

July 7th & 8th, 2015 ♦ Tuesday & 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 Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

SEPTIC POLICY

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed septic policy for Liberty County presented by Sarah Robbin, the County Sanitarian. Morb made a motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEPC

Commissioner Hendrickson attended LEPC. One of the major topics discussed was the storm that happened this last weekend over the 4th of July. The way the Committee was notified was brought into question.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to change the probationary period from 1 year to 6 months upon the advice of MACO. Commissioner Wicks seconded with all in favor.

WEATHER SERVICE

The Commissioners called NOAA at the Great Falls office to discuss the past weekend weather events. The Weather Service will call Liberty County on the phone to notify the County of any tornado warnings in the future.

AMBULANCE

Tara Hendrickson and Julie Erickson met with the Commissioners to discuss the past years billing. Julie is using the online Medicare billing and it is working out very well. At this time service has been billed for 5,790 one way miles. The total dollars billed is \$121,900.00. The total received is \$81,822.64. The total write off is \$11,174.50. The total pending is \$31,194.63. This is an increase of revenue by \$2,291.77 from last year.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Wicks hosted a Board of Health meeting at the Fire Hall. At the meeting some of the issues discussed were the junk vehicles in town. The site at the 222 First Street East house that is decaying was commented on. There is a DEQ update the County will have to adopt in the future. The Cottage Food Bill will be implemented on October 1st, 2015. Sarah Robbin, the County Sanitarian, will help with the training at that time. Lynda VandeSandt gave a presentation on the vapor nicotine that is now available.

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

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

FSA

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Tempel attended a meeting at the FSA office dealing with the ongoing drought. The County will be working with the FSA to declare an emergency to allow haying and grazing of CRP. We drafted a letter to accompany the request to the State of Montana.

DNRC

Eric Eneboe, the district DNRC Representative, helped with the latest batch of State Land Road Easements. He will review them and let us know if we need to make any changes before we submit them to the State Land Board. We also discussed some ideas for future public access.

LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The past weekend storm was discussed and the dispatch will be working on some new ways to notify the First Responders in case of severe weather warnings.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting at the Senior Center. The CTEP grant was talked about. The success of the Safe Serve program was talked about. The Governor's Conference on Aging was attended by the members of the Council on Aging. Alzheimer's disease was a topic of discussion. Commissioner Wicks attended a meeting in Conrad. Liberty Medical Center will be giving a presentation on what is offered for senior citizens in our community.

GIS

Liberty County was awarded a Montana Land Information Grant for the 2016 year. The amount of the grant is for \$8,248.00. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to accept the grant and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

COVER CROP TOUR

Commissioner Tempel attended the Cover Crop Tour at the Lanny Jones farm.

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 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: Chairman Russ Tempel. Commissioner Hendrickson was available by phone. Commissioner Wicks was at a meeting in Big Sky.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. Commissioner Tempel reviewed the claims and Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion via phone and Commissioner Tempel seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

CEMETERY WATER LINE

Commissioner Tempel met with John Kleinsasser to discuss the hook up of the water line north of the County Shop. The Road Crew is doing the installation.

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 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: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

CLAIMS

One claim for the Cat graders was submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed with all in favor.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS

Acting on the recommendation of the County Attorney, Commissioner Wicks made a motion to sign the deeds. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE LEASES

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign the leases with the State of Montana for the Department of Revenue Office. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

FORTY MILE COUNTY

Liberty County hosted the Commissioners from Forty Mile County in Canada for an across the border meeting. We have found out we have very similar problems. We showed them our facilities and they found them very nice. We will visit them the next time.

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 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: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes had some DOT Safety Books made up for the trucks. The cemetery water project is nearing completion. The Commissioners are offering overtime this week to help in the grading of the roads after the recent rains. BN has sent the final contract for the Beulow Crossing. We will have Hugh, the County Attorney, review them before we sign them.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to allow Commissioner Tempel to be out of the State. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

US TREASURY

The County signed form 720v for \$88.00. Commissioner Wicks made a motion, Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

MARIAS FAIR

Jesse Fulbright updated us on the fair and all the other projects that went on. The Carcass Judging Awards will be presented tonight in Cut Bank. The fair as a whole turned out very well. The gross sales from the livestock sale exceeded \$514,000.00. Liberty County's share was in the excess of \$45,000.00.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Brian Hopkins, MACO's Personal Attorney, recommended we change the probationary period from 1 year to 6 months to follow the State Code. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion, Commissioner Wicks seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright presented us with the agreement that is on file with MSU dealing with the Extension Aide salary and support services supplied by the County. This is contingent with the upcoming budget. Larry made a motion to sign. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

LIBERTY COUNTY AIRPORT

Patrick Wicks was in and paid the outstanding bill for the electrical problems that occurred during the construction of his hanger.

BNSF

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign the final contract, Commissioner Wicks seconded, and all were in favor.

911

Jim Ghekiere has talked to Triangle Telephone about the placement of the new siren. We called Dale Pimley to have him get the wiring done to the outside of the building. He will come and give us an idea on how much it will cost.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson stated that all is good at the Center.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson updated on the ongoings of the court.

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

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