

MARCH 7th 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair), Commissioner Justin Wickum, and Commissioner Joette Woods (phone).

LEPC

All Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting at the firehall.

PAYROLL

Payroll Specialist Jordan Miller presented payroll to the Commissioners for them to review and approve. Upon review, Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Department of Revenue Representatives Jason Boggas and Katie Kakalecik stopped by to meet with the Commissioners and update them on hours and staffing of the local DOR office.

MSU EXTENSION

MSU Extension Agent Jesse Fulbright came in with his supervisor Tracy Mosely to meet with the Commissioners and check in.

ROAD PERMITS

Triangle Communications has requested 43 road crossing permits. Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve all 43 permits. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center Director Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners and informed them that the Montana Department of Transportation audit found that the Liberty County 5311 Operating Grant and TransAide Cares Act FY 21-22 had overpaid in the amount of \$8216.98. Glenda will be submitting a claim to have this amount repaid with the next round of claims.

JOPLIN SEWER PROJECT

The Commissioners had a phone call with Robert Peccia & Associates to discuss the ongoing grant for the Joplin Sewer Project. Trisha Bodlovic will be the representative for this project.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk Chairman

MARCH 8th 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair), Commissioner Justin Wickum, and Commissioner Joette Woods (phone).

CLAIMS

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

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder Davin Buffington updated the Commissioners on bills that are being tracked by the Montana Clerk and Recorders Association. The Secretary of State's Office is encouraging counties to have a website with a .gov address instead of a .us one. The Commissioners will be looking into website updates soon.

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

MARCH 14th 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair), Commissioner Justin Wickum, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

MONTANA NATURAL RESOURCE COALITION

Montana Natural Resource Coalition membership dues are \$1000.00 for the County. Commissioner Woods made a motion to pay the membership dues. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

MSU EXTENSION

MSU Extension Agent Jesse Fulbright updated the Commissioners on the upcoming visit by the president of MSU in June. Commissioner Hendrickson spoke with Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, about using the Senior Center as the location for the visit and she approved.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justice of the Peace Christopher Case updated the Commissioners on things happening in his office.

RESIDENT COMPLAINT

A Liberty County resident called in to speak with the Commissioners about complaints on taxes. The Commissioners explained that the Department of Revenue sets the taxes and gave him the number to contact the DOR for further conversation.

MACo HEALTH CARE TRUST

Representatives from MACo Health Care Trust Pam Walling and JoAnne Romasko came to the office to meet with the Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder, Davin Buffington, to explain updates to health care rates and policies. The new rates will increase by \$7.00 and the new plans offered will include a high deductible plan as well as a spouse-friendly plan. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the county contribution to these changes and Commissioner Wickum seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Nurses were in today to update the Commissioners on the grants they received.

TREASURER

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, was in with Pat Armstrong to discuss investment ideas for the county.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Nick Erickson was in to update the Commissioners on some issues he is dealing with in the community.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong, County Superintendent, was in to update the commissioners on the colony schools and some truancy issues at schools.

911 COORDINATOR

Jim Ghekiere, 911 Coordinator and Weed Department Supervisor, was in to retrieve information on 911 upgrades to email MACo on a 911 bill they are working on in Helena.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

MARCH 15th, 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair), Commissioner Justin Wickum, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

CUSTODIAN

Deb Pete, county custodian, was in to discuss her time off and had a couple of questions about the building.

THOR RESOURCES

Commissioner Wickum has been communicating with Thor Resources to answer questions they are having about renting a place in Liberty County.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Nick Erickson was in to discuss some issues at the Sheriff's office.

SAFETY

The safety meeting agenda for next week includes a fire escape plan. We will be working on this with the committee next week.

TREASURER

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, was in to let the Commissioners know that investment rates are higher than she thought.

