

January 5th, 2021 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 and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum, Road Supervisor, met with the Commissioners to discuss the destruction of roads and signs. The Commissioners will consult with the County Attorney on how to handle the situation. The new mower that was purchased from Canada will be delivered today.

LEPC MEETING

The Commissioner attended the LEPC Meeting via WebEx.

DES

Sarah Robbin, DES agent and Sanitarian, was in Liberty County to complete some DES work and set up for the Mental Health Tour she is helping organize.

CLERK & RECORDER

Davin Buffington, Clerk and Recorder, met with the Commissioners to discuss current financial liabilities related to sick and vacation accruals.

COUNTY POLICY

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, met with the Commissioner to discuss updating the County policies relating to the use of marijuana in the workplace. Due to a change in law during the last election, the handbook will have to be revised. MACO will be contacted to help develop the new policies.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Hendrickson nominated and made a motion to accept Commissioner Woods as the new Chairperson for 2021. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 21-01

SETTING HOURS OF COMMISSIONER OFFICE

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to accept Resolution 21-01 and Commissioner Hendrickson Seconded. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 21-01

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-5-2122, MCA, the board of County Commissioners shall establish by resolution a regular meeting date and notify the public of that date;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the Liberty County Commissioners that they shall meet every Tuesday of each month, and the Wednesdays following the first and second Tuesdays of each month.

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved, that the hours that they shall meet will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



ATTEST:

Davin Buffington
Davin Buffington
Liberty County Clerk and Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

RESOLUTION 21-02

SETTING HOURS FOR THE COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept Resolution 21-02 and Commissioner Wicks Seconded. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 21-02

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-4-102, MCA, the board of County Commissioners shall establish by resolution regular office hours;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the Liberty County Commissioners that each office shall be open for the transaction of business during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays, excepting the following offices, which are as follows:

County Superintendent of Schools: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

Justice of the Peace Office: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

ATTEST:

Davin Buffington
Davin Buffington
Liberty County Clerk and Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

**RESOLUTION 21-03
SETTING OF MILLAGE AND PERDEAM**

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept Resolution 21-03 and Commissioner Wicks Seconded. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.


RESOLUTION 21-03

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners may, by resolution, establish mileage, lodging and per diem rates for business travel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the Liberty County Commissioners, that Liberty County Employees, when traveling in the normal course of their duties to designated areas, shall be reimbursed for the cost of meals, lodging and per diem within the rates established pursuant to MCA 2-18-501, 2-18-502, and 2-18-503 and in accordance with the following provisions:

- 1) Lodging must be reimbursed at actual cost, not to exceed the prescribed standard state rate per day. All claims for lodging reimbursement allowed must be documented by an appropriate receipt.
- 2) In-state meal reimbursement may not exceed \$7.00 for morning meal, \$11.00 for mid-day meal, and \$18.00 for evening meal. All claims for meal reimbursement allowed must be documented by an appropriate receipt.
- 3) The mileage will be reimbursed at the prescribed standard state rate.
 - a. Except that if the county vehicle is available for use and the choice is made not to use it, the mileage reimbursement for use of your personal vehicle for county business, will be at 60% of the state rate.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

ATTEST:

Davin Buffington
Davin Buffington
Liberty County Clerk and Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

RESOLUTION 21-04

REGARDING PUBLIC POSTINGS

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept Resolution 21-04 and Commissioner Wicks Seconded. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 21-04

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-1-2123, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt a resolution designating locations where notice is provided by posting,

NOW THEREFORE, The governing body shall post on the posting board in front of Courthouse Clerk and Recorder office area, calendar in Commissioners office and a copy of the document will be available per request.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

LIBERTY COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICIAL SEAL ATTEST: [Signature] Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS [Signature] Chairman [Signature] Commissioner [Signature] Commissioner

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, met with the Commissioners to discuss 4-H shooting sports. The discussed which facilities would be used this year.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson, Justice of the Peace, met with the Commissioners to update them on proceedings in her court.

BNSF CROSSING

Pete Woods, Liberty County resident, met with the Commissioners to discuss a BNSF crossing. He wishes to bid on the job and plans to research old proposals.

TREASURER

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, met with the Commissioners to give her annual securities report update.

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

ATTEST: _____ Clerk

_____ Chairman

January 6th, 2021 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 and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Justin Wickum, Road Supervisor, met with the Commissioners to discuss a telehandler that was in the shop and some work that needed to be done on it. The Commissioners went to the County shop to look at it.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, informed the Commissioners that he would be attending and Ag Conference today.

