

July 6th, 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 let the commissioners know where his graders will be today. The county finally got some rain, and this will be a great time to maintain roads. Also, the gravel pit permit on Mark Wickum's land has officially been permitted to Liberty County.

ARPA

Commissioner Woods was able to get the ARPA money for Liberty County secured today. The money will be used for sewer/water projects in Joplin. Any left-over is still to be determined.

Summer Fair

Jesse Fulbright, Liberty County Extension Agent, was in today to update the commissioners on summer fair information.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff, Nick Erickson, was in to update the commissioners on the 4th of July weekend. It was mostly uneventful. Fires this weekend were not firework related.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder, Davin Buffington, was in to discuss budgets and funds.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere, Liberty County Weed Department, was in to discuss the old county boat that they use for spraying weeds along the designated areas down by the river and lake. The engine on this boat has seized up. The discussion of what to do with this boat was tabled.

RPA PROPOSAL

A motion was made to accept the RPA proposal for the Joplin Sewer Project, made by Morb Wicks. Second by Larry Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, motion carries. Official letters have been mailed, and RPA has been notified.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 7th, 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, and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson. Commissioner Joette Woods was absent at a MACo conference in Maryland.

BUDGETS

Commissioners met with all department heads about their final budgets. They went through the review process with each department.

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

July 13th, 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, and Commissioner Larry Hendrickson. Commissioner Joette Woods was still at the MACo conference. She will return July 14th.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, Road Department, was in to let the commissioners know that the graders will be parked due to lack of moisture. Justin and Commissioner Hendrickson went and inspected the intersection of 224 and 1200 road south. There had been some concern about the corner to the west bound lane.

COURT HOUSE BUILDING

The air conditioning for the courtroom had to be repaired this week.

ARPA FUNDING

The commissioners visited with Bob Denning, Liberty Counties Accountant, to discuss the ARPA funding. The use of the money was discussed and we continue to wait for some direction. Options at this time are still limited. The commissioners sent a letter to the Town of Chester, committing some of the ARPA funding for Chester to use on their sewer project.

PAYROLL

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

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Nurse, Melissa Kantorowicz, was in to discuss the Infectious Disease job opening. There was one applicant she interviewed. Melissa recommended Kayla Johnson, County Health Nurse, to be offered the position. Melissa will be putting together a list of job duties, wages, and terms of employment depending on grant. Commissioner Wick made a motion to hire Kayla Johnson for the position. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

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

July 14th, 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.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to discuss the reunion. Also, to let us know it's getting harder to find and receive food. A call was made to Gary Buffington, as he is processing his own beef for sale. Clark Diemert, is processing his own beef. So, Glenda be will looking to purchase local beef.

HEALTHY IS

"Healthy Is" Wellness, is here today, set up at the library.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, was in to let the commissioners know they will be done mowing for the day due to weather and wind. They helped put out a fire up north started by a swather.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

July 20th, 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, Road Foreman, was in to discuss a letter he received from the DNRC on an expired gravel pit. The commissioners called DNRC and let them know that it was reclaimed many years ago, and to reclaim it again, we would be disturbing what soil there is. The pit is Township 35N, Range 6E, Section 16.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in to award Larry Hendrickson with the 4H volunteer of the year award, and update the commissioners on the Marias Fair.

TREASURER

Denise Wanken, the Liberty County Treasurer, was in to discuss the taxable valuation. The valuation has gone down, pending central assessment.

TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Commissioner Woods attended the Transportation Meeting today, approving bus routes, and any new contracts.

Liberty County Schools
 Annual Transportation Meeting
 Tuesday July 20th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
 Liberty County Courthouse
Upstairs in the Court Room

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to order: 9:05
2. Roll Call: County Superintendent of Schools Kathy Armstrong, Bus Contractor Dustin Miller, CJI School Superintendent Tim Bronk, CJI School Clerk Lacey Lakum, and CJI School Board representatives Johanna ~~Lakum~~ and Nicole Seidlitz, Elias Hofer and County Commissioner Joette Woods. All member were present, Dustin Miller via phone.
3. Reading of the Minutes: Minutes were read by Kathy Armstrong
4. Additions or Corrections to the minutes:
 Corrections: ~~Lakum~~ name was spelled incorrectly, correction made.
 Seeing no other corrections or additions Mr. Bronk moved to accept the minutes and Elias Hofer seconded, motion passed.
5. Agenda items:
 - * New or additional Bus Route for 2021-2022 School Year
 - * Review and approve existing Bus routes for 2021-2022 School Year
 - * Review Individual Contracts for 2021-2022
6. Public Comment: none at this time
7. Old Business: none at this time

New Business: Bus Routes and Individual contracts were discussed. Dustin Miller stated that he is getting one new bus that will be used for the Lainsi Route. Mr. Bronk reported on the new bus barn for the CJI school district. It has 6 bays, but one will be used as a washing bay.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the commissioners on her new buses and vans she has been anticipating. Glenda also updated them on food supply issues.

LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The commissioners were on the phone with Lexipold, a law enforcement policy handbook modification company. Liberty County Sheriff Nick Erickson attended the phone call.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Department of Revenue called and asked for office space for an assessor to be in office a couple days a month. The Commissioners agreed to allow this.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Janet Hawks, Liberty County Resident, was in to discuss the fair board, and fire restrictions with the commissioners.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Judge Holly Frederickson was in to update the commissioners on her office.

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

ATTEST: _____
 Clerk

 Chairman

July 27th, 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.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder, Davin Buffington, was in to discuss oil and gas funds. They are less than last year, which will affect budgets.

PAYROLL

Employee payroll was submitted for approval by Jordan Miller. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Wicks seconded. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. A motion was made to payout an employee from the Sheriff Office made by Commissioner Wicks. The motion was second by Commissioner Woods. Hearing no public comment, motion carries with an all-in favor.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

A motion was made to approve the technology upgrade at the Sheriff office by Commissioner Wicks. This motion was second by Commissioner Woods. Hearing no public comment, motion carries with an all-in favor. The cost to finish these upgrades, and make computers more efficient is \$12,285.56.

ROAD

Justin Wickum, Road Foreman, called in to let the commissioners know he will send out the information on bridge inspections to Jason Zimpfer.

FWP

The local FWP officer, Willie Miller, was in to visit with the commissioners. Game Warden Miller talked about the County Fish Wildlife, and Park updates.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong, Superintendent of Schools, was in to discuss a contract for grant writing. The commissioners explained that the colony would have to produce this contract, as it is not in her county job description.

WEED

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department Supervisor, was in to update the commissioners on what he has his crew doing. Also, he had a computer virus that he was able to catch with the DIS tech company. DIS hadn't updated his virus protection.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman