

## **DECEMBER 10, 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

### **WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere, Weed/911, was in to update the Commissioners on the SCBA grant and the issues he is having with going forward with it.

### **SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Undersheriff Kyle Heppner was in to update the Commissioners on the Sheriff Office happenings.

### **CLERK AND RECORDER**

Clerk and Recorder Davin Padmos was in to update the Commissioners on the Stahly Subdivision that has been on the Commissioner's agenda. Rory Seidlitz was in attendance. After review, Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the final subdivision review for the Seidlitz Subdivision amended plat. Commissioner Wickum seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

### **SICK LEAVE DONATION**

Upon a request from Road Department employee Lee Powers, Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve a 40-hour sick leave donation from Lee for an employee in need. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

### **4-H CONTRACT**

Julie Gagnon, MSU Extension Office, was down to visit with the Commissioners about the 4-H contract. The Commissioners told her that they will need a letter from the Board in order to go forward with the contract.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH/DES**

Melissa Kantorowicz, Public Health, and Kayla Johnson, DES, were in to update the Commissioners on Public Health and DES respectively.

### **RESIDENT VISIT**

Ken Snyder, Joplin resident, was in to let the Commissioners know that he isn't happy about the recent sewer tax increase. The Commissioners explained he has 2 uses on the itemized tax sheet. He seemed to understand. Ken is angry about the water board or lack thereof in Joplin.

### **COUNTY SANITARIAN**

County Sanitarian Sarah Robbin, was in to update the Commissioners on what she has been doing locally in the County. Sarah has a couple of inspections in the coming weeks and will be in Liberty County.

### **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

### **CLAIMS**

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

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Commissioners had a follow-up HR meeting at 2 pm in the Commissioners office. No action taken at this time.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD/SAFETY MEETING**

The Commissioners held a Safety/Department Head meeting in their office. In attendance were: Kyle Heppner, Chris Case, Kayla Johnson, Melissa Kantorowicz, Kathy Armstrong, Justin Wickum, Joette Woods, Dan Davis, Robert Padmos, Julie Erickson, Julie Gagnon, Anne Melton, Jim Ghekiere, Kassondra May (Wood Enterprise Insurance), and Sharlys Davis. The Commissioners at this meeting reminded employees they absolutely cannot have non-employees in a county vehicle (excluding the Sheriff Department). This is a huge liability to the county, is not covered by policy, and is against policy in our handbook.

### **MARIAS TRI-COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

Commissioner Wickum received a notice from Janet Hawks about stepping down off the Marias Tri-County Fair Board. Janet recommended Nicole VonLehe as her replacement. The Commissioners would have to appoint this position and will advertise and meet with anyone interested.

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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**DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 MONDAY**

The Commissioners held a Special HR meeting in regards to employee Blaze Wendland. In attendance were: Rocco Houseman (Union Representative), Blaze Wendland, Justin Wickum, Larry Hendrickson, Dan Davis, Joette Woods, and Robert Padmos via phone. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Chair Larry Hendrickson. Rocco advised the Commissioners that if they agree on termination that a grievance will take place. The Commissioners understood the process. Mr. Wendland chose to step out of the meeting. Commissioner Wickum made a motion to terminate Mr. Wendland from Liberty County employment with the Road Department. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Wendland was informed of the decision and notified that his final paycheck will be available by 5 pm.

There being no further business, the special meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 11:00 AM

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**DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Dan Davis, Road Foreman, was in to update the Commissioners on what his crew has been busy doing and will be getting done before the holidays. The crew is currently maintaining county vehicles and graders getting them winterized.

**TREASURER**

Sharlys Davis, Liberty County Treasurer, was in to update the Commissioners on a lease with the MVD to use the Courthouse for providing services in Liberty County. The Commissioners will review this this lease as it is up for renewal

**PUBLIC HEALTH/DES.**

Public Health and DES was here to update the Commissioners on what their office has been doing.

**CLAIMS**

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

An HR Interview with an employee was had in the Commissioners office at 2 pm. No decisions were made, the purpose of the interview was investigative and informative.

**ORAP**

The Commissioners attended the ORAP meeting at the fire hall from 9-12. This was an informative meeting following up with county communication needs.

**WEED/911**

Jim Ghekiere, Weed/911, was in to update the Commissioners on the SAMS number clearance. He has officially received the Board of Revenue grant monies. Also, the Commissioners reviewed the correspondence from Department of Agriculture for his Noxious Weed FY2025 Program Enhancement Grant Application. Commissioner Woods made a motion to sign the letter accepting the grant capital improvement funding request. Commissioner Wickum seconded the motion. Hearing no public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

**HI LINE EVENT CENTER LEASE**

The Commissioners spoke with Tina Wood about insurance coverage on this lease, which Tina confirmed it would be covered. Commissioner Wickum made a motion to approve the Hi Line Event Center 4-H Shooting Sports Complex lease. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Hearing not public comment, the motion carried with all in favor.

**ROAD CROSSING PETITION**

The Commissioners had a request for a road crossing petition from Northwestern Energy to bore under Laird Rd (Township 32N Range 6E Section 21/22). Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Wickum 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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**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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 (by phone).

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

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Foreman Dan Davis visited with the Commissioners and asked about putting GPS tags on all county vehicles for safety reasons.

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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**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Nick Erickson was in to update the Commissioners on what his office has been seeing over the holiday week. He has also asked if a "Sargent" position could be created to keep an officer. This would be an increase in wages. The Commissioners will look into the budget and see if one could be created.

**WEED/911**

Jim Ghekiere, Weed/911, was in to update the Commissioners on the SCBA grant bids that he has advertised for two weeks and will be opening the bids next Monday.

**CLAIMS**

Claims Specialist Monica Serrato presented claims to the Commissioners for them 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.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Robert Padmos was in to update the Commissioners on the development of forensic interview room in the same building where the County Attorney's office is. The Commissioners took a tour of the space.

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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