SB 60/ BILLS

A motion to approve Larry Hendrickson testifying on SB 60 for State Library Real Time Network bill in Helena tomorrow, was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wickum. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioner Wickum made a motion that any of the three Commissioners be allowed to testify on bills that affect and are of interest to the county, whether for or against. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods. 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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Clerk

Chairman

MARCH 21st 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 (Chair), Commissioner Justin Wickum, and Commissioner Joette Woods

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Commissioners have put in a call to the Department of Environmental Quality, to address a couple of letters claiming we need to reclaim a couple gravel pits that are still currently/legally open.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The road department still has a couple of vacancies they are trying to fill.

SAFETY

The quarterly safety meeting was held in the Commissioner's office at 9 am. All in attendance were: Nick Erickson, Kyle Heppner, Julie Gagnon, Chris Case, commissioners, public health, Davin Buffington, Kassondra May, Anne Melton, Glenda Hanson, and Jesse Fulbright. The courthouse will be doing fire drills and escape plans. Armed intruder training will be held next Monday.

COUNTY SANITARIAN

Sarah Robbin, county sanitarian, was in today to work on sanitarian issues throughout the county. She explained the junk vehicle title issue to the Treasurer's office. Junk vehicle titles that are missing, will need to have a salvage title prior to discarding the vehicle. If the engine and transmission are removed, junk vehicles can be discarded without a title. Sarah also gave an update on her training that will take place this summer.

AIRPORT

The airport board meeting started at 10 am. In attendance were Vince Mattson, Andy Adamick, Matt Wicks, Tyrell Hendrickson, Logan Fisher, Donnie Wolf, Jim Schwartz and Larry Nelson.

REDISTRICTING

Commissioners called the redistricting meeting to order at 1 pm. Clerk and Recorder Davin Buffington, read the rules of redistricting commissioner districts pertains to area and population. It was suggested by Davin that due to the new census results that no changes be made. A motion to table this meeting until next Tuesday was made by Commissioner Wickum and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Hearing no public comment, the motion was carried with all in approval. There will be another meeting next week. All in attendance were: Joette Woods, Larry Hendrickson, Justin Wickum, Sarah Robbin, and Davin Buffington. Public: Terry Tyler.

SENIOR CENTER

Ace Diemert was in to discuss beef for the senior center and the prices.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Kayla Johnson, DES, was in to discuss the grant match for the yearly DES grant. She will be back to solidify the amount in April.

CLAIMS

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

FAIR BOARD MEETING

Jesse Fulbright, Extension, was in to discuss the fair board meeting tonight to see if we had an opinion we wanted to voice about the timing or anything else that concerns the counties as far as the Marias Fair goes.

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

MARCH 28th 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair) and Commissioner Joette Woods

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Nick Erickson and Undersheriff Kyle Heppner, were in to visit with the commissioners about the armed intruder training the courthouse had yesterday. Jay Nelson, Highway Patrol Chief, gave presentation on how to handle an armed intruder. A motion to approve the purchase of a new copier for the Sheriff Office was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried, with approval by all.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Davin Buffington, Clerk & Recorder, was in to update the Commissioners on health savings account/flex account for health insurance.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to keep the Commissioners apprised on updates at the senior center.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, was in to update the Commissioners about a couple of liability issues.

EXTENSION

Julie Gagnon, Extension, was in to ask about our Emergency Evacuation Plan. The plan needs to be reviewed and updated.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the DES hours and that they will administer the EMPG grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. There being no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

REDISTRICTING

The second commissioner district meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Commissioner Hendrickson. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods to keep the current commissioner districts as they stand. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. After careful review, Commissioner Woods made a motion to sign resolution 23-08 to approve commissioner district boundaries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried, with all in approval.

DIS TECHNOLOGY

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve DIS renewing our anti-virus protection. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. There being no public comment, the motion carried.

JUSTICE COURT

Chris Case, Justice of the Peace, was in to update the Commissioners on his office.

JOPLIN STREETS

There is an issue in Joplin with a large hole in one of the streets. A water line was fixed by Hill County Water, and the hole is settled and large.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The road department crew were North on Laird Rd fixing large potholes caused by weather and traffic.

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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