

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ♦ Tuesday**

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

General Election Day; therefore, no Commissioner's Proceedings. However, the Commissioners were at the Courthouse on Election evening for the official vote count. The Liberty County voter turnout is about 80% of 1,250 Registered Voters.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CEMETERY BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on November 1, 2012. We established a policy regarding inventory of all capital assets exceeding \$5,000. Our sexton, Ted Zorn, will be incapacitated for approximately a month due to knee surgery scheduled for 11-2-2012.

**HI-LINE HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Commissioner Rockman attended a special foundation financial committee meeting, followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Health Foundation on 11-01-2012. FYE our current assets are just over \$2 million, most of which are base funds. The investment policy was read and revamped, and several investment changes were made with Linda Morin of D.A. Davidson.

**PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE**

Commissioner Hendrickson will be out-of-state from 11-08-2012 to 11-11-2012. The motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve Commissioner Hendrickson's request to be out-of-state. The motion carried.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson was in to update us on the center. At the recent 4-H Achievement Night at the center, there were two round tables that were damaged ("cracked") and there were foot-prints on several chairs. Everything else is going well.

**DNRC**

We had a conference call with Eric Eneboe of the Conrad DNRC office. His recent meeting with Paul Meissner and Dan Wolery resulted in the following decision regarding access roads in the Sweetgrass Hills:

1. The road to Iron Creek is designated as an "open road" which can be used without permission (to the parking area 2-3 miles up the road).
2. The road to the Rock Quarry is designated as an "open road", but because it travels through private land [Meissner's], permission must be granted to enter (to the parking area approximately ½ mile south of the quarry).

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. They are grading today; one grader is working the Oraw road, which needs work according to an area farmer. Also, Doug Demarest called to report that the road north of Whitlash to the border is really bad; Shawn agreed. In addition, we want that soft spot on the Laird Road south of Don Shaefer's repaired. The old "G" just started making "funny" noises; they suspect bad valves. Jerry Ghekiere will check our records on this "G" for possible warranties.

**CLAIMS**

The current county claims were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to pay these claims. The motion carried.

**JOPLIN STREETS**

Karen Hadford stopped in to express her concerns about excessive equipment parked on the Joplin streets in the vicinity of the old Cenex building. This equipment belongs to Cliff Nelson and is a continuous dilemma for Karen to safely access her animal barn and property to the west. Cliff did move some of this equipment several months ago after our correspondence with him, but he has started to move stuff back onto the streets again. We called Doug Riggin to investigate and we will also call Cliff Nelson.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. We received a letter from Montana DES that confirms our FY2012-13 EMPG (grant).
2. We received a letter from OPI that addresses the "controversy" regarding the Whitlash School and its status as "Non-Operating".

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere was in to update us on the Weed department and 9-1-1. He gave us a written quote from Motorola for a 50-watt VHG XTL2500 remote-control radio for the Liberty County Sheriff's Office for \$3210. They finished the Russian Olive removal project for this year; most of this work was done on the Broadhurst and Kolstad drainages. The BOR recently finished the flooded shoreline seeding (on about 2,000 acres at Lake Elwell).

**4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the annual 4-H Achievement Night on Sunday, 11-4-2012. This well-attended dinner/program celebrated 100 years of 4-H in Liberty County.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ♦ Tuesday

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#### LEPC

The three commissioners and six other members attended the monthly LEPC meeting. Highlights:

1. This will be Ron Gleason's last LEPC, as he begins his new job in Havre on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Good news is LMC has hired a new P.T., who will start on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Jim Ghekiere reports that all fire and ambulance radios are now narrow-banded.
3. Ed Gierke reports that the Phase 3 / 4 "kick-off" meeting will be in Great Falls on 11-14-2012. There will be a truck there that is equipped with power and communications, so it is capable of operating as a remote regional E.O.C. Also, Ed reports that the yearly grant award letters have been sent out.

#### COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly meeting of the Council on Aging. All bills pertaining to the parking lot project have been paid. Our new balance in Council on Aging special accounts total \$17,485. A report from TAC shows that we did 4 chartered trips this business year totaling 39 hours bus time; to qualify for our continued grant, we cannot exceed 80 hours bus time in this fiscal year. The Council on Aging will provide soup per usual at the Christmas Stroll on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Non-profit groups are invited to sell products, raffles, etc. at the center on stroll day.

#### EMPG

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped in with the new grant award agreement for the EMPG totaling \$11,032.86. Commissioner Tempel made a motion, and Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, to approve the agreement. The motion carried. Yvonne will process the paperwork.

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The old "G" Cat's warranty ran out in January of 2012, even though there are only about 2,500 hours on the overhaul. They suspect bad rods, so we instructed Shawn to have T&E pick it up for repairs. The crew is still working on manicuring roads before the "big freeze" hits us.

#### GERALD FENGER

Gerry Fenger stopped in to pay us for contracted gravel as follows: Colin Lybeck (184 yards), Fraser's Oil (34 yards), and Gerry Fenger (40 yards) = 258 yards X \$6 / yard = \$1,548.00.

#### LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER CEO

We met with Ron Gleason for lunch. We visited about the challenges of his new job and general information about LMC. He provided the name and number of a LCPC in Great Falls.

#### EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright dropped off a record of his annual report. There is an "Agro-Security" workshop planned in Great Falls on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### PAYROLL

The current payroll was submitted for approval. There were a few questions regarding some overtime pay on Election Day, but the payroll clerk clarified these items for us. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve payroll. The motion carried.

#### HOLIDAYS

We visited with the Treasurer (Gayle Dahlen), and the Clerk & Recorder (Rhonda Pimley) about the possibility of closing the Courthouse on November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday after Thanksgiving Day) and December 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday before Christmas Day). It's too late for a public hearing on the first date, but will do appropriate notices in the TIMES for the second date.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ♦ Wednesday**

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**MOTOR GRADERS**

We made inquiry to Toole County, who just purchased a new grader. The bids submitted by Case, Caterpillar, and John Deere came in lowest to highest as listed (Case - \$252,000 / John Deere - \$302,000 / Cat - \$342,000). Jerry Ridgeway from RDO stopped in to discuss John Deere traders.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

We sent a two week notice to the TIMES regarding a Public Hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to discuss the potential courthouse closing on Monday (December 24<sup>th</sup>), the day before Christmas (December 25<sup>th</sup>).

**JEANNE WINSTON**

Jeanne Winston, former employee / cook at the Senior Center, stopped in to update us on her medical condition and care. She recently had her nerves "burned" and has a follow-up appointment in 6-8 weeks. She is trying to get back to working condition.

**EXTENSION**

Julie Gagnon stopped in to discuss the resolution of the "horse" issue at the 4-H campground. She also inquired about the progress and plans on the bridge repair at the campground.

**MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST**

We have not heard from M.Steven Gliko regarding the proposal we sent him, so we called and left messages at his office, cell and e-mail.

**4-H CAMPGROUND**

Cliff Nelson confirmed that he will do the bridge work at the campground. He would like a second cement pad plus another load of rock; Shawn Norick was notified.

**ELECTION AUDITS**

Clerk & Recorder, Rhonda Pimley, provide an e-mail from Alan Miller (Election and Government Services from the Secretary of State's office) that confirms that all counties are exempt from the 2012 General Election Post-Elections Audit (because there will probably be a recount). However, we are required to proceed as normal with the canvass.

**LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Lynda VandeSandt asked that we review the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act policy for final approval by Dr.Gladys Young (Liberty County Health Officer). The policy was OK as written.

**LIBERTY COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT**

We wrote a letter for the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Court, and Justice of the Peace Court that documents the estimated damages at the cemetery shop on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Chairman

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER ANNUAL MEETING**

The three Commissioners attended the LMC annual meeting on Wednesday evening (November 14<sup>th</sup>). The financial report (unaudited) for fiscal year end June 30, 2012 shows a total operating budget of approximately \$6.5 million with a net operating loss of about \$150,000. With other income (i.e., county subsidy, restricted gifts, investments, etc.), the resulting gain is about \$250,000.