

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

#### **TAX STATEMENTS**

The Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder, Angel Colbry, met to discuss the recent tax bills that have been sent out to the residents of Liberty County. The increase of tax money went to education. The statewide increase was due to mills being fixed.

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Morb Wicks attended the Council on Aging Meeting at the Senior Center. The topics discussed were the generator for the Center, landscaping trees (green ash), and the election of new board members by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. There was a suggestion to have a Senior Wellness Program at the Center that would meet the criteria of the Federal standards.

#### **EXTENSION SERVICE**

Agent Jesse Fulbright was in to talk about 4-H and the Extension Office.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson updated the Commissioners that all the equipment is up and running at the Center. She is having some issues with some lights and was looking for some answers on how to fix them.

#### **JOPLIN STREETS**

A letter drafted by County Attorney, Hugh Brown, was sent to Cliff Nelson. It dealt with the public right of way that is being blocked by his equipment.

#### **JUSTICE COURT**

Judge Holly Frederickson updated the Commissioners about her court. She has been very busy.

#### **WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere is finishing up the fall spraying. The Russian olive project is continuing.

**ROBERT PECCIA AND ASSOCIATES**

Bill Burkland, Airport Engineer for Robert Peccia and Associates, was in to inform the Commissioners that the electrical project at the Airport was completed.

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ♦ 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.

**GRAVEL**

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson met with Jerry Fenger at the Seidlitz gravel pit. The County had their back hoe there to look for gravel deposits. Jerry will be contacting a gravel crusher to find out the price of gravel and the availability to come and crush gravel.

**LEPC**

Commissioner Wicks attended the LEPC meeting and updated the group on the things happening with the Commissioners.

**DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE**

The Commissioners reviewed the Maco Health Care Trust insurance proposal with the Joint Powers Trust insurance proposal. After reviewing the options Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded to choose Joint Powers Trust for dental and vision insurance. The motion passed.

**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.

**RESOLUTION 15-09**

Deputy County Attorney, Elizabeth Woods, asked the Commissioners to approve Resolution 15-09 to allow Toole County Attorney, Merle Raph, to exchange a court case. After reviewing the request Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded. All were in favor.

LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA  
RESOLUTION 15-09

AUTHORIZING PROSECUTORIAL ASSISTANCE  
IN DISTRICT AND JUSTICE COURT CASES

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in a certain cause in Twelfth Judicial District Court, Liberty County, and/or Liberty County Justice Court as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is desired and deemed and appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated §7-4-2705 authorizes the board of county commissioners to employ special counsel to assist in the prosecution of any such criminal case pending in the county on request of the county attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Attorney has requested that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to prosecute the cause pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Liberty County, and/or or the Liberty County Justice court; and

WHEREAS, MERLE RAPH, Toole County Attorney, has agreed to act as a Special Deputy Liberty County Attorney in a pending cause;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Toole County Attorney, MERLE RAPH, shall be appointed a special deputy county attorney for Liberty County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of a pending cause and that he can fulfill the functions set out in Montana Code Annotated §44-4-103.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the special prosecutor of this case. Mileage will be paid at the current rate of \$57.5 per mile. Witness fees and expense, jury costs and other normal costs associated with the trial will be the county's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Adopted this 4 day of November, 2015 as moved by Commissioner Handrickson, seconded by Commissioner Wicks, and passed on a 9-11 in favor vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

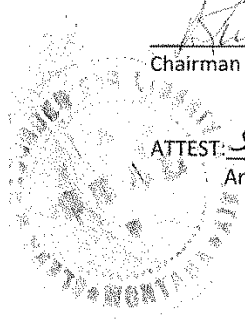
LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Liberty County, Montana

[Signature]  
Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Angel Colbry, Clerk & Recorder

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Member



911

Jim Ghekiere brought some proposals from Century Link for updating our 911 system. He will send the proposal to the State to have them review it. We will wait to get the review back before going forward.

