from Pavlic Electric.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere has hired his crew. They are Stan Huhtala, Erik Kelly, Michael Hamel, and Charlie Diemert. We talked about crew raises for the season. The new pickup will be billed to the County by the end of June. The crew will start work next week.

SENATOR TESTER

The Commissioner met with Cheryl Ulmer, Representative for Senator Jon Tester. Many topics were discussed.

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**