

July 3rd, 2012 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel. Commissioner Rlynn Rockman was present by telephone conference.

LIBRARY

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Library Board meeting. Issues discussed were \$5,000 put into the Revenue budget from coffee sales- then passed through expense budget. An understanding was reached.

HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the hospital board meeting. The budget was passed with cuts in all departments. Liberty Medical Center would like the county to take over management at the Wheat Country Estates. We will meet with Liberty Medical Center CFO after the 4th of July to discuss this in depth.

ROAD

Shawn Norick reported on Road updates. We will be working on re-shouldering some trouble spots.

EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon updated us on the weather station. Dennis Hull will be stopping by to help get station running the right way.

MAINTENANCE

Vern is progressing on outside window covering. He will need a scissor lift to complete the upstairs windows. We will rent one from Midway Rental in Shelby the week of July 9-13.

SALARY SCHEDULE

After discussing the old and new salary schedule with the Clerk & Recorder, she recommended to be fair we should go retro-active with the new schedule. Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to go to the new schedule and pay retro to the employees that were affected. The motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Hugh Brown will out of state 13-15. Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve his absence. The motion carried.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Tempel made the motion by telephone, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to pay the claims presented. 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

July 10th, 2012 ♦ 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.

LEPC

The three commissioners plus four other members attended LEPC. The main discussion was the new radios and repeaters and programming them. Hi-Line Communications have installed a new computer system at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Jim Ghekiere is planning training next week.

Road 366 is presently closed due to water-line installation. The detour is Road 44 (Wolfe/Decker).

Budgets are being planned for new fiscal year. Ron Gleason reports that a 2% reduction is anticipated from Medicare. May's clinic visits were 470 (as compared to a "normal number" of about 600). Lab and PT are doing good, but Radiology is way down. Unfortunately, we're losing our PT person.

The Wheat Country Estates exercise went very well last month. The upstairs conference room at the firehall is done (new carpets plus paint job); thanks to the EMS/Fire crews who pitched in.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Penny Walston stopped in to have us approve / sign the annual Public Health contract.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright was in to show us the historical 4-H pictorial book which celebrates 100 years in Liberty County. He will be attending 4-H Congress in Bozeman this week. He borrowed our camera.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger brought in changes / updates to the Library budget for fiscal year 2012-13.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The crew is working on the road near Jerry Fenger's, maintaining signage, and screening gravel. Road 366 is temporarily closed. The road budget and "wish list" were discussed.

PAYROLL

Current county payroll was offered for examination. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to approve payment of current payroll. The motion carried.

GREG MAY CONSTRUCTION

Greg May stopped in to discuss the building permit at the CTEP project; he has been waiting patiently for the state inspector to show up and approve the project. We called Helena to expedite the inspection process.

RAY STANDIFORD

Ray Standiford came in to discuss the two new elevators. Are they planning for a future fertilizer plant. If so, he has a source of nitrogen via his gas wells. We also discussed the local VFW building / business, which is for sale.

JOB SERVICE

Scott Laden and Greg Tillman (HRDC) stopped by to discuss their services at the Havre Job Service. We visited briefly about our need for a PT person and a mental health therapist.

ROAD 366

We drove to the construction / excavation at 366 to observe the cement slurry. We also went to the Seidlitz pit to observe Jerry Fenger's screening operation. We also checked the Osterman road to confirm that Tom Montgomery fulfilled his promise to deliver gravel to the damaged area; he did!

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 11th, 2012 ♦ 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.

OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE

We talked with Wayne Noem of MDOT and discussed both Broadhurst and Cheek bridges on Pondera Creek. Shawn will investigate further.

LIONS PARK

Commissioner Hendrickson and Greg May met with Yancey Beston, State Building Inspector, and viewed the new building. It was decided that we could fix a few items and proceed with the project.

WOOD ENTERPRISES

We talked to Wood Enterprises about the liability issues with the Wheat Country Estates. They will get back to us.

Wheat Country checked on a sink hole and called Ron Gleason about how to fix it.

MORRISON-MAIERLE SYSTEMS

Morrison-Maierle sent their annual IT contract for fiscal year 2012-13. Comparing last year to this year the figures are \$450 vs \$570 per month. In comparing their "services" list, they are offering a few more items and they have included a technician "on-site" for Election Day. On a telephone visit with Mike Felten, he said the tech "on site" could stay busy that day on any minor fixes / repairs with our computer system without additional expense. After visiting with Rhonda Pimley and Gayle Dahlen, they have been satisfied with Morrison-Maierle's service this past year. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve the new contract. The motion carried.

