

August 4th, 2009 ♦ Tuesday

LEPC

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman, as well as many other community members, were in attendance at the regular monthly LEPC meeting held at the Liberty County Emergency Services Building at 8:30 AM.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. There was not enough members to constitute a quorum so no new business was transacted but the group discussed upcoming Senior projects. Commissioner Rockman also shared with the group, the progression of the hiring of a new director for the North Central Area on Aging.

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SCHOOL

Cal Moore was in to visit with the Commissioners about a need for some gravel on the school property. Mr. Moore is requesting approximately 300 yards of gravel. He believes they will need about 200 yards of pit run and another 100 yards of some crushed gravel. Road Foreman Shawn Norick will take a look today at what is available at the two pits. Mr. Moore said that Cliff Nelson has agreed to do the gravel hauling for the school.

ROAD

Shawn Norick visited with the Commissioners about a gravel hauling bill from Jerry Fenger. The Commissioners agree with Shawn that the County did not contract with Jerry for the hauling of this gravel, and instructed Shawn to have Jerry send the bill to the party that contacted him and requested his services.

Shawn also discussed with the Commissioners the price we are being charged for the bio-diesel. The Commissioners instructed Shawn to hold the bill until the matter can be further discussed.

Tilleman's has quoted Shawn a 6.49% interest rate for financing a mower. Shawn is also visiting with Craig Pester at Cat about their mowers.

Al Green has turned in his resignation. After 22 ½ years of service to the County, Al has decided to retire. Shawn inquired with the Commissioners about when he should begin to advertise for this vacancy.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Hugh Brown was in to see the Commissioners regarding the license for the Library Coffee Bar. In his opinion, they do need to obtain the license.

The County Attorney has also been consulted regarding the letter the County has received from the Disability Rights organization. County Attorney Brown has pulled the old file that was began in 2004, and reported that some of the work that Liberty County was requested to complete, has been completed. The Disability Rights group is asking for an update on what more has been completed in the more recent years, and what the future plans are.

The Commissioners requested that County Attorney Brown contact Anna Marie Robinson from Bear Paw Development Corporation and visit with her regarding this matter.

PAYROLL LIABILITY CLAIMS

Commissioner Rockman made the motion and Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, to approve for payment the payroll liability claims as they have been presented. The motion carried.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Rod Keith was in with the annual contract with the Area III Agency on Aging for Montana's Older Americans Act programs. He also has been made aware of additional stimulus funding available to the seniors program. He has completed an Area III Agency on Aging application for the provision of services funded with federal ARRA monies. It will provide our seniors with an additional \$8,498 in stimulus money from the area office. Via the telephone, Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign both of these contracts as Rod Keith has requested. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Bill Albee was in to inquire with the Commissioners about their policy regarding their telephone conversations, and putting people on speaker phone without their knowledge. Commissioner Rockman assured Mr. Albee, that they always tell people when they are being put on speaker phone, and ask them if that meets with their approval.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

August 5th, 2009 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

MINUTES

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve the minutes of July 14th, 15th, 21st, and the 28th. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment all claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Ed Gierke telephoned to visit with the Commissioners about future ICS 300 and 400 level trainings.

TIBER LLC

The Commissioners composed a letter to Tiber LLC detailing the shelter project this year at Tiber Dam. The project total was \$12,040 for fiscal year 2008-2009, leaving a balance of \$14,409 in the Recreation Fund.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Nurse Karla Kulpas telephoned the Commissioners to inform them that her small freezer for storage of immunizations has quit working. A new one will need to be purchased.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

August 11th, 2009 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

In addition to the Commissioners, those present for the monthly department head meeting were: Shawn, Rachel, Jim, Anne, and Rhonda.

ROAD

Shawn Norick updated the Commissioners on current road matters. Shawn visited further with the Commissioners about hiring a replacement for Al Green, who recently retired. Shawn believes we should advertise and hire a replacement soon. Other personnel issues were also discussed. Shawn also presented the Commissioners with more quotes on a mower.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment the payroll as it has been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Hugh Brown was in to visit with the Commissioners about responding to the letter from Disability Rights Montana. Hugh has not yet visited with Anna Marie Robinson from Bear Paw Development as the Commissioners had requested. They went through a checklist of handicap issues with the County buildings. Some of the issues have already been resolved. The need for an elevator in the Courthouse was also discussed. This issue will be a very difficult issue for the County, with no truly viable resolutions.

