

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 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 Larry Hendrickson (chair), Justin Wickum, and Joette Woods.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

GENERAL ELECTION

The Commissioners went over the final election results.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rory Seidlitz was in to ask some questions about his subdivision review.

Shari Dolan, Logan Health, made a request for the disposal of the following equipment:

- Manufacturer- Siemens
- Model Number- 630414593379
- Model Name- EXL 200
- Serial Number- DR271544

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the disposal of this equipment. Commissioner Wickum seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carries with all in favor.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Robert Padmos was in to update the Commissioners on a juvenile that has been released from custody and returned to town. He is wearing an ankle monitor as he is considered a threat to the community.

COUNTY SANITARIAN

County Sanitarian Sarah Robbin was in to update the Commissioners on what she has been doing around the County and update them on her continuing education.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on Senior Center issues. The fire suppression alarm is continuing to be a problem so the Commissioners have put in a couple calls to get it fixed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Foreman Dan Davis was in to update the Commissioners about what his crew has been doing this week. Dan will be making a weekend airport runway clearing as winter comes.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, was in to update the Commissioners on his business travels. He updated the Commissioners about 4-H shooting sports having a shooting facility for the year. Wilbur Ellis is willing to host the 4-H group.

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

ATTEST: _____

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2024 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair), Justin Wickum, and Joette Woods.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on the Senior Center. Her transit director is out for a while due to an injury. Glenda also would like the vehicle sale money to go into the transit fund so the state can confirm the sale.

TREASURER

Liberty County Treasurer Sharlys Davis was in to update the Commissioners on some of the county accounts.

911/WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere, 911/Weed Department, was in to update the Commissioners on his departments. He is working with Motorola on the new county radio console.

LIBERTY COUNTY AIRPORT

The Commissioners had a phone call with the RPA airport engineers about a pavement project at our local airport. The decision was made to go forward with a project proposal. RPA will await the RFP proposal bid and the Commissioners will let them know if they get the job. Present on the call: The three Commissioners, Jim Briden, Ian Wargo, Joe Minnehan (phone) and Lance Browser.

ELECTION AUDIT

The local election audit will take place on Friday, November 15th, at 10 am. This is open to the public.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Robert Padmos was in to update the Commissioners on what his office has been dealing with.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Foreman Dan Davis was in to update the Commissioners on where his crew is working this week. They are working to tidy up the Pugsley Bridge area after the fix. They will go back and hit the ditches where the mowers missed and do a sign replacement. The road crew accidentally hit a Northwest Energy gas line in the shop yard while digging a hole. The damage was minimal and has been fixed.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, was in to update the Commissioners on his office happenings and 4-H.

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 Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

PUGSLEY BRIDGE CLAIMS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Julie Gagnon was in to leave a contact for a used bridge that might work for the 4-H campground creek crossing. The Commissioners will connect with the seller and see if it is a fit. Kayla Johnson, DES, was in to update the Commissioners on some forms she brought in for us to look at.

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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NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair) and Joette Woods. Justin Wickum was out of office.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Undersheriff Kyle Heppner was in to update the Commissioners on what has occurred over the weekend.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent, was in to update the Commissioners on his travels and issues the cemetery is having.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Foreman Dan Davis was in to update the Commissioners on what his crew is doing this week. They are doing minimal road maintenance due to dry weather.

RESOLUTION 24-20

Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve Resolution 24-20 for the ability to participate in the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan by Identifying and Approving HAB Development Corporation as a County Reinvestment Organization. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carries with all in favor.

Resolution 24-20

Resolution to Affirmatively Participate in the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan by Identifying and Approving HAB Development Corporation as a Liberty County's Community Reinvestment Organization

WHEREAS, The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners recognizes every community within Liberty County has been impacted by a lack of affordable, attainable workforce housing, which in turn has let to a variety of issues for constituents and businesses.

WHEREAS, The State of Montana, through enactment of House Bill No. 819, has established the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan (MCRP), which is an innovative public-private platform to help middle-class income earners find an attainable pathway to owning their own home. The MCRP program calls for formation of a Community Reinvestment Organization (CRO) to provide facilitated assistance for workforce housing and related services within Montana, and to which state money is allocated based on a county's gross domestic product.

WHEREAS, The MCRP program will provide the opportunity to meet significant community development needs and will enhance economic stability with Liberty County.

WHEREAS, HAB Development Corporation is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization that was founded in 1994 and is directly affiliated with Home Front, which is the largest municipal housing authority in the State of Montana. HAB qualifies as a CRO pursuant to the statutory requirements of HB 819. Each county must "opt into" the MCRP program by choosing one CRO within which to participate. Each CRO must establish a revolving fund which holds the state's allocation.

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Board of Commissioners believes, after examining the program materials and considering the needs and potential benefits to its residents, participation in the MCRP program is important to the continued health, welfare, and economic prosperity of the County's constituents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.

The Liberty County Board of Commissioners selects HAB Development Corporation as it is chosen CRO for purposes of participation in the Montana Community Reinvestment Plan.

Adopted this 19th Day of November, 2024

Three handwritten signatures of Commissioners, each followed by a horizontal line and the word "Commissioner" printed below.



ELECTION CANVAS

The Commissioners hosted the election canvas at 9:00 am in the Commissioners office. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Commissioner Chair Larry Hendrickson. In attendance were: Larry Hendrickson, Joette Woods, Robert Padmos, Jordan Miller, and Davin Padmos (via phone). After review, Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the finalized 2024 Liberty County General Election results. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Second by Larry Hendrickson. Hearing no public comment, the motion carries with all in favor.

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Game Warden Willie Miller was in to update the Commissioners on hunting season and some road petitions he thinks might be coming into our office.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County attorney Robert Padmos was in to update the Commissioners on the VOCA grant and get signatures finalized for it.

LIBERTY COUNTY AIRPORT

The Commissioners held a meeting at 1 pm to discuss the RFP for an engineer for an upcoming project. Robert Peccia & Associates was the only proposal received. In attendance was Larry Hendrickson and Joette Woods. Commissioner Woods made a motion to keep RPA on retainer as the engineering firm for the Liberty County Airport. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carries with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

CLAIMS

Claims Specialist Monica Serrato presented claims for the Commissioners to review and approve. Upon review, Commissioner Woods 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

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NOVEMBER 26TH, 2024 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 Larry Hendrickson (Chair), Justin Wickum, and Joette Woods.

CLAIMS

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

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Foreman Dan Davis was in to update the Commissioners on some issues he is having at the shop. Dan let the Commissioners know where his crew will be at this week and what he has them doing.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson, Senior Center Director, was in to update the Commissioners on what has been going on with the fire suppression system. She has the center rented out for Thanksgiving. Also, the EMS group will be having a Christmas Party there as well.

JUSTICE COURT

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

PAYROLL

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Robert Padmos was in to update the Commissioners on his office.

TREASURER

Treasurer Sharlys Davis was in to update the Commissioners on the District 10 fund. The ESSR money has been deposited. Sharlys also reminded us that the grader payment is going to be due.

MSU EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright, MSU Extension Agent was in to update the Commissioners on what his office has been up to.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Deputy Bill Hicks was in to update the Commissioners on the Sheriff Office.

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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