WEATHER STATION

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Courthouse weather station for \$1,154.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

COVID-19 VACCINE

Melissa Kantorowicz, Public Health Nurse, informed the Commissioner that the COVID-19 Vaccine will soon be available to employees. Employees will be asked if they are interested in receiving the vaccine to get an accurate count of what is needed.

MENTAL HEALTH

Open Door, Mental Health Providers, met with the Commissioners via phone to discuss the renewal of their contract with Liberty County. Rate changes were made. Mileage was increased from \$0.54/ mile to \$0.57/ mile. The price rate for counseling also increased from \$50.00 per hour to \$90.00 per hour. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to accept the adjusted renewal contract. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

DPHHS GRANT

The first Open Door Mental Health Tour will be held tomorrow. It is designated to help mitigate mental health issues and Covid isolation.

CLAIMS

The Commissioners reviewed claims presented by Sarah Horel. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the claims presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

January 12th, 2021 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 and Commissioner Joette Woods. Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks was present via phone.

CLAIMS

The Commissioners reviewed claims presented by Sarah Horel. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the claims presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, County Road Supervisor, was in to go over some DEQ charges, and update the commissioners on the road department. They are currently putting the new cages, and rewiring some locking mechanisms in the deputy vehicles.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, was in to talk to the commissioners about the VOCA program. They are working on a new Cyber Crime study to mitigate scams, and crimes to people that are done using personal computer information.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the commissioners on her grants. She is also going to ask for a couple new vans. Commissioners reviewed coordination plan for the transit. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve Glenda’s plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Melissa Kantorowicz and Kayla Johnson, County Health Nurses, came to discuss the allocating of vaccines. Also, they reviewed the FEP grant contract.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

January 13th, 2021 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 Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Joette Woods. Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks was present via phone.

CDT

The commissioners are planning a CDT meeting for January 26th at 10:00 AM. This meeting will take place in the commissioner’s office.

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in to discuss 4H, and the fact that they need a 501C3 form to get access to grant funding for a shooting sports building.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, County Road Supervisor, was in to discuss the SHPO permit they are trying to get for the south gravel pit. Justin said his road guys are working on updates on their sheriff vehicles, cages, and locking gun racks.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval by Jordan Miller. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve payroll via phone. Commissioner Wicks seconded via phone. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

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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

January 19th, 2021 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 Joette Woods, and Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks.

CLAIMS

The Commissioners reviewed claims presented by Sarah Horel. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the claims presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, County Road Supervisor, was in to update the commissioners on the road department doings. The graders will be out maintaining some of the problem issues on the roads. A report about the gravel on the dam being piled in the center of the road. Dale, County Road Employee, will go fix the issue with a grader.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

West rural Fire Department reps, and Jim Ghekiere, Fire Department Treasure, were in to discuss the change of checking for the department. Dallas will be appointing Jim to the board, and he will replace Steve Backan.

PUBLIC COMENT

Tyler Streit, Liberty County resident, was in to discuss getting gravel for the south part of the county.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in to let us know 4H will have small animals upstairs in the courthouse today at 4:00 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong, Superintendent of Schools, was in to discuss Colony Schools splits.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

January 26th, 2021 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 and Commissioner Joette Woods. Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks was present via phone.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, County Road Supervisor, was in to discuss final insurance items for the county shop.

TIBER WATER

Commissioners Wicks attended the Tiber Water meeting.

PAYROLL

A motion to amend payroll for Sarah Robbin, County DES employee, was made by commissioner Wicks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion pass with an all-in favor.

MACo

The commissioners had a meeting at 9:00 AM today with MACo insurance.

CLERK & RECORDER

Davin Buffington, Liberty County Clerk and Recorder, was in to discuss the impact of different job classifications

PAYROLL

A motion to amend payroll for Sarah Robbin, County DES employee, was made by commissioner Wicks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion pass with an all-in favor.

CDT

CDT meeting was at 10:00 AM. In the commissioner’s office. The committee has decided to wait until the legislative session is over to see what will happen with taxes and possible sales tax. It was discussed that we get a outside committee together for future meetings.

DNRC

Eric Ennebow, DNRC rep, was in to get some easement for historical roads signed and notarized. Commissioner Woods signed for the notary. A \$150.00 check to finish the process was approved by the board of commissioners. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to pay the claim. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, motion passes with an all-in favor.

SHERIFF

A motion to rule one sheriff application complete, and two in-complete was made by Commissioner Hendrickson. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, the motion was passed with an all-in favor. The commissioners will be sending out a letter to all the applicants today notifying them. The commissioners will be planning an interview for February 3rd, 2021 with the applicant that completed the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion to amend payroll for Sarah Robbin, County DES employee, was made by commissioner Wicks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion pass with an all-in favor.

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

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