

**MAY 2, 2023 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 Woods. Commissioner Hendrickson (chair), and Commissioner Wickum, both via phone for afternoon.

**LEPC**

Commissioner Woods attended the LEPC meeting at the firehall this morning.

**COUNTY WEBSITE**

Julie Gagnon, County Website Administrator, was in to update the Commissioners on the website that she is working on.

**MSU LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Liberty County Extension Agent, was in to let the Commissioners know there have not been any new developments on the cemetery board issue.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Chris Case, Justice of the Peace, was in to update the commissioners on his judge training in Great Falls last week. Chris says the main topic was mental health, and that seems to be the topic in every county for law enforcement, hospitals, and local counties.

**PUBLIC HEALTH/DES**

Melissa Kantorowicz and Kayla Johnson, Public Health and Disaster and Emergency Service, gave a report on their training in Atlanta. They learned some great new information that will be beneficial for their positions.

**ROBERT PECIA AND ASSOCIATES**

The Commissioners had a phone call from Robert Peccia and Associates with an update on the Joplin Sewer funding.

**MUSEUM**

Judy Tempel, Museum Board Member, was in to let the Commissioners know that the Museum Board will be having a meeting Thursday. The museum will be opening June 1st.

**TREASURER**

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, was in to update the Commissioners on tax issues and deeds.

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

**MAY 3, 2023, 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 Woods. Commissioner Hendrickson (chair) and Commissioner Wickum, both via phone.

**COUNTY SANITARIAN**

Sarah Robbin, Sanitarian, was in to update the Commissioners on some issues she is dealing with. Sarah will travel throughout the summer for continuing education courses.

**MSU LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Liberty County Extension Agent, was in to let the Commissioners know that he has an eagle scout interested in uploading recordings from the museum from cassette tapes to MP3 digital recordings.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods to approve payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson (via phone). Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners have been informed that we have a missing trailer at the road shop. Camera footage from April 18th @ 1:43 in the morning, shows that a vehicle hooked on to it and drove away. The Sheriff Department will be investigating this further.

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

**MAY 9, 2023 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. Commissioner present was: Commissioner Woods. Commissioner Hendrickson, and Commissioner Wickum via phone.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, was in to update the Commissioners on some legal issues that are pending.

**SHERIFF**

The Sheriff's office had a water problem that they believe has been fixed. The cracks in the wall outside and a broken gutter appear to have been the cause.

**COUNTY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Woods will contact some local people for the county compensation committee in June and get them on the schedule. The meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on June 7th. Chris Mattson, Britney Tempel, and Gina Allen will be on our 2023 compensation committee.

**MSU LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Liberty County Extension Agent, was in to visit about his upcoming events including 4H and continuing education seminars.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Martin Fulbright, Liberty County Eagle Scout, was in to ask the commission if he could upload cassette recordings onto the webpage for the museum. This will be his Eagle Scout project for the year. The commission agreed this would be a great update to have for future use.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners received a phone call from Tate Thorson about a couple of bad spots on the road North of Joplin. Commissioner Wickum will have the Road Department look at them today and try to get them maintained.

**LCPH/DPHHS**

Commissioner Woods made a motion to sign the Liberty County Public Health master contract between LCPH and DPHHS. Commissioner Wickum seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion was carried with all in approval.

**EAGLE CREEK COLONY REQUEST**

John from Eagle Creek Colony was in to ask if they could grade their own roads. Commissioner Woods explained why he could not. The liability would be on the county if any maintenance they did caused a wreck. He then asked if the Commissioners were interested in contracting the colony for hire on road maintenance., Commissioner Woods told him no. The current budget won't allow for contracting.

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

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

**MAY 10, 2023 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. Commissioner present was: Commissioner Woods. Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Wickum, via phone.

**COUNTY WEBSITE**

Julie Gagnon, County Website Administrator, was in to let the Commissioners know she is still working on changing webpage domain.

**CLAIMS**

A motion to approve claims was made by Commissioner Woods and second by Commissioner Wickum. Hearing no public comment, the motion was carried, with approval by all.

**MACo HEALTH CARE TRUST/MACo TOWN HALL**

The Commissioners will be in the office tomorrow, for a while for the MACo Health Care Trust Meeting, and MACo Town Hall 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

**MAY 16, 2023 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 Woods, Commissioner Hendrickson (chair), and Justin Wickum via phone.

**MSU LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Liberty County Extension Agent, was in to update the Commissioners on a pesticide training that he helped with in Great Falls. Jesse is overseeing a couple of people that have community service and will have them repaint the curbs and handicapped spots for county buildings.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Chris Case, Justice of the Peace, was in to give and update on the Justice Court. He will be attending the local safety training today with a few of the department heads.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, was in to update the Commissioners on his office.

**CLERK AND RECORDER**

Davin Buffington, Clerk and Recorder, was in to ask about how we want to deal with a couple things on health insurance. There was a payroll issue she asked the commission about.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Melissa Kantorowicz, Public Health, was in to update the Commissioners on her upcoming events. Her department continues to seek grants and have health clinics.

**DES**

Kayla Johnson, Disaster and Emergency Services, was in to let the Commissioners know that they are finishing up flood mitigation plans.

**CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve claims. There being no public comment, the motion carried with all in approval.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on the Senior Center.

**PAYROLL**

A motion to approve payroll was made by Commissioner Woods and second by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in approval.

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

**MAY 23, 2023 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 Wickum, Commissioner Woods, and Commissioner Hendrickson (chair).

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Chris Case, Justice of the Peace, was in to update the Commissioners on a pre-trial he has coming up.

**MSU LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Liberty County Extension Agent, was in to update the Commissioners on his office. He will be overseeing some community service students next week. They will be repainting handicapped curbs. Jesse is looking at traveling a bit more for a regional leadership commitment he is looking into.

**CEMETERY BOARD**

The Commission received notification that Christy Lakey has been appointed to the Cemetery Board.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, updated the Commissioner's on his office. He said the hearing tomorrow was a concern due to a disabled individual and the ability to get up to the courtroom.

**SENIOR CENTER/TRANSIT**

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on some issues she is having getting the grant buses they are in line to receive. She also has had a few issues with buses transporting people to marijuana shops. Although that is not illegal, there will be a policy coming that explains no use of these products on the bus including consumables that contain THC of any kind will be allowed.

**AIRPORT**

Carl Mattson was in to sign a memorandum of understanding for the airport in order to lease a hangar there. Carl owed the airport \$2780.00 for damages to airport property. In attendance were: Jim Briden, Larry Hendrickson, Robert Padmos, and Carl Mattson.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Kathy Armstrong, County Superintendent of Schools, was in to discuss the upcoming colony school situation.

**TREASURER**

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, was in to update the Commissioners on the percentage increase coming for residential taxes. Liberty County will see a 39% increase. Ag land will remain the same, and grazing land will go down most likely.

**JOPLIN RESIDENT COMPLAINT**

Karen Hadford was in to update the Commissioners on some new junk in the right of way by one of her buildings in Joplin.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Nick Erickson asked the Commissioners if they could lower the speed limit on the Nelson Road and 366. The Sheriff's Office continues to look for the trailer that was stolen from the County.

**DES**

Kayla Johnson, Disaster and Emergency Services, was in to update the Commissioners on her continuing education meetings she has been going to.

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

**MAY 30, 2023 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 Woods, Commissioner Hendrickson (chair), and Commissioner Wickum.

**MSU LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Liberty County Extension Agent, was in to remind the Commissioners that he will have a couple people repainting the curbing on the handicapped spots.

Kenny Osterman was in to visit with the Commissioners.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The road department will be working the North part of the county today. There were two new hires, Mitch Wanken and Bryce Ghekiere.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Chris Case, Justice of the Peace, was in to update the Commissioners on the days he will not be available in June.

**AIRPORT WATER/SEWER LINE**

Teri Tyler, City Manager, was in to visit with the Commissioners on an issue with water/sewer line at the airport.

**DES**

Kayla Johnson, Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) was in to ask about DES funds. They are getting budgets together for next week's budget hearing.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Melissa Kantorowicz, Public Health, was in to talk about budget numbers and update the Commissioners on some grant funding. A motion to Sign an eDoc for Public Health funding from the state was made by Commissioner Woods and second by Commissioner Wickum. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. Melissa said she will also be putting CPR class money in the immunization fund.

**RESPONSE TO AVANT HELIUM**

The Commissioners responded to Avanti Helium with a letter, explaining the Montana Department of Transportation regulations that the county follows.

**PAYROLL**

A motion to approve payroll was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wickum. Hearing no public comment, the motion was carried, with all in approval.

**COUNTY WEBSITE**

Julie Gagnon, County Website Administrator, has been working on updating the county website. She is hoping to launch it in early June.

**TREASURER**

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, was to update the Commissioners on a new fee that Raymond James will be tacking on to our annual investments.

**SENIOR CENTER/TRANSIT**

Glenda Hansen, Senior Center/Transit Director, was in to update the commissioners on a van opportunity. We discussed putting a cement slab on the North side of her center.

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