

February 1st, 2022 Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 8:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair) and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

ROADS

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, brought in John Deere representatives to discuss the new grader lease prices with the Commissioners. As with most other things, the prices have increased.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the LEPC meeting.

ELECTION SECURITY

The Commissioners formally requested that the Undersheriff or Deputy be present for the June and November election dates for security reasons.

ARPA

Austin Wargo from Robert Peccia and Associates called to update the Commissioners on the ARPA grant monies that they applied for to use on the Joplin Sewer Project. Until a decision is made, the project is on hold.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Robert Padmos is leading an employee training on electioneering on February 2nd for County staff. The training will review laws around promoting candidates during work hours (not permitted) vs outside of work hours (permitted).

COUNTY LAND

The Commissioners asked Cicon and Associates to survey some county land in Joplin in anticipation of leasing that land in the future. An estimate will be provided.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson, Justice of the Peace, updated the Commissioners on her court proceedings and confirmed that she will not be running for re-election.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

February 2nd, 2022 Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 8:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair) and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS (AFDO)

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve of Sarah Robbin to go to the AFDO conference in Phoenix in June. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

NORTHERN REGION HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

The Commissioners were asked to sign the Northern Region Hazard Mitigation Grant, Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign and Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion passed with all in favor.

COUNTY TRAINING

The Commissioners mandated a training for all employees facilitated by Robert Padmos, County Attorney, on the laws around campaigning for a candidate while working. This is to ensure that every employee is clear that no one is permitted to campaign for someone during work hours.

FISH, WILDLIFE, AND GAME

Willie Miller, FWG Warden, was in to check in with the Commissioners.

The Public Health Nurses came to distribute home Covid test kits to any employee who wanted one. There are two tests per kit.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, updated the Commissioners on a couple of inmate transfers including one that is a juvenile being transferred out of state.

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

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Clerk

Chairman

February 8th, 2022 Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 8:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson in person and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair) by phone.

ROADS

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, came in to update the Commissioners on his crews and some equipment. The road crews are checking signs throughout the county for visibility and reflectivity to see if any need to be replaced.

MACO HEALTH CARE TRUST

Pam Walling and Sandra Marks from MACo HCT came to meet with the Commissioners to discuss new rates being offered for health insurance renewal. Liberty County will see a 11.5% increase in rates for the upcoming year. After discussing the plans and rates, Commissioners Wicks made a motion to approve the new plans and rates. Commissioners Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. Open enrollment will take place in April.

The Commissioners are offering the following plans:

- RM2000-80%
- RM 3000-80%
- BP2000-70%-4000
- HD3000-100%-3000 (a new plan)
- RM 1500-80%-3000 plan was dropped.
- Dental and Vision were retained

PAYROLL

Jordan Miller, Payroll Clerk, presented payroll to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve payroll, Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

VICTIMS OF CRIMES ACT (VOCA) GRANT

County Attorney Robert Padmos, Sheriff Nick Erickson, and Undersheriff Kyle Heppner met with the Commissioners to discuss the VOCA grant. The grant has been submitted and staffing for the Sheriff's office was discussed.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Wicks attended the Council on Aging meeting. Cathy Luke has been appointed to the COA.

COMBINED FUND DRIVE

Commissioner Wicks attended the Liberty County Combined Fund Drive meeting.

WEED DEPT

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department, was in to update the Commissioners. He is looking for both employees and spray for the spring season.

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

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Clerk

Chairman

February 9th, 2022 Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 8:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson in person and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair) by phone.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The Commissioners reviewed an interlocal agreement with Gallatin County to house an inmate for \$75.00 per day. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the agreement, and Commissioners Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

ROADS

Justin Wicks, Road Foreman, and the Commissioners checked the roads and general conditions in Joplin, some issues were identified and added to the maintenance list.

CLAIMS

Monica Serrato, Claims Specialist, presented claims to the Commissioners for review and approval. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve claims and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on staff shortages she is having at the Senior Center. She also reported that while food truck deliveries are still arriving on time, some items have become unavailable.

COURTHOUSE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

CDT members Camon Hunnywell, Cyndy LaSorte, and Rhonda Peterson were in for information only.

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

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February 15th, 2022 Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 8:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair). Commissioner Larry Hendrickson was in Washington D.C. for the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference.

ROADS

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, came in to drop off the laptop used for FEMA. He updated the Commissioners on the road work that is to take place starting from 2700 Road and then coming south into town. The road crew will be cutting ditches and filling in low spots with pit run as there seems to be a lot of water that sits on the road. He also brought in a Permission to Construct a Road Approach Form. This approach is going in east of Dugout Road, south of town. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the form, and Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carries with all in favor.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to discuss event insurance. This topic will be added to the agenda for next week.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health nurses came in for a procurement. They also discussed their interest in the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), which is a mass text alert for communities to be aware of emergency situations. Kayla Johnson reported on the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services conference that she attended.

SENATOR DAINES

Robert Bruskotter from Senator Daines' office came in to visit with the Commissioners and see if there were any issues that the Commissioners wanted to be sure were made known in Washington D.C.

BEAR PAW CO-OP FUNDING

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the first half of county share funding for Bear Paw Co-Op for \$3125.00. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion passed with all in favor.

INSURANCE

Tina Wood, insurance agent, came in to discuss cyber-security insurance, event insurance, and to update the insurance schedules for each department.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Holly Frederickson, Justice of the Peace, was in to update the Commissioners on the happenings in her office.

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

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February 22nd, 2022 Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 8:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair).

ROADS

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, was in to drop off all FEMA information for the final audit on February 23rd. Larry will drive around with Tim Thennis from the state to finalize the fixed spots.

The Commissioners also reviewed the fuel tax maps with Justin, and after reviewing Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve and sign the maps. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

Justin presented a request for an approach for Route 366, S10, T29N, R4E. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the request, and Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

AUDIT

Bob Denning, auditor, was in to discuss the latest GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) for the counties. He found 17 findings which will be corrected before the exit interview in March.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The DES coordinators came in to discuss grant opportunities for DES in order to determine what to apply for in April for the following year. They also hope to have trainings on Incident Command Systems.

SHERIFF

Undersheriff Kyle Heppner came in to update the Commissioners on the Sheriff's Department. He is working with Glacier and Toole Counties to get more information about their radios in order to reach more people.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to ask about some meetings that are to be held at the Senior Center. The topic will be revisited at the next Safety Committee meeting when Tina Wood, insurance agent, will be present. She also raised the issue that some of her staff have vacation hours that are due to expire, however due to staffing shortages at the Senior Center they are not going to be able to use those hours before they expire. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the overage of vacation hours for those employees in order for them to have extended time to use them. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department, updated the Commissioners on his staffing needs. He still needs to fill a position in his department.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder Davin Buffington provided an update on upcoming ballot issues. Chester-Joplin-Inverness School will be asking for a 6.2 million levy for sports upgrades and Liberty Medical Center will be asking for a continuation of their levy. Davin and the Commissioners also discussed ballot language.

CLAIMS

Monica Serrato, Claims Specialist, presented the claims to the Commissioners for their review and approval. After review, Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the claims and Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

PAYROLL

Jordan Miller, Payroll Specialist, presented payroll to the Commissioners for their review and approval. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve payroll and Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

COLONIES

A couple of colony teachers stopped in to visit with the Commissioners about some issues they are having with the split of the colony.

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Chairman