CONFERENCE WITH ELIZABETH WOODS

We visited with Elizabeth Woods about the legal ramifications, if any, of the county assuming the operations of the Wheat Country Estate. Elizabeth will visit with Bob Murdoe, Liberty Medical Center's attorney, regarding possible avenues of approach to this situation.

SENATOR TESTER'S REP

Maia Aageson stopped in to visit with us about any pertinent issues. CRP continued to get the chatter. We also talked about drought, fires, and related topics.

CLAIMS

Numerous end-of-year claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to approve payment of these claims. The motion carried.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere and Jerry Ghekiere stopped in to update us on the hay field fire today, the recent service issues on the county car, spraying weeds at the courthouse and senior center, and Wayne Wardell's current medical condition (ability to work).

WHEAT COUNTRY ESTATES

Ron Gleason and Shari Dolan came to visit with us about Wheat Country Estates. There are additional issues regarding counties assuming mortgages on real estate and counties operating facilities owned by hospitals. More research to be done.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 17th, 2012 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel. Commissioner Rlynn Rockman was present by telephone conference.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to expand some of the budgets. The motion carried. In addition, the Clerk and Recorder was directed to move \$25,000 out of the Ambulance Fund and into their CIP fund and \$30,000 out of the Sheriff's fund and into their CIP fund.

RESOLUTION 12-08

WHEREAS, it is fiscal year end and it is recognized that some budgets are in need of adjustment and expansion;

WHEREAS, the Hospital Fund (2235) received revenues in back taxes over and above the annually milled \$300,000, and has requested to be allowed to receive and expend those additional revenues; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$50,000;

WHEREAS, the Immunization Fund (2976) received more in charge for services, than was originally anticipated; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$11,100;

WHEREAS, the Recreational Enhancement Fund (4501) has received unanticipated revenue from FEMA for the repairs and reconstruction of shelters damaged in the flooding; the Commissioners have approved the budget expansion of \$26,000;

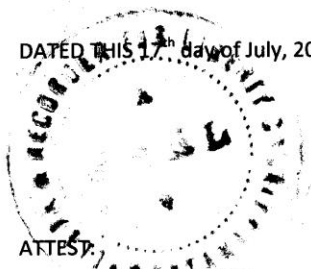
WHEREAS, the Gasoline License Tax (2820) Fund has enough extra in reserve revenues; the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$3,600;

WHEREAS, the Library Fund (2220) was granted a transfer of \$3,500 from excess Oil & Gas Production Tax revenue, the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$5,500;

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizen Center Fund (2280) was granted a transfer of \$21,000 from the excess Oil & Gas Production Tax revenue, the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$21,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the expansion of the above stated six funds have been duly approved for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

DATED THIS 17th day of July, 2012



Rhonda S. Pimley
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Liberty County Clerk & Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Larry Hendrickson
Chairman

Russ Tempel
Commissioner

Commissioner

ROAD

Shawn Norick updated us on roads. We talked about Road signs. We need to make sure that we have ours up. We downloaded photos of bridges on Pondera. We will send to MDOT.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson talked about workers compensation. We made a call to Chris Hauling about issues. American Red Cross will be up to talk about evacuations for disasters on August 7th.

LOCKED DOOR

We had Hi-Line Hardware drill and re-key lock to Health and Human Services office upstairs.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Tempel made a motion to sign adjustments on payroll. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to pay the claims presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

9-1-1 TRAINING

Commissioner Tempel and Jim Ghekiere attended 9-1-1 training at the Sheriff's office.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 24th, 2012 ♦ 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.

DENA FRITZ

Dena Fritz stopped in to update us on the recent Fritz Consignment Auction and the Marias Fair.

1. At present, there's still one piece of equipment at the auction site, but we received a call from the purchaser, who is working on getting it removed / picked-up.
2. The Fair was generally successful, considering the poor carnival rides and lack of events in the grandstand arenas. The 4-H animal projects and sales were tremendous! (148 animals sold totaling about \$400,00) There are some concerns from 4-H parents about the lack of leadership and participation of our agent in his role as "livestock leader".

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The crew is working screening and hauling out of the Laas pit. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempe and Shawn Norick met with MDOT at the proposed REHAB site on Secondary 409 and Highway 2 to discuss the project. The newest plan is to pave about 1 ½ miles, double-shoot about 6 miles, then pave approximately 500 yards (ending near Lakey's farm on the Whitlash Road).

SENIOR CENTER

Betty Marshall was in to discuss countertops and cabinets for the "card room" area at the center. She got a quote from Norm Anderson for about \$13,000. We will follow-up on this.

MUSEUM

Betty Marshall requested that three dead trees be removed from the boulevard at the machinery storage lot south of the museum. John Maatta will check this out.

