

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2015

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on March 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman, Phil Christensen and Mark Mathews Commissioner. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Lead men Brett Barfuss, Courthouse Maintenance Randy Stephens, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Dana Izatt Searle & Hart Associates, Sheriff Ric Anderson, Eric Hobson, Dennis Godfrey, Pauline Bassett, Caribou Soil Conservation District, southeastern Idaho Public Health, Jessie Anglesey/Leslie Talbot, Forest Service Jack Isaacs, Road and updates.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Agenda change: Commissioner Mathews made a motion to add the Hospital Board, Fair Board, and Aaron Cook to the agenda. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The Davisville Bridge is installed, and will be complete after Road and Bridge applies one more layer of asphalt.
- Bid opening is on April 21, 2015 for the Penstock Bridge. The State is hoping to have the Bridge completed by the end of August.
- Kim would like to keep the part-time worker that is currently working in Grace, and move him to full time. The Commissioners agreed to put him on full time. He will start his full time status on March 23, 2015.
- Kim got a letter from ITD they will be coming to the County for June, July, and August to do inventory on all the roads which have the improved status. If the roads do not meet their criteria then they will give the County 30 days to fix them. If they are not fixed, they will pull the funding. Road and Bridge needs to start doing work on the barrow pits to bring some of the roads up to their criteria. If the County loses the funding it will put us short about \$1250 dollars per mile. The barrow pits have to have a minimum of 4 inches for drainage. Kim would like to get some of the unimproved road in to the improved status so we can start to collect money for those roads next year. There are about ten miles of road left that could be brought up to meet the funding criteria.

Randy Stephens, Courthouse Maintenance:

- Randy found the contract that was signed in October 2014 with Meyers and Anderson. All the windows were measured so they could give a total cost, then they would break it down to a per window cost. The \$1800 dollar bill covers the measuring of the windows

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and drawing plans for the canopy. Randy told Pete with Meyers and Anderson that the county could not go over budget, and he had some concerns. Meyers and Anderson will meet with the Commissioners and Randy on April 13th to discuss Phase II of the Courthouse remodel.

- Randy wanted to purchase a new versamatic vacuum for about \$850 dollars. The Commissioners said it was ok to purchase the vacuum.

Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:

- Jason wanted to let the Commissioners know that the trailer deal came through. Western Truck & Trailer honored their bid of \$49,900. They gave Jason \$5,000 for a trade in on the old trailer.
- Restroom update: The rough in plumbing is complete.
- Jason is checking into the extended warranty on the New Peter Built. He will inform the Commissioners if it would be a benefit to the County.
- The 816 compactor had a very severe oil leak that was repaired at a cost of \$1000 dollars.

Dana Izatt, Searle & Hart Associates:

- Dana presented the 2014 financial audit and found a favorable audit for Caribou County. He discussed several funds that have spent more than the revenue received causing the funds to spend some of the beginning cash balance.

Ric Anderson, Sheriff, Eric Hobson Marine Deputy/Dennis Godfrey Public Safety Director:

- Eric discussed with the Commissioners Boat grant money being cut by the Federal Government. Eric presented an agreement for the Commissioners to sign between the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and Caribou County. The agreement is for Boat Safety grant money in the amount of \$12,680 dollars, this is the RBS grant, and it does require a 50% match. The Sheriff's Department can pull the Sheriff's share out of the registration fund. The agreement was reviewed by the County Prosecutor Doug Wood and he is ok with having the Commissioners sign. Commissioner Mathews moved to sign the agreement between the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and Caribou County. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathew-yes. This is the seventh year that the County has run this program.
- The Sheriff and Dennis Godfrey discussed with the Commissioners about a fire that was started up Trail Canyon. The individual that started the fire was denied a burn permit because there is no well or water on the property to help contain the fire. The Sheriff and Dennis said they would like to give her a citation.

Ralph Hopkins, Building Department:

Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:52 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes. No decision was made.

Southeastern Idaho Public Health:

- Leslie Talbot, Jesse Anglesey, and Cheryl Rasmussen presented the quarterly report for October, November and December of 2014. Cheryl said that the new flooring has been put into 2 more rooms.

Pauline Bassett, Chris Banks, Rulon Wistisen, Wilder Hatch, Caribou Soil Conservation District:

- Chris Banks owns a business, Conservation Basic, and he represents the local District. Chris presented the 2014 overview of the district and their accomplishments. The projects that the Conservation district are working on in Caribou County are the Pebble Creek and the Bear River Whiskey Creek. The Whiskey Creek project was nominated for an International award called River Prize. If they win the award they will receive \$350,000 dollars to be used in the County for new projects.
- The Soil conservation will sponsor a Logo contest for High School Students. The winner will receive a \$150 dollar prize, and jacket with the logo on it.
- Pauline wanted the Commissioners support for the soil and water stewardship week. This year's theme is local heroes and will run in the paper in April and May. The Commissioners signed the letter of support. Pauline also requested the County to give a letter of intent for 2016 in the amount of \$10,000. The Commissioners agreed to give the Soil Conservation District the \$10,000. On the 20th & 21st of July the Soil conservation District will be hosting the National EPA in Caribou County. They will be having lunch on the 21st of July. Pauline will get an agenda to the Commissioners when it is finalized.