SEVERENCE PAYCHECK

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to pay Al Green his severance paycheck as the claim has been presented. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PAYROLL BENEFITS & DEDUCTIONS

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment the payroll benefit and deduction claims as they have been presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HB130 / MENTAL HEALTH GRANT

Rochelle Beley has dropped off the application paperwork for the mental health grant money provided for in HB130 passed in the 2009 legislature. The Commissioners briefly reviewed this paperwork and discussed applying for the grant money.

COUNTY POLICY

The Commissioners worked on adopting a county policy to provide the services from the second floor of the Courthouse to be made available on the main level upon request. The adoption of this County policy is one of the listed items on the Disability Rights Montana checklist. The Commissioners will also request the assistance of County Attorney Hugh Brown in composing this County Policy.

9-1-1 / WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere was in to update the Commissioners on 9-1-1 and weed department matters. The group visited about the number of telephone lines needed for the 9-1-1 system. Jim explained the details of the setup to the Commissioners. Jim also updated the Commissioners on the Russian Olive 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

August 12th, 2009 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Commissioners delivered the new freezer for the public health department up to the hospital. They stopped and visited with Ron Gleason briefly while they were there.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve the minutes of August 4th and 5th as they have been submitted. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATOR

Penny Walston was in to visit with the Commissioners. She will be attending another training next week in Polson. She would like to use the county car to attend this training. She also visited with them about renewing her contract. She expressed that she is satisfied with the way the current contract has been set up.

MUSEUM / COUNCIL ON AGING

Betty Marshall stopped by to visit with the Commissioners about the Museum siding project and about the hiring of the new director for the North Central Area on Aging program.

BUDGET

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Rockman spent part of the day going over the preliminary budget figures.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to approve for payment the claims as they have been submitted. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept the appointment of Penny Walston to the Library Board as has been recommended by the librarian and her current board members. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Library Board was contacted with confirmation.

CONGRESSMAN DENNY REHBERG

Congressman Denny Rehberg offered a public forum in the courtroom of the Courthouse from 3:00 to 4:00 on this day. Commissioner Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Rlynn Rockman, Treasurer Gayle Dahlen and Clerk & Recorder Rhonda Pimley along with many other members of the public attended the forum.

CEMETERY DISTRICT

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Cemetery Board meeting held on August 6th. The board finalized a proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-10. The Cemetery's total expenditures for fiscal year 2008-2009 totaled approximately \$38,000.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

August 18th, 2009 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

The three Commissioners discussed the Council on Aging conference call that is planned for the afternoon of this day.

MUSEUM

Three bids have been received on the Museum project.

JP COURT SYSTEM

Denise Wanken updated the Commissioners on how the JP Court is running.

ROADS

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners regarding road matters. The group discussed putting a call for bid advertisement into the paper for 10,000 yards of crushed gravel. The bids will close on September 8th at 10:00 AM.

MUSEUM BIDS

Betty Marshall and Bill Gunderson joined the Commissioners for the opening of the bids for the Museum project. The group recommended that Cory Decker Construction be awarded the bid for \$21,930. Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept Cory's bid. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Thank you letters were sent to all three of the bidders.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Rockman made the motion to accept the claims as they have been submitted. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NCAAA

Commissioner Rockman and Betty Marshall participated in a conference call with Allen Underdahl from Toole County, Cindy Johnson from Pondera County and Don Swenson from Blaine County regarding the top four selections from the ten applicants for the vacant Executive Director position at the North Central Area on Aging Association. Personal interview with these four applicants will be held on Wednesday, August 26th in Conrad.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Rod Keith was in to discuss with the Commissioners the Senior Citizen monthly program reports and what items on these reports qualify as "activities". It seems there was a mild controversy with NCAAA on this, which has now been resolved, and Rod wanted to update the Commissioners on his correspondence with NCAAA.

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Commissioner Rockman wrote a "letter of intent" for matching grant funds to the \$5,000 budget for Mental Health Crisis. The letter was mailed to Dan Ladd at the Addictive & Mental Disorders Division 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

August 25th, 2009 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson and Commissioner Rlynn Rockman.