JERRY FENGER

He's caught up on his "sand project" at the gravel pit for the Rocky Boy Water project. He's currently produced 11,000 yards of sand. He also has about 3,000 yards of 1 ¾" rock that he promised to us, but the Hutterites are presently interested, too.

MENTAL HEALTH

We received an e-mail from Ron Gleason / Dr. Earl regarding potential mental health counselors.

COUNTY PAYROLL

A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve the current county payroll. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a letter from MDOT dated 7-13-2012 that state their policies / practices / procedures / physical assets relating to ADA requirements and shows where their ADA Transition Plans are available to the public. We can examine a plan at the Liberty County Library, which is available via disc (per Bev Jochim).

MDT

We received correspondence from MDT about the 2 railroad crossing (Whitlash & Laird Roads) which have proposed upgrades to their existing signal systems. Crossing arms have been requested due to safety issues related to our two grain-loading facilities. A meeting is scheduled for August 14th.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Liberty Medical Center Board meeting on July 18th. The board decided to keep the Wheat Country Estates on their operations plan because of the legal problems to transfer it to the county. There was some discussion about selling the Wheat Country Estates. The budget for Liberty Medical Center was cut substantially for fiscal year 2012-13

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 31st, 2012 ♦ 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. Present was: Commissioner Rlynn Rockman. Chairman Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Russ Tempel were present by telephone conference due to harvest season.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in with the new Area III Agency on Aging contract #2013-003-108 (effective 7-1-2012 to 6-30-2013). Commissioner Rockman reviewed the contract. Anticipated funds are about \$46,000 (of which \$23,500 is aging supportive services; \$11,000 is congregate meals; \$3,500 is home delivered meals; and \$5,500 is respite care). The county match is \$8,500. NCAAA Reserve Funds will be provided in the amount of about \$2,200. There may also be an extra \$1,800 in respite funds if we can come up with a \$600 match (per Glenda). Rlynn and Glenda signed the contract. Glenda will submit proof of Workman's comp. and liability insurance to finalize the contract.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Payroll deduction claims were submitted for approval and paid.

CTEP PROJECT

Lynda VandeSandt called from the Liberty County Chamber to report that she received a statement from BearPaw Development for the engineering fees [Jeremy Siemens] for the CTEP project. The total is \$2,476.50, of which the chamber match of 13.42% is \$332.35. We will get the same statement, so I told Lynda not to pay her match share until she heard back from us, as these agreed engineering fees were supposed to be \$2,000 (?).

CEMETERY PROJECT

Pat Ludwig, Erik Kelly, and Charlotte Kelly came in to discuss the cemetery project. Pat has completed the rough map and indexing of the Chester Catholic Cemetery. Erik wants to fulfill an Eagle Scout project by cementing the footings in the information building, procuring informational billboards, and assisting with the final maps, etc. Pat will visit with Gail Shatkus about map drawings. Erik will meet with the Cemetery Board regarding special instructions and funding.

TRANSIT GARAGE

MDOT made a final "end-of-construction" inspection on our new bus barn facility last week. A short list of fixable suggestions / requests was offered and Glenda is already working on the appropriate solutions.

CTEP PROJECT

Greg May stopped in with the keys to the info center. He's essentially done with the exception of two small electrical outlet holes (located high on the wall in the storage room) that have to be plugged after the electrician is done. The electrician has to install the outside lights, then he's essentially done, too. The flag poles are still laying in the back of the lot and need to be addressed. Also, the cut-off pipe stubbs (from the old handrail) need to be ground down to sidewalk level because they are dangerous "toe-catchers" as is. I called Shawn via Jerry Ghekiere to put these items on his work list.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger was in to inquire if she can get a final report on her fiscal year 2011-12 expenditures and account balances (with the possibility of securing any unspent monies for her CIP fund).

MUSEUM

John Maatta removed the three dead trees on the east boulevard on the machinery display lot.

SENIOR CENTER

1. We received a citizen complaint about undercooked and/or poor quality meals (especially the chicken entrees) at the Center. I called Glenda, who confirmed there is a few complainers (always the same individuals), but there's also a lot of complimentors. I suggested a semi-annual or yearly survey for the clients to rate everything from cleanliness to friendliness to quality of service. She will think on this.
2. I spoke with Greg May about the Senior Center parking lot. He will be interested in this job later this fall. Again, the figure discussed was \$1.25 / square foot.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Donna at our local appraisal office reports that there are no new evaluation numbers yet available from the Department of Revenue.

MENTAL HEALTH

Commissioner Rockman made several unsuccessful calls to potential mental health therapists to fill our Rochelle Beley vacancy.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman