

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 ♦ Tuesday**

**LEPC**

Commissioner Tempel, Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman, as well as many other community members, were in attendance at the regular monthly LEPC meeting held at the Liberty County Emergency Services Building at 8:30 AM.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting held at the Senior Citizens Center.

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

**BEARPAW DEVELOPMENT / CDBG**

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to send the Request for Proposal, drawn up by Anna Marie Robinson with Bear Paw Development, in the State for approval, and further if and when the Montana Department of Transportation approves the Request for Proposal to proceed with the CDBG process. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**GRANT CONTRACT / HB 645**

Rod Keith was in to visit with the Commissioners about the Local Government Infrastructure Grant Program contract with the Department of Commerce. (HB 645 grant #STMGF-60-Cp-027) Chairman Russ Tempel signed off on the contract. The group also discussed purchasing the Shettel lots. This matter will be discussed further with the County Attorney. Deputy County Attorney Elizabeth Woods also stopped in to sign the contract. The form, along with a current copy of the County's Workmans Compensation, was then mailed to David Cole, Administrator of the Community Development Division.

**CLAIMS**

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to pay the claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**WEED DEPARTMENT PICK-UP**

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve for payment the Chester Motors claim for the purchase of the new pickup for the Weed Department. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**AIRPORT**

Jerry Martin was in to discuss options on available lots at the airport.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Richard Burrows was in at the Commissioner's request to discuss the Local Drug Task Force, several Justice issues, and the Courthouse security cameras.

**NCAA DIRECTOR**

Commissioner Rockman and Betty Marshall attended the North Central Area on Aging meeting in Conrad on August 26<sup>th</sup> to interview 3 selected applicants for the Directors position to replace Deb Pate. Other interviewers present at this meeting included Cindy Johnson, Joe Dellwo, Ken Evans, and Allan Underdahl. The selected applicants included Karin Roehm, Audrey Findlayson, and Alana Kietzman. Karin Roehm was the new director selected. She will be on probation for a 6 month period and the yearly salary she will receive is \$35,000.

**TITLE VI CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT**

Rod Keith was in to update and inform the Commissioners of the Title VI Civil Liberties Act.

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

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 ♦ Wednesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

**COMPUTER IT ASSISTANCE**

The Commissioners telephoned Marilyn Snyder to visit with her about computer tech issues in the Courthouse.

**ALERT SECURITY**

The Commissioners telephoned Alert Security in Great Falls about repositioning some of the cameras and adding one camera in the stairway as the Sheriff has recommended.

**LEASE / MOWER**

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to sign the lease-purchase agreement with Tilleman Motor Company for the Valtra A92 tractor and the Schulte xlt1000 mower. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Liberty County is scheduled to make 5 yearly payments at \$12,000 each.

**CTEP**

Linda VandeSandt was telephoned regarding the CTEP project at the Chester Lion's Park. She indicated that there has been a "hold up" by the engineers at the state level. After the Harvest Festival, Linda will schedule another meeting between the committee and the Commissioners.

Krystal Steinmetz from Bear Paw telephoned regarding the CTEP project. She informed the Commissioners that our CTEP application is presently being processed. These projects typically take 4 to 6 months for approval. There was a small "hang-up" initially regarding the lighting at the park, but we should hear something within the next 2 months.

**INSURANCE**

Tina Woods reported that they will insure the new tractor & mower at New prices (before discounts & trade-in's); therefore, the tractor will be insured at \$59,700 and the mower at \$22,100. The finance company requires a minimum of \$47,500 coverage. She will send notice to the finance company that coverage is in force.

**COUNTY LIABILITY ISSUES**

Tina Wood discussed potential issues concerning dealing with disposition of transients, drunks, and etcetera. She would like to visit with the Commissioners and or the Liberty County Sheriff's Office regarding potential risks, policy updates, etc.

**SAGE CREEK COLONY**

John Wurtz, Joe Waldner, and David Hofer were in to talk about road conditions and immunization shots from the Public Health department.

- o The Laird Road from the tree patch to Bear's Den is as bad as it has ever been – very washboardy.
- o Sage Creek Colony has 140 residents who get multiple shots each year. The increase in price from \$8 to \$12 is too much! They contribute over \$100,000/year to our local medical facilities, so would like a special concession.
- o Wondering why Sage Creek Colony is not allowed to drive trucks on the North Joplin Road while other farmers are allowed to?

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

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD / SAFETY MEETING

The monthly Department Head meeting was held on the morning of the above stated date. In addition, a Safety Meeting was conducted. Present for the meeting in addition to the Commissioners were: Tina Woods, Shawn Norick, Tom Allen, Gayle Dahlen, Anne Seidlitz-Melton, Rachel Ghekiere, Rhonda Pimley, and Jim Ghekiere.

Tina reminded the Department Heads that they are to be completing their Job Analysis reports. The agreement was to complete one report per quarter. Tina handed out some examples of what the Job Analysis reports should probably look like.

Tina suggested that the County's next step in moving forward with the Safety program should be working on the County's written policies regarding safety. At the next Safety meeting Tina would like to adopt a written County policy regarding Blood Borne Pathogens. The Department Heads have already completed the training regarding Blood Borne Pathogens but, now the County needs to adopt a written policy regarding this subject. After the formal adoption of these policies, it will then become necessary for each Department Head to complete these trainings with all of their Department employees – especially the new ones.

At the conclusion of the Safety meeting, the Department Heads present each gave a brief report about the current work in their respective offices.

#### SECURITY

The Commissioners visited with Jim Ghekiere regarding some security issues. The Sheriff has requested another camera be added to the system, and the Commissioners would like Jim to put in a request with 9-1-1 to be able to utilize this money for the additional camera.

#### ROAD

Shawn Norick visited with the Commissioners about an incentive plan currently being offered by Case IH for a six month lease on a tractor. The Commissioners told Shawn to look into the offer for more details. It may be a wise move to lease one or two of the tractors, in lieu of more wear and tear on the County owned tractor.

Gravel crushing was discussed. The County still does not have anything in writing from the Bureau of Reclamation regarding how much crushed gravel they want. Shawn has received a bid from Ray O'Brien for some gravel crushing. His bid does not include any gravel for the BOR. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to accept the Ray O'Brien bid for \$3.80 per cubic yard of crushed gravel. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Job interviewing for the road crew position will begin tomorrow morning in the Commissioner's office. Some standard questions are being typed up to utilize in the interviewing process.

#### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Mike LaFrentz was in to visit with the Commissioners regarding the BOR's request for some crushed gravel. They do still want \$2,500 worth of gravel, and Mike will work with Shawn to get all the paperwork and permits taken care of.

Mike also visited with the Commissioners about the Russian Olive project. He is currently advertising for bids, and was wondering if the Commissioners have a list of people who have expressed an interest in this job. The Commissioner's list has already been given to Marlene Moon with the Marias River Watershed. Mike also informed the Commissioners that he is experiencing some problems with picnic tables at Tiber Dam disappearing. He has decided that it has become necessary to begin to anchor the tables down, and wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this decision. Mike will be anchoring the picnic tables in the recreation shelters down as well.

#### PAYROLL

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve for payment the payroll as it has been presented. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of the payroll benefit and liability claims as well. Motion carried.

**SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSIT GRANT**

Rod Keith was in to visit with the Commissioners. The Transit grant has been awarded and the contract has now arrived. Rod also wanted to discuss with the Commissioners, the purchase of the two additional lots from Jerry Shettel. Rod has visited with Jerry regarding this matter and Jerry is asking for \$20,000 to purchase the lots. The Commissioners will telephone County Attorney Hugh Brown and ask him to draw up an offer to Jerry Shettel for \$12,500 for the two lots. Rod would also like the Commissioners to visit with Paul Tuss from Bear Paw Development regarding an agreement on how much to pay Anna Marie Robinson for her services with this project.

**WEED DEPARTMENT / RECERTIFICATION**

Jim Ghekiere will be absent from the County for the next couple of days. He will be in Ronan attending a class for re-certification points for his aquatic license.

**TEST KITCHEN / VIDEO PRODUCTION**

Brian Durham was in to visit with the Commissioners. He is interested in beginning a test kitchen and a video production in Chester. He shared his ideas for the project with the Commissioners and asked if they were aware of any grant moneys that might be available to assist him with this project. The Commissioners directed him towards Bear Paw Development for assistance with grant money.

**MUSEUM**

Rose Campbell was in to visit with the Commissioners regarding the Museum contract with Cory Decker Construction. She was wondering how the contract will address his payment, and whether or not some up front money to pay for materials will be allowed. The contract has not yet been drawn up, but in the past the County has allowed for payment of materials before the completion of the job.

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

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

#### JOB INTERVIEWS

The Commissioners assisted Road Foreman Shawn Norick with some job interviewing for the open road crew position. There were four interviews conducted on the morning of the above stated date in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse.

#### TRANSIT GRANT

After reviewing the contract for the Transit grant, Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### CLAIMS

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve for payment the claims as they have been submitted. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### TRIANGLE TELEPHONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Anne Boothe was in to introduce herself to the Commissioners and to familiarize them with the grant and loan opportunities that are available through Triangle Telephone. She was also interested in learning about what community development things the Commissioners are aware of in our area. The Commissioners visited with her about the Senior Citizens project and about wind development possibilities. The Commissioners also inquired about the potential benefits of a telephone system for the County. Ron Gleason from Liberty Medical Center joined the meeting. The group visited briefly about electronic health records. Mr. Gleason commented that they are under real pressure to have this accomplished by 2011. They may need some funding to make this happen.

#### WHEAT COUNTRY ESTATES

Ron Gleason also visited with the Commissioners about the Wheat Country Estates. Ron informed the Commissioners that there is a definite possibility that the Hi-Line Health Foundation may become the non-profit organization to house the Wheat Country Estates. Ron did not want the Commissioners to be blindsided by this news when it is mentioned in the minutes in the newspaper. He also informed the Commissioners that the water heater replacement began on September 8<sup>th</sup> and was completed as of yesterday. They have completely flushed the lines, and will flush them as many more times as it takes to entirely clean them. The replacement of the boilers will be the next step, and they will begin this shortly; bringing them to about ½ way through the \$45,000 project.

There is a proposal from Wells Fargo Bank for the refinancing of the WCE Bonds. Their proposal is currently for an 11 year bond at 5.75%. They would require a \$5,856.26 prepayment premium, and a \$7,500 loan origination fee. This would only reduce the cash outflow by \$5,596.70, per year. As an alternative, Ron has been discussing this issue with the Montana Facility Financing Authority (MFFA). They were involved in the original Bond financing. Based on preliminary discussions, they could refinance the bonds on a 20 year basis at 5.67%. However, they would not be able to accomplish the refinancing until the April 21, 2010, Bond payment date. They would still be subject to the \$5,856.26, prepayment penalty for the old debt. The loan origination fee would be one percent of the refinanced balance or approximately \$5,800. The interest rates could be locked in for next April by paying ½ of the loan origination fee. This refinancing option would reduce the annual cash outflow by over \$25,000, per year after the April, 2010 payment is made. If interest rates decrease by April, they would be given the lower rate. If they increase, they would be locked in at 5.67%. This effectively doubles the remaining loan term. Under this scenario, the Foundation could guarantee the debt rather than there being a requirement for a minimum balance from the Hospital.

Based on these options Ron would like to proceed with locking in these rates. Re-financing is something that the County is still tied to, and Ron wanted to touch base with the Commissioners before the meeting next week and get their thoughts. The Commissioners agreed that these terms were probably the best option at this point.

#### BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT / BUS BARN

A telephone conference was conducted with Anna Marie Robinson touching base on some of the dates and figures for the bus barn project. Anna Marie commented that she does not believe that Liberty County qualifies for the Rural Development grant we were thinking about applying for. She believes that some of the small loans offered through Triangle Telephone would be a better fit for what the County needs. Commissioner Hendrickson told Anna Marie to proceed in that direction. She will get the paperwork together and bring it up for signature.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chairman

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ♦ Tuesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

#### **OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX**

Commissioner Hendrickson telephoned the Blaine County Commissioners in regards to the first quarter payment of the Oil & Gas Production tax revenue. The Blaine County Commissioners confirmed that their payment too, was well below normal. They believe that the Oil & Gas payments will continue to be low all year.

#### **ROAD**

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on current road matters. A request for permission to construct a road approach has been received from the Chippewa Cree Construction Corporation. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **BUDGETS / MILL LEVY**

Clerk & Recorder Pimley requested that the Commissioners take a close look at the West Liberty County Rural Fire District's budget and their Determination of Mill Levy Limitation form. According to the limitation form the District is authorized to levy 8.37 mills but, last year only 2.15 mills were levied. Unless the District is planning on investing in a large purchase of some kind this year, the full 8.37 mills will not be needed to fund their budget. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to levy 5 mills for the West Liberty County Rural Fire District this year. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **DES / AMBULANCE**

Yvonne Hunnewell stopped by to update the Commissioners. They are desperately in need of more volunteers for emergency services. Dave Hunnewell, who typically drives the ambulance, has had shoulder surgery and will not be available to help for 6-12 months. Yvonne has placed an ad for people who are interested in taking the trainings; scheduling an informative meeting for this Sunday.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Rockman attended the Mental Health Board meeting held at noon on the above stated date.

#### **MUSEUM**

Clerk & Recorder Pimley discussed with the Commissioners the "voted" levy for the Museum. After a discussion with the auditors, she has come to believe that perhaps the "voted" levy is now unnecessarily capping the Museum levy at \$17,300. The auditors recommend that the county seek the opinion their County Attorney for guidance on the matter. The County Commissioners will request that the County Attorney look into the matter.

#### **REAPPRAISAL VALUES**

Dale Hawks was in to visit with the Commissioners about his concerns with the increase in the taxable values placed on his land due to the reappraisal completed by the Department of Revenue.

#### **CLAIMS**

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve for payment the claims as they have been submitted. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **TEST KITCHEN**

Brian Durham was in again to update the Commissioners with the progress he is making on his test kitchen project. He believes that it is looking good that he will qualify for some grant funding, and he believes his project will potentially add some jobs to the community. He would like to host a chili cook-off in Chester as a fund raiser for his project, and a way to bring people and business to the community.

**CRIMINAL CASE / VETS CLUB**

Dennis Hansen was in to visit with the Commissioners questioning the timeliness of the pending criminal case involving the Vets Club, and requesting the assistance of the Commissioner's in seeking a quick resolution.

**BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Upon the request and suggestion of Kim Downey, auditor with Denning, Downey & Associates, it was decided to book the commitment to lease/purchase the new grader from RDO/John Deere in the 2008-2009 fiscal year even though the first payment was not made until in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. In order to accomplish this, a road fund budget resolution must be made. Therefore, Commissioner Rockman made the motion to adopt the following Road Fund budget resolution. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 09-15**

WHEREAS, in the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year the Liberty County Road Department has entered into a Lease - Purchase Agreement with Deere Credit, Inc for the lease - purchase of a John Deere 872D motor-grader;

WHEREAS, at the time of setting budgets this agreement was not anticipated;

WHEREAS, although no money will actually be expended until the next fiscal year, the liability was actually incurred in the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, and must be recognized in this accounting period;

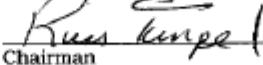
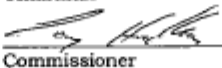
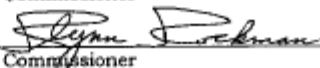
WHEREAS, this debt was approved by the governing body and by MCA 7-6-4006 the governing body may appropriate money and provide for the payment of the debts and expenses of the local government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Liberty County Commissioners that the additional amount of \$130,151 be appropriated to the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget to cover the incurred liability.

DATED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Chairman  
  
Commissioner  
  
Commissioner

**MACO CONVENTION**

The annual MACo Convention is scheduled for next week (September 21-24). The Commissioners are considering attending, and may be absent from their regularly scheduled workday next week.

**PAYROLL**

Due to the possibility that there may not be a quorum next week; Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to pre-approve for payment the County's payroll for next week. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS**

Jeff Minckler has e-mailed the Commissioners inquiring about their plans for the union negotiations. The Commissioners will contact him and ask that negotiations be held off until January.

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

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman. Chairman Russ Tempel is attending the MACo Convention held this week in Helena.

#### **ROAD COMPLAINT**

Don Pulst was in to discuss road issues with the Commissioners. He does not feel that the roads are being graded correctly. Mr. Pulst stated that the gravel in the middle of the roads is dangerous and not the proper way to crown a road.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATOR / EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Penny Walston was in with her contract with the State of Montana for the Bio-Terrorism program. She visited with the Commissioners a little about preparation for the Swine Flu. There is some of the funding in this contract specifically to go towards the issue. She may order some masks to have on hand. After reviewing the contract, Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the Unified Government Master Contract with the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Training, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The group then further discussed Penny's contract for her County position as the Public Health Coordinator. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to renew Penny's contract. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **ROADS**

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on current road matters. He confirmed that the crew is continuing to run back over the gravel in the middle of the road with the packer to smooth it out. Shawn also reported that some of the crew is out on vacation this week. The new employee will start the last week of this month.

#### **COMPENSATION TIME**

The County policy on Compensation time was briefly discussed. Shawn Norick was asked about how he handles comp time with the crew. He confirmed that the crew members are allowed to accrue comp time off for hours worked in excess of forty hours per week at the rate of 1 ½ hours for each hour worked in excess. The crew members are only allowed to accrue comp time upon permission from Shawn. Shawn stated that setting a limit on the accrual has never been an issue for his department. Shawn does not require that the crew members request in advance permission to use their comp time, but they do have to ask permission to leave. The understanding is also that comp time can be converted to over-time and paid out as such. Shawn further stated that it was his belief that as a salaried employee, he does not qualify for either over-time or comp time.

#### **JUSTICE COURT**

Clerk of the Justice Court, Denise Wanken, was in to update the Commissioner's on matters in the Justice of the Peace Office. She presented them with a printed report from their computer system.

#### **SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION**

County protocol for the enforcement of the smoke free legislation was discussed. Commissioner Rockman attended the informative meeting held last week at the library. He explained that the County will be required to come up with a policy or a plan on how they will enforce this new law. They will need about \$500 to pay for the certified letters that will need to be mailed out to enforce this law.

#### **BIO-DIESEL**

Logan Fisher visited with the Commissioners about the bio-fuel prices. The County cannot afford to utilize the bio-fuel at the current prices. Logan said that they will have some safflower bio-fuel that they can offer to the County at a better price (around \$3.67/gallon).

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Michael Reese, surveyor for the Rocky Boy water project has been in contact with County Attorney Hugh Brown. He has some questions regarding subdivision regulations, Homeland Security regulations, and putting in a locked gateway on the roadway into the water project. The County Attorney has promised to look into the matter for Mr. Reese, who is planning on being in the County tomorrow.



**UNION NEGOTIATIONS**

The Commissioners inquired with the County Attorney as to whether or not he would be interested in representing the County in the Union negotiations. Hugh Brown said that he would be willing to do the negotiations.

**HI-LINE HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Commissioner Rockman attended the Hi-Line Health Foundation meeting held at noon on this day.

**PAYROLL**

After reviewing the presented payroll, Commissioner Hendrickson re-affirmed the precautionary motion made last week to approve for payment the payroll as submitted. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chairman

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ♦ Tuesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

#### **ROAD**

Shawn Norick was in to discuss road issues with the Commissioners. He reported that the new employee started on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FIREHALL**

The supplemental furnace has been installed at the Firehall by Rick Voice of Cut Bank.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

Rod Keith was in to discuss the scheduled dates for the Request for Proposals and the other architect and engineering details for the Center. He is wondering if we can join the Bus Garage and the Senior Center projects into one bid.

