

December 4th-5th, 2022 TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners did not meet due to attending Elected Official Training in Helena.

December 13th, 2022 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, Commissioner Shane Gagnon, and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair) (via phone).

CLAIMS

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

ROADS

Road Foreman Justin Wickum updated the Commissioners on the grader wings that have been up for bid. Only one bid came in for \$1,500. Commissioner Gagnon made a motion to accept that bid. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. The Commissioners also discussed what would happen with the Foreman position once Justin started his new position as Commissioner in January as he won the election in November for that position. Commissioner Gagnon made a motion to advertise internally for a Road Foreman. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. The road crew is plowing snow drifts and corners today.

CEMETERY BOARD

The Cemetery Board is interested in a tractor that is available from state surplus. The Board will put their name out for it, and if it becomes available they will get it.

SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center Director Glenda Hanson updated the Commissioners on a new hire. She also brought in the contract for Area 3 Agency on Aging for 7/1/22-6/30/23. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Gagnon seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Robert Padmos came in to discuss per diem meal rates. The state sets a baseline rate but counties are allowed to pay more.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk and Recorder Davin Buffington discussed the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant program. The state of Montana has some rules that must be followed to continue to receive the grant.

PAYROLL

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

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

County Superintendent Kathy Armstrong updated the Commissioners on issues happening in her office.

PUBLIC MEETING

At 4 pm, a public meeting to discuss the disposition of bodies of persons on private property was called to order. The Riverview Colony had representatives in attendance. A resolution was discussed and agreed upon. The meeting was ended at 4:30 pm.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

December 14th, 2022 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, and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair).

ROADS

Road Foreman Justin Wickum has the road crew shoveling the sidewalks and clearing the parking lots of county properties around town.

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

MSU Extension Agent Jesse Fulbright updated the Commissioners on this year’s Angel Tree. He also mentioned an individual who has 20 hours of community service that they will need to complete.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justice of the Peace Holly Frederickson updated the Commissioners of her court happenings and her schedule. She will not be in on the 21st but will be back in the office on the 27th.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

County Superintendent Kathy Armstrong let the Commissioners know that there is a truancy issue happening in the District 10 area. County Attorney Robert Padmos will draft a letter to inform them of the rules.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Nick Erickson came in to update the Commissioners on issues happening in the Sheriff Department.

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

December 20TH, 2022 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, Commissioner Shane Gagnon, and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair).

SAFETY MEETING

The quarterly safety meeting was held at 9 am in the Commissioner’s Office. In attendance were: All three Commissioners, Julie Gagnon, Jesse Fulbright, Denise Wanken, Glenda Hanson, and Justin Wickum.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

The Commissioners finalized the portal for the Opioid Settlement funds that each county is to receive from the state of Montana.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Undersheriff Kyle Heppner came in to update the Commissioners on an incident that occurred over the weekend.

CLAIMS

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

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

Chairman

December 27TH, 2022 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 and Commissioner Joette Woods (Chair).

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justice of the Peace Holly Frederickson came in to update the Commissioners on her final day of court. Her retirement party will be held at 1 pm.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

District Judge Ruiz will be in to swear in newly elected officials at 1 pm. This includes:

Kathy Armstrong	County Superintendent
Christopher Case	Justice of the Peace
Nick Erickson	Sheriff
Robert Padmos	County Attorney
Denise Wanken	Treasurer
Justin Wickum	Commissioner
Joette Woods	Commissioner

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ROADS

Road Foreman Justin Wickum was in to update the Commissioners about the work that the road crew did over the holiday weekend. Two graders are out north and two are out south.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Robert Padmos updated the Commissioners on court issues.

PAYROLL

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VOCA

Amy Jacques, VOCA Advocate, updated Commissioners on local issues she has been working on.

SENATOR RUSS TEMPEL

Senator Russ Tempel and his wife Judy stopped by to update the Commissioners on the upcoming legislative session.

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