COUNTY TREASURER

The County Treasurer stopped in to request the Commissioners sign off on her request to dispose of old documents from her office. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the disposal request. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

Rod Keith updated the Commissioners on what he knows about the status of the ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) funding.

WEED

Jim Ghekiere came in to update the Commissioners on current weed department matters. His Weed Board has given him permission to utilize some of the new grant money to purchase a new pick-up. They will be selling the currently owned 1 ton. The new pickup will be purchased from Chester Motors. Jim also updated the Commissioners on the status of the summer crew and weed spraying matters.

ROAD

Shawn Norick was in to update the Commissioners on current road matters. The Rocky Boy Water line road crossing easement applications have been received. The Commissioner's and Shawn reviewed the requests. The Commissioners would like some verbiage added to the applications stating that provisions would be made for replacement of the gravel with more 1" gravel.

Shawn discussed a personnel matter with the Commissioners. The County may want to seriously consider implementing a cell phone policy.

The Bureau of Reclamation is requesting an In-Kind agreement. Shawn indicated that he believes one already exists. He will get a copy of it and forward it to the BOR.

Shawn visited with the Commissioners about the new mower. He feels it is working very well. He also reported that the enzyme treatment on the Tiber Road is holding up very nicely.

FIRE / AMBULANCE / DES

David Hunnewell was in to visit with the Commissioners about the department's need of a new vehicle. This vehicle could be utilized in many different situations including in a disaster situation when extra crewmen are needed on the scene, or for transporting extra equipment to or from a scene. The vehicle could also be utilized for transporting a crew to trainings. Various vehicle options were discussed by the group. Dave has found a few available options that he believes would fit their needs.

PAYROLL & PAYROLL LIABILITY

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve for payment the current payroll as it has been presented. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve for payment the payroll deductions and liabilities as they have been presented. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AGRICULTURAL COVENANCE

Bruce Swenson, an attorney from Havre, was in to make a request of the Commissioners. County Planner Jim Ghekiere and County Attorney Hugh Brown were also in attendance at this meeting. Mr. Swenson is working on a deed for a family that concerns an 80 acre non-contiguous parcel of ag land, with an orphaned remainder. Mr. Swenson is requesting that the Commissioners sign off on an Agricultural Covenant on the deed so that it will not be necessary for the family to take this parcel through the sub-division review process. He reported that there are no houses on this land that is currently in CRP. The County Attorney commented that this parcel has not been transferred as a lone 80 acres previously. The County Treasurer has already signed off regarding the payment of the taxes. Under the recommendation of County Attorney Hugh Brown, Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the deed including the Ag Covenant. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Hugh Brown visited with the Commissioners regarding a different Ag Covenant within the County. In this case, the request is to have an Ag Covenant removed. There is an 100 acre parcel that the owner would like to place some wind generators on, and they need the Ag Covenant removed from the parcel to do so. The County Attorney indicated that he has a conflict of interest in this particular case, and he would like directions from the Commissioners regarding this conflict. The Commissioners told the County Attorney that Deputy County Attorney Elizabeth Woods should represent the County in this case.

OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION

The Commissioners compiled a letter to the Oil & Gas Association expressing their displeasure with the recent decisions and actions taken by the Association Board. The Commissioners also decided to continue placing a hold on their Association dues.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to approve the minutes of August 11th and 12th as they have been amended. Commissioner Rockman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson updated Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman on the issues discussed at the last Hospital Board meeting that he attended on August 19th.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

August 26th, 2009 ♦ Wednesday

BEAR PAW / CDBG

A meeting was held on the above stated date with Anna Marie Robinson from Bear Paw Development regarding the CDBG grant for the Senior Citizens building project. Present for the meeting were Rod Keith, Commissioner Hendrickson and Clerk & Recorder Rhonda Pimley.

Anna Marie presented our copy of the grant application adding that she is aware that there are ten other entities applying for the grant money (many are for Firehalls).

Anna Marie also indicated that she has begun work on the 47 page document for the Bus Barn.

Other issues discussed included building within a flood plain and purchasing the two extra lots for added building space.

County Attorney Hugh Brown also visited briefly with Anna Marie regarding the County's ADA Compliance plan. The group quickly reviewed the check off list and discussed the need for the committee to meet and update the County's Compliance plan. They will attempt to meet in January.