

JUNE 7th, 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).

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, was in to update the Commissioners on the upcoming visit from the MSU president. He is working with Glenda (Senior Center Director) to come up with a menu and working on a number for guests. Jesse was up to the 4-H campground to mow it and discovered that there is a beaver problem there. The Commissioners called Skippy from Fish, Wildlife and Parks and he will get the kill permits necessary.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Commissioners attended the Commissioner District 4 & 5 meetings in Great Falls on June 6th.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Department is out North working on a couple of roads that have needed maintenance since last fall. John Fritz was in to ask the Commissioners about getting some roads maintained out by his place. John Hofer from the Sage Creek Colony was in to ask about gravel on the road out there. The Commissioners asked about the pile of gravel at the Colony. John said that he will go back and discuss the possibility of selling some to the County and if the price is fair the County will purchase it.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Kyle Heppner, Undersheriff, was in to provide updates to the Commissioners on some issues at the Sheriff's office.

JUSTICE COURT

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

COMPENSATION BOARD

Compensation Board Meeting called to order at 1:32 pm. by Commissioner Hendrickson. In attendance were: Gina Allen (via phone), Chris Mattson, Commissioner Wickum, and Commissioner Woods. Gina Allen made a motion to table the meeting until taxable values are determined in the fall. Chris Mattson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

BUDGET MEETING

Preliminary Budget Meeting called to order at 2PM, by Commissioner Hendrickson. In attendance were Jesse Fulbright, Chris Case Commissioner Wickum and Commissioner Woods. Commissioner Wickum made a motion to table the meeting until September when taxable values are confirmed. Commissioner Woods second the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

CLAIMS

Claims Specialist Monica Serrato presented claims for the Commissioners to review and approve. Upon review, Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. 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

JUNE 13th 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.

PREDATORY CONTROL

Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Predatory Control for cattle and sheep, made by Commissioner Wickum. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. The commissioners will have a public hearing on the increase on July 5th at 1 pm.

BEAR PAW RECOVERY

Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve the alcohol tax dollar designation to Bear Paw Recovery. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REQUEST

The Commissioners have been asked by the FAA to transfer funding to a priority project in Pondera County. This will be on the agenda for next week.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Robert Padmos, County Attorney, was in to provide updates to the Commissioners.

JUSTICE COURT

Chris Case, Justice of the Peace, was in to provide updates to the Commissioners.

CHESTER TOWN MANAGER

Terry Tyler, Town Manager, was in to ask some follow up questions about the Cottonwood Creek flood. He had a complaint about a gate being moved and not put back. The Commissioners will ensure that it is returned to its rightful place as County staff were responsible for its removal. There is also a buildup of brush on the north side of the train tracks; road or weed crews will help break that down.

PAYROLL

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

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekerie, 911/Weed Department, was in to update the Commissioners on the trailer that he purchased to replace the one that was stolen from the county shop. There is still no work from the insurance company on where this case stands or on the reimbursement check. There will need to be an investment in more security at the county shop.

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

JUNE 14th 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), and Commissioner Joette Woods.

CEMETERY

Ted Zorn, Cemetery Sexton, was in to update the commissioners on the cemetery maintenance.

COUNTY WEBSITE

Julie Gagnon, County Website Administrator, was in to let the Commissioners know about the new website she has put together. There is an updated web address and the site is more user friendly.

FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

Willie Miller, Game Warden, was in to provide some updates to the Commissioners on some land issues in southern Liberty County around Tiber Dam and the Marias River.

HILL COUNTY WATER BOARD

Commissioner Woods made a motion to reappoint Tina Wood to the Hill County Water Board. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

TREASURER

Treasurer Denise Wanken was in to ask for a Commissioner response to the new Raymond James fees. She also reminded the Commissioners that they are putting a property up for tax deed, and will need a resolution.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk Chairman

JUNE 20th 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 (via phone)

SAFETY MEETING

The Commissioners attended the quarterly Safety Meeting. After the meeting Commissioners Wickum and Hendrickson along with Jesse Fulbright went to the basement of the courthouse to decide which records needed kept and which could be burned. The basement continues to deteriorate.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REQUEST

The Commissioners had a request to allow Pondera County to use some of the banked FAA airport entitlements. The next project was projected to happen in 2025 but has been shifted to 2027. Pondera County will reimburse Liberty County the funds for the upcoming project. Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve the project funding loan. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

CLAIMS

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Council on Aging Meeting at the Senior Center. He is the Commissioner Representative for this board. Commissioner Hendrickson also attended the Transportation Advisory Council Meeting.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, updated the Commissioners on the upcoming visit by the president of MSU. She will be here Wednesday at the Senior Center.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Kathy Armstrong, Liberty County Superintendent, was in to update the Commissioners on the surface audit for Eagle Creek Colony School District 10.

TREASURER

Denise Wanken, Treasurer, was in to update the Commissioners about the tax notices that the Department of Revenue has sent out. There will be public meetings in July.

COURTHOUSE STRUCTURAL REVIEW

The Commissioners spoke with WWC Engineering and requested an updated structural review of the courthouse.

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

JUNE 27th 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 Justine Wickum. Commissioner Larry Hendrickson (Chair) and Commissioner Joette Woods were in Helena to attend committee meetings and joined via phone throughout the day.

PAYROLL

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

CEMETERY BOARD

Jesse Fulbright, Cemetery Board Member, was in to update the Commissioners on the current issues regarding the Cemetery Board.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder Davin Buffington, was in to update the Commissioners on budgets. Budget increases for fuel and maintenance due to inflation were included, but minimal.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The road crew will be mowing and doing minimal road maintenance due to dry conditions.

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Clerk Chairman