October 2nd, 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.

CEMETERY PROJECT

Erik Kelly (and mother, Charlotte) came in to show us his Eagle Scout report on the INFORMATION building at the Chester Cemetery. It includes plans, supplies, photographs, etc of the project, which is about 90% complete. We signed his application.

HI-LINE AVIATION

Hi-Line Aviation asked permission to build an addition on the south side of their existing hanger at the Liberty County Airport. This addition will accommodate a bathroom, shower, dressing room, office, and storage area measuring about 17 ½' X 42'. On approval / recommendation of the Airport board, Commissioner Rockman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to approve this addition to the hangar. The motion carried.

LEPC

The monthly LEPC meeting was attended by numerous members. The main topic of discussion was the recent problem with our radios and resonance.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson asked for permission to leave the state from October 10th-16th. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to grant permission. The motion carried.

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel attended the executive HRD meeting in Havre on Monday, October 1st, 2012.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Shari Dolan from Liberty Medical Center called about a patient lift and lab equipment that are no longer used. We declared them obsolete via motion by Commissioner Tempel, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried. She has an offer on the lab equipment that's more than they anticipated.

RESOLUTION #12-09

The advertised hearing for public comments and examination of the Liberty County budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was held at 1:00 PM today in the commissioner's office. There were no questions or objections to the budget as submitted and initially approved by the commissioner's. At 1:45 pm, Commissioner Rockman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tempel, to approve Resolution #12-09, which lists all pertinent levies / budgets for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 12-09

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 7-6-4024 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, Liberty County, held a publi hearing October 2nd, 2012 at 1:00 PM and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 7-6-4020 through 7-6-4036, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners of said Co has held a hearing and passed a resolution applicable under the above sections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 2nd day of October, 2012, the following budgets and levies h been adopted for the operation of Liberty County for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

	TAX REVENUES	VALUATION	MILLS
General Fund	205,272	7,572,432	27.11
Bridge Fund	188,078		24.84
Weed Control Fund	20,819		2.75
Marias Fair Fund	742		.10
District Court Fund	43,521		5.75
Library Fund	67,905		8.97
Ambulance Fund	21,953		2.90
Mental Health	3,765		.50
Senior Citizens Fund	40,251		5.32
SC Transportation Fund	5,217		.69
Extension Fund	59,129		7.81
Public Safety Fund	353,764		46.72
Road Fund	217,084	6,849,752	31.69
Conservation District	20,000	4,674,567	4.28
Joplin Fire District	19,454	1,543,486	12.60
West L.C. Fire District	50,554	5,306,266	9.53
Senior Citizens – voted	45,000	7,572,432	5.94
Sr Citizens Transport – voted	55,000		7.26
Health Care Facility	300,000		39.62
Permissive Health Insurance	175,362		23.16
Airport Commission	18,714		2.47
Cemetery District	21,168		2.80
Museum	17,300		2.28

DATED THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

ATTEST: Rhonda S Pinkley
Clerk

Chairman

Russ Tempel
Commissioner

Ryan Rockman
Commissioner

PAYROLL

The current county payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to pay the county salaries as submitted. The motion carried.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere was in to discuss weed issues. The crew is presently working on Russian Olives on the Marias River. Last week the helicopter sprayed 145 gallon of Tordon mixture on the West Butte infestations.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. Highlights:

1. The parking lot is done. The labor fees from Greg May total $24,010 (which includes 18,408 square feet of concrete at $1.25 / square feet and additional sidewalks measuring 80' X 5');
2. Current balance in special account is $88,102;
3. Flu shots will be given at the center on October 17th and November 14th;
4. A special presentation will be given by Marcia Goetting of MSU Extension at the center on October 16th. This educational program is entitled "Who Gets Gramma's Yellow Pie Plate";
5. The cabinets are done in Laurel at the LeCabinet Shoppe Inc. at a cost of $2,245. Harry Heimbigner is going to Billings with his pick-up this week-end and has agreed to transport the cabinets; and
6. There was an additional bill for more rebar / stakes for the parking lot project from Western Lumber for $985.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

October 3rd, 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.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Commissioner Hendrickson attended a special Liberty Medical Center board meeting to discuss the resignation and replacement of Ron Gleason, whose last day will be November 25th, 2012. The board decided to advertise the position.

