

March 2th, 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.

LEPC

The Commissioners attended the LEPC today at 9 AM at the fire hall.

LIBERTY COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Jeannie Fauerbach, Justice Court Clerk, was in to give her official resignation. Jeannie's last day will be June 24th 2021.

MDT

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the MDT mileage certification form. Commissioner Morb second it the motion. Hearing no public comment, motion carries with all in favor. Justin Wickum, County Road Supervisor, also reviewed them and will redesignate the maintenance. There will be new road descriptions. The following is how they will be designated: priority, limited, secondary, and limited maintenance roads.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Department Head, was in to talk with the Commissioners to let them know the Senior Center will be opening again on March 15th, pending no flare ups with COVID-19.

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

March 3rd, 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.

ROAD

Judge Fredrickson was in to discuss her schedule, and update the commissioners on the on goings of the court.

COMMUNITY

Jim Brown was in to discuss, and ask questions about getting a road fixed. He also asked questions about the future plans of the courthouse. The Commissioners were asked to write a letter for Stephen Nelson, Liberty County Resident, explaining that he is not in the airport affected zone, or any zone that would exclude him from getting an FFL.

COURT HOUSE

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in to let the commissioners know that he was in the basement, and there was water coming through the wall on the Northwest end. The water has brought in new damage, and is currently running across the floor. The commissioners have been notified, and signed a work order for the structural engineer.

Work Order #4
 (Referenced to and made a part of the General Services Agreement dated December 20, 2018.)
 Under the terms of the General Services Agreement ("Contract"), ENGINEER is hereby directed to proceed with the following Services:

Project: Courthouse Follow-up Structural Inspection #2

Scope of Work:

Task 1. Courthouse Follow-up Structural Inspection #2
 WWC and Apex Engineering (Structural) will provide a follow-up inspection of the foundation for the existing Liberty County Courthouse. The initial inspection was performed by Apex Engineering on January 30th and 31st of 2019 and a follow-up inspection was complete in August 26, 2020. Another follow-up inspection will be performed to assess the rate of degradation of the foundation since the initial inspection and 1st follow-up inspection approximately 6-months ago. The work will include travel to and from the site, inspection of the foundation, and preparation of an updated report or an addendum to the initial report.

Deliverables:
 Deliverables will include an updated initial report or an addendum to the initial report.

Anticipated Duration/Schedule:
 Start Date: March 3, 2021
 Completion Date: April 1, 2021

Estimated Costs:

All services for this work order will be performed on a lump sum basis in accordance with WWC's most current schedule of charges and will be billed on a monthly basis based on a percentage of the project completion.

Task 1. Follow-up Structural Evaluation #2 \$3,000

OWNER shall pay ENGINEER in accordance with the Current Rate Schedule and/or negotiated fee. The OWNER contact for this Service Agreement is: Larry Hendrickson

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Work Order #4 as of March 3, 2021

ENGINEER
 WWC Engineering

 Shawn Hgley, P.E., P.H.
 Helena Branch Manager

 Date

OWNER
Liberty County

 Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner

 Maureen Wicks, Commissioner

 Joëtte Woods, Commissioner

 Date

 Date

 Date

Attested By:

 Davin Buffington
 Clerk and Recorder

 Date



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March 9th, 2021 Tuesday

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ROAD

Justin Wickum, Road Department Head, was in to discuss current maintenance happening on the main roads. The Commissioners have had some calls about getting gravel in Joplin. He will try to get some screen rocks hauled soon.

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.

CLERK AND RECORDER

Davin Buffington, Clerk and Recorder, was in to discuss some workman comp questions, and to make sure the information was correct for the auditor. Davin also talked about the Cares Act, wanting an explanation of a few things we asked to be reimbursed for in the Sheriff Department.

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks to pay the County's part in the funding of Bear Paw Development. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment. The motion carries with an all-in favor. The amount of \$3,125.00 will be paid to the Bear Paw Development

SHERIFF OFFICE

Nick Erickson, Liberty County Sheriff, was in with the Border Patrol to address the Stone Garden Grant. The Commissioners will meet with them again on March 23rd, 2021. The grant would pay deputies overtime, and help fund equipment.

COURT HOUSE

The Commissioners had Jim Ghekierre, Liberty County Weed Department Head, order a shipping container for the items in the basement that are taking on moisture. The container costs \$8200.00 and shipping will coast around \$4000.00. All the items in the basement would be moved to this container when it gets here. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to purchase the container. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion passes with an all-in favor.

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March 10th, 2021 Wednesday

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CDT MEETING

There was a CDT meeting to update employees of the current basement/water issues. The Commissioners have looked into financial options of moving to emergency buildings around town, none of which the amount of money the county currently has, would be doable. The commissioners talked about putting a committee together from different sectors as each sector would add new ideas. Commissioner Hendrickson has taken a few people on the basement tour.

SHERIFF OFFICE

Nick Erickson, Liberty County Sheriff, was in to speak with the commissioner about money for ammo. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to give the Sheriff Office money for ammo. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion pass with an 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.

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March 16th, 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

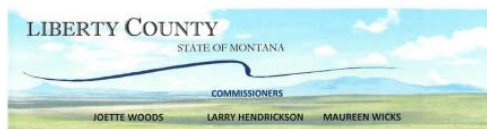
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ROAD

Justin Wickum, County Road Department Head, was in to discuss road 366, and what the county would have to do in-kind to get help from the State to fix it. Justin said the road guys are spread throughout the county maintaining. Joplin maintenance will resume as the streets defrost and dry up dry up a bit. He also discussed the off-system bridges that are needing some attention.

SENATOR TEMPEL

The Commissioners sent a letter to Senator Russ Tempel. Senator Tempel asked the commissioners to let him know what kind of infrastructure issues that Liberty County is facing.