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 reported the mowing is about done. The Beulow Crossing will be officially closed next week. This week detour signs will be posted on the road to get traffic going over to the improved crossing at 2100 Road East. Next week cement barriers will be placed on the road blocking access to the crossing. The Road Department will be moving the old meter house from the Chester Cemetery to the Joplin Cemetery.

#### **PAYROLL**

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

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson was in to talk about the ladder on the roof used to access the venting in the kitchen. The furnace in the kitchen is not working; she will call to get it fixed. Glenda will be training for Medicare 101 this week. The bus had an incident claim last week. One of the riders tripped going up the steps on the bus. The bus drivers will be recommending having the riders use the lift to help get their walkers and wheelchairs onto the bus, but it is their choice.

#### **TOWN OF CHESTER ELECTION**

The Commissioners met and canvassed the Town of Chester Election. After reviewing the results the Commissioners agreed with the results. The Commissioners signed the official canvass.

#### **GRAVEL**

Jerry Fenger was in to discuss the gravel at his pit. The Commissioners are trying to come to an agreement with Jerry on a price for his gravel and who will crush it.

#### **CLAIMS**

The Commissioners reviewed the claims. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the claims and Commissioner Wicks seconded. All were in favor.

**RETIREMENT PARTIES**

The Commissioners attended a retirement party for Bill Gunderson, who was active in the Liberty County Museum and Council on Aging. He was also a longtime volunteer for various County needs.

The Commissioners also attended a going away/appreciation party for Shari Dolan, who was the Chief Financial Officer for Liberty Medical Center.

**ROAD ISSUE**

Residents inquired about graveling 2200 Road South. The Commissioners informed them they will not see any gravel this year, because the County does not have access to gravel at this time.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Judge Holly Frederickson was in to update the Commissioners on the happenings in 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

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Chairman

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 was in to say the Beulow Crossing is now closed. Mowing is scheduled to be done this week. A Representative from Henke Wings was in the Shop. Cat had plumbed the hydraulics wrong, so the Henke Wings Representative fixed the hydraulics and showed the Road Crew how to do it properly. Marc also asked to have a few things changed.

#### **HRDC**

Commissioner Tempel attended the monthly HRDC meeting in Havre.

#### **HOSPITAL FINANCE**

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Hospital Finance meeting on Monday. The Hospital's health insurance rates are going up 20%. The Finance Committee will bring a recommendation to the full board.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson said the furnace has been fixed. The Council on Aging Board still has some vacancies and is looking for volunteers to be on the Board.

#### **CLAIMS**

The Commissioners reviewed claims. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the claims and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### **AUDITOR**

Bob Denning, from Denning and Downey, our Auditor was in to visit. While he was here, he discussed some book keeping issues. He will help Angel, the Clerk & Recorder, with the yearend report.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Hugh Brown, the County Attorney, was in to check on any issues that concerned his office.

#### **HEALTHY MONTANA COALITION**

Commissioner Wicks and Clerk and Recorder, Angel Colbry attended a meeting at the Senior Center. New anti-smoking signs were placed at the school. Public Health was there to talk about flu shots and other public health issues.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Judge Holly Frederickson was in to update on the happening in her court.

**PLANNING AND 911**

Jim Ghekiere was in to help review a change of boundary. The Commissioners will place it on next week's agenda. Jim had the state review the 911 contract.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### **AIRPORT FARM LAND LEASE**

Marty Lyders was in to review and renew the land lease he has with the Liberty County Airport. After the Commissioners and Marty reviewed the lease and agreed on the terms, Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Wicks seconded. All were in favor.

#### **PAYROLL**

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

#### **TIBER WATER**

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Tiber Water Board meeting in Conrad. The North Regional Waterline gave an update on the proposed line.

#### **PLANNING**

Jim Ghekiere was in to talk about a change of boundaries survey that was submitted from Cicon & Associates. The County will be sending it to Stahly Engineering for review.

#### **TOWN OF TIBER**

Chris Kolstad came in to discuss the current tax rates of the lots in the townsite of Tiber. The property owners have noticed an increase of 4 times more than last year's taxes. The property owners were asking what they could do to get this more back in line.