CLAIMS

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

CTEP

Lynda VandeSandt, Liberty County Chamber director, came in to "finalize" the CTEP project. All bills were organized and the chamber's percentage was calculated at $6,802.72. The total cost of this CTEP project was $50,690.90 (not including the electrical work for $3,815.70). Greg May was notified that he owes us a reimbursement of $445 (the 1% gross construction fees).

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

On 9-20-2012, Commissioner Tempel signed and faxed an "assistance agreement" to the Bureau of Reclamation for $15,000 request for road maintenance at Lake Elwell by the Liberty County Road Department.

PERMISSION TO CROSS ROAD

Earl Colbry stopped in to request permission to put a 1" line across 188 Road E (Twp 36, R6, Sec 13). A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to approve this road crossing. The motion carried, and the paperwork was completed.

LIBRARY BOARD

The letter written to the Library Board on 9-18-2012, which defines the mutual decisions between the board and the commissioners related to salary updates, was "tweaked" to its final draft.

LION'S PARK

Bob Mattson stopped in to discuss the CTEP project. The electrical fees were not included in the CTEP funding, so he will pay the electrical bill from the old Lion's account. He is also going to get a quote for new underground sprinklers.

Conversation with Dave Mattson about the hand-railings at Lion's Park reveals that the Lionettes plan to buy the paint and repaint the railings and hydrants. For safety reasons, the step up into the new INFO building should be painted to highlight dimension and elevation.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

At a recent Foundation meeting, the hospital reported that it plans to have a group meeting including the LMC nursing, physician, and ER staff, the ambulance personnel, and the Liberty County Sheriff's Office dispatcher service to better co-ordinate communications related to trauma cases. Is it possible to make this meeting mandatory to the point of paying hourly wages to the participants?

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

October 9th, 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.

COUNTY SHOP PROJECT

Greg May asked about helping with the trusses at the county shop. Five yards of cement has been ordered for tomorrow morning.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright from the extension office stopped in to update us.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The Justice of the Peace talked about the shooting range vandalism and the tickets written for "curfew" violation (not related to the vandalism). Holly Frederickson inquired if the commissioners can establish a "temporary curfew for cause". Hugh Brown provided MCA 7-32-2302, which says we can establish curfew hours for minors regarding public streets, roadways, and county lands (with the exception of incorporated cities within the county boundaries).

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson picked up the cement bill from Johnson Redi-Mix (341 yds X $125/yd = $42,625.00). A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to authorize payment of this bill. The motion carried.

COUNTY AGENCIES

Rhonda Pimley received requests from the state asking for lists of all capital assets in our agency funds (i.e., airport commission, Joplin Fire Department, etc.). These agencies need to establish a policy statement to place a value on their capital assets.

ZONING COMPLIANCE

We received a zoning compliance form from MGC Consultants asking to extend the permitted boundary lines on the Marias Ridge Farms gravel pit. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to approve the paperwork, which was signed and forwarded. The motion carried.

MONTANA LAND INFO ACT

We made a conference call to Stu Fitzpatrick of the MLIA grants program. The advisory council develops an annual land plan that outlines categories where grants are considered. The committee looks for capacity building on a local level, where local GIS solutions can benefit counties. They gave out 10 grants last year. The grant-writing period is from January 15th to February 15th, and he will assist and advise the grant writer, if need be. He thinks there is potential for a grant for our cemetery mapping / recording project. We will visit with Pat Ludwig and Bear Paw Development.