3-16-2021

Dear Sirs

Liberty County Commissioners have been asked to provide a list of Infrastructure Projects that are needed in Liberty County. Below is a partial list.

Liberty County Court House: \$6.5 million

Off system bridge upkeep: price to be determined by inspections

Upgrade of Joplin Sewer: price to be determined by scope of work.

State Secondary Roads: 115,922 miles (500 yards of gravel and shaping and grading 18.50 per yard) \$107,2000.00

Sincerely,

The Liberty County Commissioners

[Handwritten signatures]
Larry Hendrickson Maureen Wicks Joette Woods

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SAFETY MEETING

Safety meeting in the Commissioner’s office at 10:00 AM. Present were: Julie Gagnon, Safety Coordinator Assistant, Davin Buffington, Clerk and Recorder, Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Department Head, Tina Wood, Insurance Agent, Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, and all the Commissioners. See agenda below.

Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

3/16/2021 at 10:00

- New safety concerns
 - -Water in the basement
 - -Safe removal of items stored in basement
 - -

- Job Safety Analysis, near misses and action to be taken

- Safety Inspections -Wood Insurance

- Job Safety Analysis

- Employee Training
 - Employee safety training
 - Fire Extinguisher Training – Dave Ghekiere
 - Safety workshops – Larry/Robert
 - De-escalation training

- Other –

- Set date for next quarterly safety meeting.

June 9th Safety.

APEX

Jake the structural engineer from Apex was here today to re-assess the basement after water has been running into the Northwest corner. Jake will write up his review on what he found. We know his concerns are softness under the plaster, and the water table. He does not believe there is imminent danger at this point. He does think it would not hurt to have an emergency plan.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Department Head, was in to update the commissioners on her first day opening the Senior Center back up. The number were a little lower then they were before they closed due to Covid. Glenda is thinking that the nicer weather will bring some of the people back gradually.

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, presented the commissioner with his tenure approval letter. Jesse is now titled as an Assistant Professor. See Attached letter below.



March 11, 2021

Jesse Fulbright
 Montana State University
 MSU Extension, Central Region
 Post Office Box 607
 Chester, Montana 59522

Dear Professor Fulbright:

Congratulations on the positive recommendation of Provost Mokwa concerning your application for promotion and tenure. I concur with the recommendation and will forward my recommendation that you be tenured and promoted to Associate Professor by the Board of Regents. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Provost’s office.

Thank you for your contributions to Montana State University, and I wish you continued success in your career at MSU.

Sincerely,

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 President

cc: Robert L. Mokwa, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
 Durward Sobek, Chair, University Retention, Tenure and Promotion Committee
 Tracy Mosley, Department Head, Central Region, MSU Extension
 Cody Stone, Executive Director, Extension

MUSEUM BOARD

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to bring Annette Elverud to the Museum Board. Commissioner Hendrickson second the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion passes with an 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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March 23rd, 2021 Tuesday

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RAOD

Justin Wickum, Road Department Head, was in to update the commissioners on gravel hauling, and road repairs.

COMMUNITY

Quinn Fossen, Liberty County Resident, was in to discuss some land that the county owns. He is interested in leasing or purchasing a small section of property next to the railroad tracks in Joplin. The bid would have to be advertised for two weeks. The commissioners went to Joplin to look at the property discussed. The commissioners are also going to have the property surveyed.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Department Head, was in to update the commissioners on the amount of people coming to the center. The number has not grown since the opening which is surprising, considering the demand.

SHERIFF OFFICE

Nick Erickson, Liberty County Sheriff, was in with the Border Patrol to finalize forms pertaining to the Stone Garden Grants. Liberty County will be applying for approximately \$130,000 in grant monies.

BOARD RENEWALS

A motion to approve board renewals was made by Commissioner Wicks. The motion was second by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, motion passes with all-in favor. The boards are: South Chester Water District, Joplin Rural Fire District, and West County Rural Fire District.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere, Weed Department Head, was in to update the Commissioners on this up coming summer plans for the weed department.

ZOOM MEETING

The Commissioners had a ZOOM meeting with Cheryl Ulmer, John Tester's Rep for this area. She updated the Commissioners on the goings on in Tester's office.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong, Superintendent of Schools, was in for a signature on the application for classification as an isolated school (Cool Springs) This school will remain a part of CJI School system.

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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Chairman

March 30th, 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.

SHERIFF OFFICE

Nick Erickson, Sheriff of Liberty County, was in to ask the Commissioners to sign the yearly drug task force memorandum. A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks to sign the Tri-County Task Force memorandum of understanding for 21-22. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, motion passes with an all-in favor.



**TRI-AGENCY TASK FORCE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FY 2021-2022**

LIBERTY COUNTY SIGNATURES

The below signatories representing public agencies concur with the Memorandum of Understanding dated July 1, 2021.

 _____ Liberty County Commissioner, Chairperson	<u>3/30/21</u> Date
 _____ Liberty County Commissioner	<u>03/30/21</u> Date
 _____ Liberty County Commissioner	<u>2-70-21</u> Date
_____ Liberty County Sheriff	_____ Date
_____ Liberty County Attorney	_____ Date

ROAD

Justin Wickum, Road Department Head, was in to discuss roads and update the commissioners on where the road guys will be today maintaining.

FAA GRANT

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to accept and sign the FAA grant SF-424 in the amount of \$9000.00. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion passes with an all in-favor.

WEED

Jim Ghekiere was in to discuss a new applicant from Shelby. Jim is interested in hiring him to work in the Weed Department.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Officer, was in to update the Commissioners on the Extension office.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Department Head, was in to let the Commissioners know she will be shorthanded. Glenda has people out on medical leave, and maybe looking for temps to fill in until people can return to work.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman