

**September 7, 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 (Chair) and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson.

**VERIZON**

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the selection of Verizon as the phone service provider for phones used by County employees as part of their jobs. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion was carried with all in favor.

**LIBERTY COUNTY MUSEUM**

Diane Gunderson, Liberty County Museum Director, provided an end of year report. This report is available in the Commissioner’s Office.

**ROADS**

Pete Woods, resident, came in to discuss holes in the road headed east from Lairds. The Commissioners will discuss further at next week’s meeting. John Hofer from Sage Creek Colony also came in to discuss gravel crushing in the county.

**LEPC**

The LEPC met with a total of 12 members in attendance. They discussed the table top exercise for the following night which will be focused on an emergency plan for evacuating The Lodge if there were a fire.

**COURTHOUSE DEVELOPMENT TEAM (CDT)**

The CDT met, in attendance were: Chad Hedges, Damon Lalum, Camon Hunnewell, WWC Engineering (Scott and Jeremy), Patty DeVries, Jesse Fulbright, and Cindy LaSorte. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm, and adjourned at 3:25 pm. Minutes will be emailed to members of the Team. The group consensus for the next meeting was 4 pm on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SHERIFF**

The Sheriff’s Office has hired Bruce Tempel, who will leave for Law Enforcement Academy on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere was in to update the Commissioners on the Weed Department.

**911 PROGRAMMING**

Jim Ghekiere also updated the Commissioners on the 911 programming.

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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**Chairman**

**September 8, 2021 Wednesday**

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**PAYROLL**

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

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

A motion to approve Jeff Chelmo for the Board of Health as a member was made by Commissioner Wicks. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. A letter will be sent to Jeff to notify him.

**LAND**

Todd Wanken, resident, was in to visit with the Commissioners and discuss some questions he had about land.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Wicks attended the Council on Aging meeting at the Senior Center.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on the Senior Center. She is getting her roasts and hamburger meat locally through Heritage Beef out of Lothair. One of her bus drivers, Delbert Anderson, will be in the bus rodeo in Helena this weekend.

**ROADS**

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, called in to let the Commissioners know where his crew will be the rest of the week. Some will finish mowing, and the others will be maintaining some problem areas.

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

Jenni Chelmo, board member, had informed the Commissioners that she will no longer be serving on the Mental Health Board. The Commissioners noted that she has been a valuable board member. The Commissioners discussed who should fill that vacancy. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to appoint Christine Muller from Liberty Medical Center to fill the vacancy on the Mental Health Board. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. A letter will be sent to Christine.

**PUBLIC HEALTH/BOARD OF HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS**

An update to recommendations from Public Health/Board of Health was provided to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to accept the recommendations. Commissioners Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. These updated recommendations will be posted around town, in businesses, and on the County website and Facebook page.

**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.

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**September 14, 2021 Tuesday**

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**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, let the Commissioners know that her bus driver, Delbert Anderson, took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the bus rodeo. The County will acknowledge this in the local newspaper.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, was in to discuss the uptick in COVID cases amongst County employees. He would like the Commissioners to come up with an employee COVID plan. If any employee becomes a close contact or contracts COVID, there should be a plan in place.

**SAFETY MEETING**

The Safety Meeting was held in the Commissioner’s Office. In attendance were the Commissioners, Rob Moog, Jesse Fulbright, Julie Gagnon, Tina Wood, Robert Padmos, and Kyle Heppner. Next Safety Meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES (RPA)**

The Commissioners met with Rob Moog, Tina Wood, and representatives from RPA. The RPA representatives asked the group to prioritize what needed to be done; they would go tour the Joplin sewer site and get some estimates back to the group at a later date.

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**September 15, 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 Joette Woods (Chair). Commissioner Larry Hendrickson was out assisting at a fire in the hills and will not be in until that is contained. Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks was out of the office.

**ROADS**

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, had his crew filling water trucks to keep up with any demands the fire in hills may have. The fires were contained and officially put out by 3 PM that day.

**CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**

An email was sent to all county employees about cybersecurity training which will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)**

The Commissioners will be using some of the ARPA funds to order hand-held radios for Fire/EMS. They are short on these and require them in order to communicate at a distance should there be a major event and the uptick in COVID cases. Joplin Fire will be included in the purchase.

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**ROADS**

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, was in to discuss his road crew and where they are in the county. They will finish mowing the main roads in the county. Brett Kenfield, resident, was in to discuss his road north of town; he thinks there might be gravel in some different places.

**SHERIFF**

Undersheriff Kyle Heppner was in to update the Commissioners on the new deputy, Bruce Tempel, and informed them that he has headed off to Law Enforcement Academy.

**AIRPORT**

Jerry Ghekiere was in to ask about security yard lights at the airport. The Commissioners called Mercy Flight about some security yard lights at the airport. Brad Anderson, the pilot for Mercy Flight, will be calling back.

**MSU EXTENSION OFFICE**

Jesse Fulbright and Julie Gagnon were in to discuss the outhouses at the 4H camp ground. They would like to redo the doors for each outhouse. This project will take place in December, after hunting season.

**COVID**

The COVID virus has had an uptick in Liberty County. The Commissioners have decided that they will be discuss employee COVID time as needed on a case- by-case basis. Department heads will keep the Commissioners apprised of symptomatic employees, and there will be options for leave/pay.

**CYBERSECURITY**

Commissioners Hendrickson and Woods completed cybersecurity training.

**LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER (LMC)**

Rudy Cicon, LMC Board of Directors Member, was in to discuss hospital issues and the most recent board meeting with Commissioner Hendrickson.

**WEED**

Jim Ghekiere was in to discuss meetings he will be attending this week. Vision Net will be doing training for the dispatchers and a couple of the deputies.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Gary Buffington was in to discuss meat sales for our Senior Center. He was informed that an agreement with Heritage Beef was been signed for this year.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Holly Frederickson, Justice of the Peace, was in to update the Commissioners on her court today, and that she will be in Helena for training next week.

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