EMS

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the EMS training on Sunday afternoon (October 7th). Bethany Chinadle from Triangle Communications came to instruct the group on completing the electronic trip reports. There were about 15 EMS personnel present and they completed all of the required reports.

CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly cemetery board meeting on October 4th. Ted hired Carey Warren to help him blow-out the Chester and Joplin Cemetery water lines. The information building at the Chester Cemetery is near completion. The costs incurred are $670 for secure bulletin boards, about $100 for forming materials / rebar / supplies, $0 for labor, and $0 for cement (reportedly donated by Johnson Redi-Mix).

JOPLIN FIRE DISTRICT AND WEST LIBERTY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

We sent a letter to the members of the JFD and WLCRFD to invite them to a meeting on October 23rd to discuss the possible purchase of a new rural fire pick-up truck and the issue regarding capital assets. Copy was also forwarded to fire chiefs, Jason Wanken and Butch Tempel. Commissioner Tempel spoke with Jim Coffman at the Joplin Fire Department about the request for capital assets.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger was in to discuss the possibility of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce renting the conference room for temporary office space, as the chamber is being forced out of their present quarters due to sale of building. They will pay $150 per month rent plus $20 per month internet fees. Teresa feels this is workable, as the conference room isn't used frequently. There are a few file cabinets / storage containers that belong to the Genealogy Society and Garden Club that would have to be relocated. Teresa will confer with her Library Board and get back to us.

ROAD ISSUE

Dave and Patrick Wicks stopped in to discuss a 2-mile section of 1500 E. Road that gets heavy use by hunters, dog-runners, and local travelers. During wet conditions this road gets deep ruts and it has lost its crown. Wicks' use the road to access their grain bins. After some discussion, we agreed to work / crown the road. Wicks' will arrange for gravel and hauling costs.

CLAIMS

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

SAFETY ISSUE

Jerry Ghekiere stopped in to discuss his concerns about a few potential safety issues at the road department.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

October 10th, 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: Commissioner Russ Tempel and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

COUNTY SHOP

The Commissioner's visited the county shop to check on the progress to the addition to the pole-barn building. We also discussed maintenance to the Wicks and Smith roads with Shawn Norick.

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

We tweaked Steven Gliko's proposal and sent it to Hugh Brown for legal advice. A satisfactory contract is being organized. We have mutually agreed with Liberty Medical Center to hire Mr. Gliko on a 6 month trial period.

CLAIMS

There were four additions (regarding Worker's Comp payments) to the claims that were approved for payment on October 9th.

PERSONNEL ISSUE

A road crew personnel issue was addressed by the Commissioner's and Shawn Norick. A letter was e-mailed to MACo legal counsel, Mike Sehestedt, for approval. Mike made a few simple suggestions to finalize the personnel letter.

JOHNSON REDI-MIX

Jeremiah Johnson stopped in to discuss recent cement jobs he has done for the county:

1. He agreed to give us a discount of $5/yard on the Senior Center parking lot (calculations for 342 yards X $5/yard = $1,710).
2. He provided 4 yards to the cemetery project at $125 / yard, which totaled $500.
3. Just today, he delivered 8 yards at $125 / yard to the county shop for the pole building remodel project, which totaled $1,000. Conclusion: We've already paid the Senior Center parking lot bill, so we'll "call it even" on the cemetery and pole-barn cement. Additional note: Jeremiah owes us 4 loads (80 yards) of crushed gravel, which will soon be available at the Pugsley Pit.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

At request of the Liberty Medical Center we examined an old patient lift that works sporadically and is "out-dated". A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to declare it obsolete. 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

October 16th, 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: Commissioner Russ Tempel and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

MONTANA PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Tempel attended the MPA briefing session on oil and gas issues in Havre on October 10th. The discussion included statewide implications and concerns dealing with the upcoming legislative session.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly Liberty County Board of Health meeting on October 12th. A report was given by Lynda VandeSandt (tobacco prevention specialist) with highlights:

1. She plans to encourage tobacco signage in local taverns and businesses as the upcoming colder weather results in more infractions;
2. The present tobacco funding is at 50%, but they're hoping for an increase by the upcoming legislature;
3. A legislative luncheon is planned for October 24th in Conrad; and
4. She would like the board to review the current policy for any changes. Karen Salo (County Sanitarian) reported that she received a DPHHS food inspection report showing that none have been done in Liberty County. Karen refutes this report, saying that she only has 5 inspections left to do. She has sent them the required info (now twice), and is frustrated with DPHHS efficiency. We presently have two board members whose terms expire on 11-1-2012: Dr.Young and Penny Walston. Commissioner Rockman will follow-up on this.

CLAIMS

The Treasurer's office is in need of extra postage for important mailings. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to approve the immediate purchase of stamps. The motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to update us on Senior Center issues. Rhonda Rocks has returned to work following surgery, but on limited basis (she can lift 10 pounds only). Glenda just finished her first year as the Senior Center director. Glenda would like the Senior Center entrances sprayed for bugs, as a few have been evident lately. There have been no repercussions regarding a recent fall at the center by a senior citizen.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. Recent moisture is making grading conditions nice. The crew is staying busy. We mentioned again the damage to the Fritz area cattle guard and concerns about increased traffic during hunting seasons. Shawn will follow up.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger stopped in to ask us to follow-up on the current balance in the Library CIP Fund. Also, she's having second thoughts about giving up office space to the Chamber.

COMMISSIONER HENDRICKSON

Commissioner Hendrickson called in to see if there were any pressing issues or concerns.

JERRY FENGER

Jerry Fenger came in to discuss the contract gravel he recently hauled from the Wickum pit to Colin Lybeck, Fraser's Conoco, himself, etc. He will bill these clients at $6 / yard plus hauling fees, then settle up with us with one check for total yardage used.

PAYROLL

County payroll was submitted for approval. Commissioner Tempel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to pay current salaries as submitted. The motion carried.

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

Hugh Brown organized an agreement between Liberty County and M.Steven Gliko for psychotherapy services; which we approved for transmittal to Mr.Gliko. At his request, Commissioner Rockman mailed Gliko a listing of our local clergy.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

October 23rd, 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.

FLOOD PLAIN

Commissioner Hendrickson attended a Flood Plain meeting on October 22nd to discuss potential flooding issues in the Chester community. Others present included Noel Walston, David Ghekiere, Tonia Wickum, Rachel Ghekiere (Town of Chester); Jim Ghekiere (Planning); Tiffany Lyden, Mary Cross (DNRC, Havre).

Local ordinances regarding flood plains take precedence over state /federal ordinances. However, to receive future help and funding from FEMA following a flood, it's best to be following their rules. There was some discussion about updating the flood plain maps.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

1. Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman attended Marsha Goetting's (MSU Extension) seminar at the Liberty County Senior Center on October 16th dealing with estate planning.
2. Commissioner Tempel attended the "Vibrant Community" conference sponsored by Opportunity Link / Bear Paw Development Coop of Havre (Erin Nissen and Anne Boothe) on Tuesday evening, October 16th, at the Liberty County Senior Center. The meeting dealt with future goals and needs in Liberty County.
3. Commissioner Rockman attended the second seminar by Marsha Goetting at the Sweetgrass Lodge on Tuesday evening, October 16th, dealing with wills, probate, POD's and TOD's.
4. Commissioner Rockman participated in a conference call for the quarterly meeting of the NCAAA in Conrad.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NCAAA MEETING

A. A new computer policy regarding "No Expectation of Privacy" would allow us to monitor employee's computers for proper usage.
B. Commodities will now be distributed from the old Conrad Depot (as opposed to the Pondera Center) at a fee of $50/use.
C. Only $34,556 in NCAAA Reserves are needed to keep the FY2013 budget at FY2012 levels, versus the $40,000 the board authorized for usage in FY2013.
D. Pondera County will soon get a lease agreement done with NCAAA on their office rental charges (established at $795/month).
E. Raises were given at $.50/hour, retroactive to 7-1-2012, excluding employees in their probationary period.
F. The FY2013 contract modification with DPHHS was approved.
G. The FY2013 Area III budgets were approved. These include the Admin, I & A, AOA Training, SHIP, and Area III Contractor budgets.
H. The year-end Financial Report (FY2012) was approved.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger stopped in to get an updated report on her CIP fund and deposits.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The mowing is now done. The Fritz cattle guard has been repaired.