#### **ROAD ISSUE**

The Commissioners were called by an individual inquiring about the Liberty/Toole County border and the road that comes off of MT 366. The caller was redirected to call Toole County.

#### **EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, the Extension Agent, was in to talk about current issues. Jesse was looking for help with some of his 4-H projects.

#### **JANITOR**

Ruthann Norick was in to ask for a new vacuum for the Courthouse. The Commissioners told her to purchase what she needed at the local store. She will be gone on Friday, so no janitorial services will be offered.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson said she had cancelled a bus trip to Great Falls on Wednesday due to the weather forecast. The Commissioners told her that was a good choice. The access ladder for the roof was installed yesterday. The oven and dishwasher vents will be inspected next week.

BUDGET RESOLUTION 15-10

The Clerk and Recorder, Angel Colbry, had a discussion with Bob Denning, the County's Auditor, to help with the Ambulance Fund. Under his direction she will set up a special revenue fund to hold all of the donations the Ambulance receives. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to move \$50,151.42 out of the Ambulance CIP Fund (4035) to the Ambulance Contribution and Donations Fund (2231). Commissioner Wicks seconded and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 15-10  
A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGETS

WHEREAS, it is fiscal year 2016 and it is recognized that the ambulance budget are in need of expansion and adjustments;

Fund 2231 Ambulance Fund

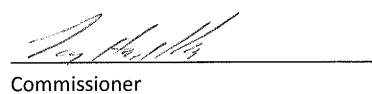
WHEREAS, Fund 2231 was set up as a special revenue fund to hold the donations of the Ambulance. \$50,151.42 was moved out of the Ambulance CIP Fund (4035) to the Ambulance Contribution and Donation Fund (2231); the Commissioners have approved a budget expansion of \$50,151.42 in the Ambulance Contribution and Donation Fund (2231);

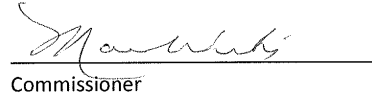
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the expansion of the above stated funds have been duly approved for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

DATED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015

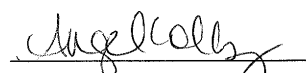
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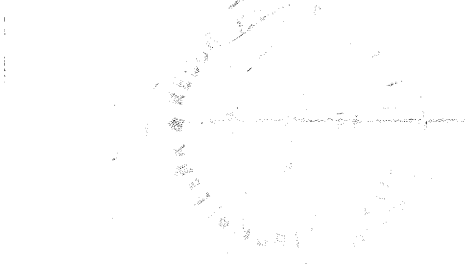
  
Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Angel Colbry  
Liberty County Clerk & Recorder



WIC

After the Commissioners reviewed the WIC contract with Hill County, Commissioner Wicks made a motion and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded to sign the contract. All were in favor.

**HOSPITAL BOARD**

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the annual Hospital Board meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Britney Tempel was elected to fill the open position. Kirsten Kammerzell was reelected to serve as the Chairperson. Larry Hendrickson was elected as the Vice Chair. Britney Tempel was elected as the Secretary Treasurer.

**SANITARIAN**

The County Sanitarian Sarah Robbin gave the Commissioners a yearend report. She has completed the tasks that the Commissioners asked of her. Sarah is in the process of applying for some FDA grants for Liberty County. She gave the Commissioners the dates on a calendar for the upcoming year of when she will be here.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Judge Holly Frederickson was in to update on the happenings of her court. At this time she has 2 jury trials scheduled for next month.

**911**

Jim Ghekiere presented some bids for the new 911 contract with Century Link. They offered a one year service contract for \$891.36 and a five year contract for \$880.08. Jim called and asked them for the price of a three year contract. They will respond when they have the price for us. The cost of the new equipment is \$97,860.56.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Hugh Brown, the County Attorney, was in to check on any items the Commissioners had for his office. The Commissioners asked about closing the street and alleys in the town site of Tiber. A land owner had inquired because if the land was changed to be "agricultural land", instead of a "townsite", the taxes would be cheaper.

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