

October 6th, 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.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. The new sirens were discussed. The need of a generator was discussed and moved to the top of the list of things that the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee needs. Glenda Hanson will be making a list of all the available wheel chairs in the community (Senior Center, Liberty Medical Center, and the local Churches); in case of a disaster. Public Health reported on the early flu season and the availability of the flu vaccine. The Commissioners will be sending Triangle Telephone and Hill County Electric a thank you for the installation of the new siren. Liberty Medical Center will be having Brent Lloyd present a class on Incident Management.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging is in the process of replacing Bill Gunderson's board member position. The Board will be putting together a list of possible replacement candidates to be voted on for his position. Representative Ryan Zinke will be having a community meeting at the Center on October 12th, 2015.

CJI SCHOOL

Brad Kammerzell was in to talk about trying to get the GIS class back in the school system.

AUGUST MINUTES

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the August minutes. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded with all in favor.

JOINT POWERS TRUST

Cyndy Maxwell called and will be sending a proposal for optical and dental insurance. Gary Hablutzel will be in next week to discuss insurance rates and their vision and dental plans.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to update the Commissioners on Center news. The cooler will be repaired this week. The bus schedule was discussed for the upcoming months as to when and where the bus would be traveling.

4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM

Liberty County nominated Mary Ann Zorn to be recognized as an outstanding leader. She was presented the award by the State 4-H Council at the conference in Havre. Mary Ann gave a presentation on how to start a Shooting Sports Program from scratch.

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 7th, 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.

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.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER

Derek Daly, Liberty Medical Center's CEO, was in the office to update the current contract between Liberty Medical Center and Liberty County. The Commissioners will have the County Attorney update the lease.

JOPLIN STREET SURVEY

John Cicon finished the survey of the Joplin streets and the Commissioners will continue the process of dealing with encroachments. The Commissioners will go and inspect the intersection at Norman Avenue and 2nd Street.

THANK YOU'S

The Commissioners sent a thank you to Hill County Electric and Triangle Telephone for the work they donated to the County for the installation of the new public safety siren.

The Commissioners also sent a thank you to Bill Gunderson for his years of being a volunteer on the Council on Aging Board and the Museum Board for the County.

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 12th, 2015 ♦ Monday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in a special session on the above stated date at 2:00 PM at the Senior Center to meet with Congressman Ryan Zinke. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

RYAN ZINKE

The Commissioners hosted Ryan Zinke at the Senior Center. There were 43 people in attendance. Current issues were discussed. Congressman Zinke met with the Commissioners afterwards and Montana Highway 409 was discussed.

There being no further business, the special meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

October 13th, 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 still going slow. Gravel is being put on the new road being built for the railroad crossing on 2100 Road East. He has ordered carbide bits on a special pricing that will save the County on all freight.

RAILROAD CROSSING

Ray Ramberg was in to comment on the new railroad crossing. He is a landowner that borders the road. He was hoping the County would rebuild the approaches that are located on the road, so he has access to his field. The Commissioners will talk to the Road Department.

DNRC

The Commissioners called Eric Eneboe, the DNRC Representative from Conrad. The Commissioners were looking for signage to be installed on the Iron Creek Road. DNRC has some signs they will install in hopes to help make it less confusing on the boundaries of the State and private land.

JOINT POWERS TRUST

Gary Hablutzel, the Representative for JPT, was in to explain the optical and dental insurance that is available through JPT. The Commissioners will have the Clerk & Recorder send out applications to our employees.

JOPLIN STREETS

The Commissioners went to Joplin and viewed the surveyed boundaries at the corner of Norman and 2nd Street. There is some encroachment on the right of way.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Frederickson met with the Commissioners and updated 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

Chairman

October 14th, 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: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks. Commissioner Tempel was attending a Montana Department of Transportation Meeting in Chinook.

CEMETERY BOARD

Rlynn Rockman was in to discuss the cemetery waterline. A portion of the bill was paid by Lyders Farm. Lyders are responsible for hooking up to the meter pit and installing a new line to their buildings.

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.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. After reviewing the claims Commissioner Wicks made a motion and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. All were in favor to approve the claims.

HEALTHY LIBERTY COUNTY COALITION

Commissioner Wicks, Lynda Vande Sandt, John and Jeannie Fauerbach, Jesse Fulbright, Hugh Brown, Glenda Hanson, Jerry Martin, and Commissioner Hendrickson met at the Senior Center for the Healthy Liberty County Coalition Meeting. Items discussed were reACT mini grants, public smoking, and E-Cigarettes.

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 20th, 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 mowers are progressing. The vegetation is drying up making mowing faster. The Road Crew is continuing to gravel the new crossing on 2100 Road East. Jerry Ghekiere is retiring on October 22nd, 2015 this week.

COURTHOUSE SAFETY

Noel Walston, from Hi-Line Hardware, was in to talk about rekeying some of the locks at the Courthouse. The two main doors inside the front entrance are not currently able to be locked. This would allow front door access to upstairs, and allow the main floor offices to be locked for 4-H evening meetings. The Commissioners are also thinking of offering some personal protection training to employees.

4-H

Ted and Mary Ann Zorn were in to talk about shooting sports. An idea was brought forward to use the County Shop as a shooting location. Mary Ann and Ted inspected the area and thought it should work fine. The Clover Hot Shots met with the Commissioners to ask if they could use the County Shop for their shooting activities. After some discussion Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion and Commissioner Tempel seconded to allow the Clover Hot Shots to use the County Shop for their shooting sports.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere updated the Commissioners on what was happening in the Weed Department. He informed the Commissioners there is grant funding available to upgrade his sprayers. The Commissioners commented on the safety issues of using the 4-wheelers and the trend of using side by sides. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to purchase a 2016 Honda Side by Side with power steering. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

SNYDER'S DENT SHOP

Dennis Snyder, of Snyder's Dent Shop, is donating 2 cars for the West Chester and City of Chester Fire Departments to practice extrication.

JOPLIN STREETS

The Commissioners had various conversations with residents of Joplin to discuss the maintenance and accessibility of streets.

JUSTICE COURT

Judge Frederickson is concerned about the funding of court ordered drug and alcohol counseling.

CHESTER CHEETAH

The Commissioners renewed their support for Mayor Noel Walston’s re-election bid even after seeing the latest Twitter ad! The only problem is none of the Commissioners are eligible to vote in the Town of Chester Election!

NEW HORIZONS

Alou Horinek was in to talk about funding for New Horizons treatment.

CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. After reviewing the claims Commissioner Wicks made a motion and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. All were in favor to approve the claims.

HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Hospital Board Meeting.

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 27th, 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.

LAIRD ROAD

Buck Dahlin was in to talk about the Laird Road railroad crossing. It is very rough and he was hoping something could be done with it.

MONTANA HIGHWAY 223

The Commissioners met with Sheriff Riggins and Mayor Walston to discuss the letter they received from the Montana Department of Transportation dealing with the speed limits on Hwy 223 in Chester. After some discussion the group decided to write a letter back to the MDOT asking them to revise the speed limits.

LIBERTY COUNTY LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger updated the Commissioners on the happenings at the Library.

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Noel Walston and the Commissioners contacted Paul Tuss at Bear Paw Development to review the lease Earl Fisher Biofuel has with the County and Town of Chester at the old shovel factory. The Commissioners sent the resolution dealing with Bear Paw Development working with the County for planning and grant writing.

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.

CLAIMS

2 Ambulance claims were submitted for payment. After reviewing the claims Commissioner Wicks made a motion and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. All were in favor to approve the claims.

CJI SCHOOL

School Board Member Brad Kammerzell, and School Superintendent Thad Kaiser, were in to talk about the taxes that are due on the Hunnewell Estate land. The Department of Revenue has decided that the School District will have to pay taxes on the land. The County cannot change it. The GIS course was talked about and no new ideas were brought forward.

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel attended the monthly HRDC meeting.

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 29th, 2015 ♦ Thursday

Commissioner Morb Wicks and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson stopped by the Courthouse to check in. They decided to make a quick trip to Joplin while they were in town.

NORMAN AVENUE AND 2ND STREET

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson went to Joplin to make a detailed list of the encroachment on Norman Avenue and 2nd Street. They gave the list to the County Attorney, Hugh Brown.

There being no further business, the trip to Joplin was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

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Clerk

Chairman