EXTENSION

1. Morrison-Maierle called to report that they will charge $20/month for the back-up system on the two computers in the Extension office (the computers are under 15 gigabits).
2. The Agrosecurity Planning Workshop is in Great Falls.

TOWN OF CHESTER

Mayor Noel Walston stopped by and talked about the Flood Plain meeting, and about some of the things dealing with permits.

RURAL FIRE

A joint meeting with Joplin Fire and West Chester talked about narrow band radios. Joplin Fire got new pagers and all radios will be narrow band. As of 10-23-2012 plan on running in current trucks.

West Chester would like to get a new truck. 2,000 gallons with auto transmission. They were given the go ahead. Radios and pagers will be narrow banded on 10-31-2012.

EXTENSION

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel attended the Extension Advisory Council meeting. We discussed what kind of programs that the Extension should be offering. Also, the group discussed the attendance of recent programs.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman

October 30th, 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.

EMS

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the EMS meeting on 10-29-2012. The group discussed radio reprogramming. It will be complete on 10-30-2012. Training was completed by the crew. On December 14th the EMS and Fire crew have planned a Christmas Party.

BOR

Mike LaFrentz and Nick Ludwig updated the Commissioners on BOR projects. We talked about the Agreement signed for the upcoming year.

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel attended the executive meeting of HRDC in Havre on 10-29-2012.

AIRPORT MAPS

Robert Peccia & Associates (via Bill Burkland) sent us the updated airport layout plan for approval. RPA will forward the maps to the FFA. We called Jim Briden for his input. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Rockman, to approve the layout plan. The motion carried. The signed maps were forwarded to RPA.

COUNTY LEASE LAND

We received a letter from Lyders Inc that states their 5-year lease on the 105.54 acres of cultivated farm ground located west of the Chester cemetery expires on 11-30-2012. Martin Lyders is requesting to renew the lease at $18.00/acre (up from $15.00/acre), which would make the annual lease at $1,900.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues. The crew has been putting up snow fence, fixing sign posts and general maintenance. Grading is on the schedule for the rest of the week. Commissioner Tempel reports that the road from the end of the Joplin oil to Willy's needs work. We're presently looking at a used truck on auction (owned by BOR at Babb); it looks to be a good buy at about $7,000. Charlie Thielman will be repairing the Whitlash road near Lakey's. Shawn will compile their work hours on the roads and ramp at the Marina for partial payment from the BOR.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss center issues. They had an incident with a problem passenger recently; this person was travelling alone in the van with the driver to Great Falls. The passenger had a problem with her oxygen tank, followed by a "panic attack" with agitation and spilling her milk / treats in the van. The driver was worried about a potential respiratory episode by the passenger. Glenda will check the policy manual and make recommendations, if need be, to address this issue for future incidents.

PAYROLL

The current county payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel, and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, to approve the payroll as submitted. The motion carried.

EQUIPMENT CHECK

The Commissioners examined the equipment on hand at the county shop. In addition, we looked over the supply inventory.

EXCESS SHELVING

The excess shelving [four 30 X 35 X 16 wall cabinets] that are being stored at the Senior Center were given to the Liberty County Chamber for use in their new office.

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

We called M.Stephen Gliko, who is presently reviewing the proposed agreement with his attorney. He will be contacting us soon.

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

ATTEST:_____ _____

Clerk Chairman