

May 4th, 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

Justin Wickum, liberty county road supervisor was in to meet with commissioners to update them on where his crew is, and to discuss a chip seal project south of HWY 223. A project manager named Frank Tabbish was in to discuss helping fill out a gravel permit on Pugsley's.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the LEPC meeting at the firehall.

AIRPORT

Jim Schwartz contacted the commissioners about the fuel tanks at the airport. He recommended that the county take over the main fuel tanks.

DOT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks to sign the DOT invoice on land that the State leases from the county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department Head, was in to update the commissioners on the SAMS number renewal. He is also currently looking for a seasonal weed employee.

SENIOR CENTER

Mary Ann Zorn, Liberty County Resident, was in to discuss when the reopening of the activities at the Senior Center would be resuming. Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, said that the center is planning on opening as soon as they are fully staffed.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in letting the commissioners know that there are a group of high school kids interested in the 4H ambassador program. He is busy identifying bugs and plant diseases. 4-H youth are busy working on their animal projects.

CARES ACT

The Commissioners made a call to Lance Bowser, to discuss using cares act money to put in a fuel system at the airport. Lance said he will look into this and get back with the commissioners.

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 5th, 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.

GAGNON LOTS

A motion was made to sign the buy-sell agreement for the Gagnon Lots in the airport affected area was made by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion was second by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, motion carries with an all-in favor.

PUGSLEY GRAVEL PIT

The Commissioners went to Pugsley's Gravel Pit to check out the gravel situation and talk with the Pugsley Family.

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.

LIABILITY RENEWAL

A motion made by Commissioner Hendrickson to sign with general aviation liability renewal application insurance for the airport. This motion was second by Commissioner Wicks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. This will be a 3-year term that will cost \$2803.00/year totaling \$8,409.00.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the commissioners on Senior Center activities. Meals are fully available and going well. Transit is once again busy. Glenda consulted with the commissioners, and they decided to open up for all activities on June 1st. The pandemic meal program will be no longer an option. People under age 60 will no longer get a discount or free food. The prices will go back to normal, and the center will be fully functioning. A notification will go next week in the newspaper, and website. That way everyone will be aware of the changes taking place.

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 11th, 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

Davin Buffington, Clerk and Recorder, was in to discuss the upcoming budget. Davin will be working to get all departments to get their budgets in so they are in and finalized.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department Head, was in to discuss that he is trying to find summer help for the Weed Department. Also, the radio programmer will be here tomorrow to connect new frequencies on the repeater.

SAGE CREEK COLONY

A representative from Sage Creek Colony was in to discuss a water equalizer. He said that he will check ground levels and get back to the commissioners. A motion to reappoint members to the Sage Creek Water Board was made by Commissioner Hendrickson to reappoint Byron Wolery, John Cicon, and Matt Tempel. Commissioner Wicks second the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. Letters will be sent out today notifying them.

CDT

Commissioners Wicks made a motion to accept only Liberty County resident letters of interest for filling the CDT committee board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. The interested CDT committee letters have been seen by the commissioners. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to accept 11 of the 12 people that sent one. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. 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.

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May 12th, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL COURTHOUSE TOUR

Rhona Peterson, CJI High School History Teacher, brought the senior class to the courthouse for a tour. Commissioner Wicks showed the students the day- to-day operations of the courthouse.

VOCA

Stephanie Hurley and Amy Jacques, VOCA representatives, were in to go over their grant budgets with the commissioners. They will be re-writing the grant in the fall.

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.

MACO HEALTH

MACo property insurance representative was here to renew our building insurance. The county will only be able to renew for capped replacement costs, due to the aging of the building. The rates for the year have gone up 10% in attendance were: the three Commissioners, Tina Wood, Shannon Chamberlain, Robert Padmos, and Davin Buffington.

WEED

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department Head, was in to update the commissioners on his department. They are getting ready to get going on ditch spraying could take a little longer than normal. He is still one employee short.

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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May 18th, 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.

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 Department Head, was in to discuss his crew and where they are working currently.

SENATOR DAINES

The Commissioners met with the two representatives from Senator Daine's office. They were here to discuss issues and concerns with the commissioners.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Davin Buffington, Clerk and Recorder, was in to update the commissioners on some new bills that affect the next election.

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.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos, Liberty County Attorney, was in to update the commissioners on some bills that have passed the legislator. He voiced his concerns with those bills.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Wicks attended the Board of Health meeting and Mental Health Board meeting on Monday. The legislature is looking to pass a bill doing away with the powers of a Board of Health. The commissioners will be getting updates as legislature wraps up.

COURT HOUSE PLANS

Joel Fenger, owner of the Car Museum, was in to discuss that his building is not for sale, as he could not find a place for the cars. This building was offered a few months ago as a substitute building for the courthouse.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held in the commissioner's office. This was to bring awareness to each department for the discussion of disgruntled citizens, and how best to handle a confrontational situation. This was geared toward someone who may show up in-person, through cyber-email, and direct call by phone.

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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May 25th, 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

Justin Wickum, Road Department Head, was in to discuss the new gravel pit the county is trying to get an open cut permit for. We were going over paperwork, and signature sheets. Justin and the Commissioners will be meeting with David Pugsley, owner of the gravel pit, to go over the permit papers. David has agreed to the terms and the location.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to discuss an issue she's having with going back to pre-Covid prices and age for delivery. It is in the policy to only deliver to age 60 and up. Our area is not an A, D, or C area. Meaning, we do not deliver to disabled due to the fact that we provide transportation to get to the facility for meals, and appointments as needed.

THE PUBLIC

Pete Woods, Liberty County Resident, was in to discuss building a berm around a house in Joplin. He wants to use dirt out by the Cemetery. The Commissioners gave him the go ahead.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in to update the commissioners on his office. Tara Mastel was in from MSU to talk about remote work certificate program.

SHERIFF OFFICE

Nick Erickson, Liberty County Sheriff, came in to talk with the commissioners about the water that is filling up the basement. Nick said he will be picking up a new sump pump to fix the water problem.

ARPA FUNDS

The commissioners have been working to apply for the ARPA funds. This is money for infrastructure, broadband, and water/sewage treatment. The commissioners will continue down the path for completing this grant funding. Commissioner Wicks attended the Tiber Water meeting. They discussed the ARPA funds. Also, Rob Moog, was in to discuss upgrades on the Joplin sewer. He was asking about money for this project. The commissioners would need an RFP for a PER.

WEED

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion for Jim Ghekierre, Weed Department Head, to purchase a forklift for the weed department in the amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

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