#### **CAMERA IN THE COURTHOUSE**

Jim Ghekiera was in to report that the additional security camera for the Courthouse will be paid by the 9-1-1 monies.

#### **PAYROLL LIABILITY AND QUARTERLY CLAIMS**

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment the payroll liability and quarterly claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **9-1-1 CENTER**

Jim Ghekiera notified the Commissioners that the desk for the 9-1-1 center has been ordered. He indicated that the cost will be \$3,500 to install the entire system at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Jim will check with Sheriff Burrows about installing a new floor at the time of moving and installing the new desk and equipment for the 9-1-1 center.

Jim Ghekiera also reported to the Commissioners that they have received a new grant for \$15,900 for a new repeater for the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING PROJECT**

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to publish the Request for Proposals for architectural services for the Senior Citizens building project. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Rod will also mail out letters to a list of architectural firms that have expressed an interest.

#### **CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT PROTOCOL**

The CIAA Protocol meeting was attended by all three commissioners. How to handle the enforcement of the Clean Indoor Air Act was discussed at the meeting.

#### **SCHOOL BUDGETS**

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve the school budgets as County Superintendent of Schools Rachel Ghekiera has presented them. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The public hearing for the adoption of the new county budget was held at 1:00 PM on this day. In addition to the Commissioners, those in attendance included Clerk & Recorder Rhonda Pimley, County Superintendent of Schools Rachel Ghekiere, Road Foreman Shawn Norick, and Extension Office Supervisor Ann Wickum. The budget was reviewed with only a few questions being asked and answered and the meeting concluded at 1:35 PM.

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve and sign Budget Resolution 09-16. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.


RESOLUTION 09-16

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 7-6-4024 MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, Liberty County, held a public hearing September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00 PM and,  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 7-6-4020 through 7-6-4036, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners of said County has held a hearing and passed a resolution applicable under the above sections,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, the following budgets and levies have been adopted for the operation of Liberty County for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

	TAX REVENUES	VALUATION	MILLS
General Fund	328,561	7,199,800	45.63
Bridge Fund	111,942		15.55
Weed Control Fund	37,813		5.25
Marias Fair Fund	929		.13
District Court Fund	32,155		4.47
Library Fund	58,100		8.07
Ambulance Fund	15,048		2.09
Mental Health	7,608		1.06
Senior Citizens Fund	22,618		3.14
SC Transportation Fund	10,150		1.41
Extension Fund	51,299		7.13
Public Safety Fund	111,716		15.52
Health Insurance	75,045		10.42
Road Fund	183,575	6,512,187	28.19
Conservation District	20,000	5,168,069	3.87
Joplin Fire District	17,481	1,509,993	11.58
West L.C. Fire District	25,010	5,002,194	5.00
Senior Citizens - voted	45,000	7,199,800	6.25
Se Citizens Transport - voted	55,000		7.64
Health Care Facility	400,000		55.56
GO Bond	99,419		13.81
Permissive Health Insurance	159,456		22.15
Airport Commission	15,895		2.21
Cemetery District	17,977		2.50
Museum	17,300		2.40

DATED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

ATTEST:   
Clerk

  
Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

MSU EXTENSION

The budgeting paperwork required by Montana State University for the extension office was brought forth by Ann Wickum. After reviewing Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve and sign the budget forms. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings of August 18<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SHETTEL LOTS

A gentleman's agreement has been reached between Jerry & Helen Shettel and the Liberty County Commissioners regarding the purchase of the two additional lots for the Senior Citizen's building project. The Commissioners agree to a payment of \$12,000 plus all closing costs for the purchase of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 6 of the Weldy-Taylor Addition. The Shettels agree to pay the first half taxes due on November 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The Commissioners read and accepted the letter of resignation that they have received from Building Custodian John Melton. In addition, they conducted an exit interview with John.

ABSENCE OF COUNTY OFFICERS FROM THE STATE

The Commissioners gave permission to each other to be absent from the State the first week of October.

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