Jack Isaacs, Forrest Service:

- Jack wanted to let the Commissioners know that there will be no RACK money from the Federal Government, but they did increase the PILT a little. May be next fiscal year the RACK money will be available.
- Commissioner Somsen has been concerned with an individual. Forrest Service Law Enforcement served an individual with papers for a mandatory appearance in district Court in Pocatello. The individual has been grazing on unauthorized Federal Lands. Jack will notify Commissioner Somsen when the court date is set.
- Jack talked to Kim about Federal Land Access Program. Kim told Jack that the county would not be interested at the time because of the 7.34% match. The Forrest thought that the County might want to black top the Blackfoot River Road through the narrows. Jack informed Kim and the commissioners that the match can be in kind. The County would be interested if the match can be in kind. Jack told the Commissioners that the Forrest Service will help in any way that they could. He could get the Forrest Service Engineer to help. This application will be for the FY 2018-2019.
- Rasmussen Valley Road also designated by the Forrest Service as Road #121. Agrium will be using this road to haul the ore from the Lanes Creek Mine. The Commissioners agreed to give the Forrest Service permission to have a special use permit agreement with Agrium. The Commissioners do not have any problems with the Forrest Service letting Agrium plow the Narrows. Jack will keep the County informed.
- UBC is used for Water Shed improvements this has to be used only for the Blackfoot water shed. The Forrest service has a project to replace the Diamond Creek Bridge. The Commissioners are interested in UBC funding and requested more information. Jack will send the information to the Clerk and she will forward that information to Kim. The Commissioners want Kim to work directly with the Forrest Service.

Other:

- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$230,260.01 and payroll claims in the amount of \$278,015.54 and to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015 as amended and minutes of Appeal Hearing as presented Commissioner Mathews seconded. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Rulon Wistisen turned in his letter of resignation for the Hospital Board. The Commissioners accepted his resignation and thanked him for his 15 years of service. Rulon resignation letter is attached to the minutes.
- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit was presented to the Commissioners for approval. The following student is taking on line courses through Idaho Jr. Colleges. Senior: Kadee Simmons. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve the following student. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear County Commissioners and others, to whom this may concern,

In tendering this letter of resignation, I wish to express my appreciation to the people of Caribou County for the rare privilege of serving on the hospital board. It has truly been an opportunity for me to understand and appreciate the many within our community who have dedicated their lives to the comfort and wellbeing of all who may require healthcare services within the walls of our county hospital, clinics, or nursing home facility. My fourteen years on the board, with twelve of those years as the designated chairman, has helped to lift my vision of the crowned jewel right here in our own community.

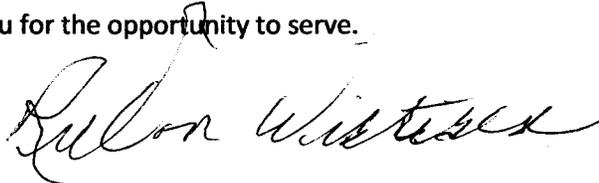
Gone are the days when our favorite doctor, with a borrowed horse and buggy, would brave the elements with great risk to his own life. Carrying a few tools of his trade in a black satchel, he would execute his personal oath or creed to attend to the needs of another. Healthcare today is governed by inspectors, regulators and protocols which could and do sometimes get in the way of our ability to give compassionate service.

As a county entity, the hospital is a major employer in our community with over 150 employees. There are many who serve within the walls of our facility that have little direct contact with the patients who come to receive help. I applaud them for their dedication and sacrifice to the success of the organization. They truly have a sincere interest in the health and wellbeing of those they serve as patients of the facility.

We are fortunate to have doctors and nurses who care and whose skills are second to none. They still make follow-up phone calls and house calls when needed to insure their patients receive the best care possible.

Since my years of service have coincided almost entirely with the years of service of our recently retired CEO, I would like you to know how lucky we are to have had John Hoopes as our CEO for these past 15 years. When he picked up the reigns of the organization back in 1999, there was serious talk about how we were going to meet the next payroll and whether we could continue to keep the doors of the hospital open. With good management and a vision for the future of our hospital, we now have a First Class OR, extensive upgrades to the facility, the addition of multiple healthcare services for our community, and at the same time building a rainy day fund to the envy of all of our peer hospitals. We have been successful in our appeal to recruit good doctors and nurses who share in the vision of our organization. We might be small but we give the very best we have.

I thank the commissioners for the opportunity of allowing me to serve on the hospital board these past fourteen years where I have learned to appreciate so much more those who work in the healthcare industry within our county. I have a personal "thank you" to my fellow board members who have served so well over the past many years. I recognize that in the legacy of the hospital, the past fourteen years will be only a chapter in the service of healthcare for our community, but one that has been positive. Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Rulon Wiestel

- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) at 2:52 p.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes, Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- The Commissioners agreed to pay the Phase II remodel for the Fair Grounds out of PILT. The Fair Board will reimburse the County with all the grant money they receive.
- Commissioner Mathews made the motion to make a \$400 dollar donation to Junior Miss Program. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Christensen made the motion to amend the minutes for September 22, 2014 to move the consolidated election from November 3, 2015 to May 19, 2015. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Aaron presented a bill in the amount of \$1,110.20 from Marshall & Swift for yearly licensing to the Commissioners for approval. The Commissioners approved the bill.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet March 23, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley, County Clerk



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Approved Payment of Bills

	9-Mar-15	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 50,266.89	
Indigent		\$ 1,551.73	
Road & Bridge		\$ 27,916.05	
Special Highway			
Justice		\$ 86,517.65	
Consolidated Election		\$ 16,899.50	
Weed Control		\$ 415.09	
Solid Waste		\$ 214.42	
Reappraisal		\$ 47.28	
Health		\$ 630.46	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 1,680.97	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 16.34	
Tort			
County Fair		\$ 2,000.00	
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 6,025.22	
Court Services		\$ 500.00	
Juvenile Justice		\$ 831.71	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT		\$ 901.01	
City of Soda Springs			
City of Bancroft			
City of Grace			
Bancroft Cemetery			
Central Cemetery			
Fairview Cemetery			
Freedom Cemetery			
Grace Cemetery			
Lago Cemetery			
Lava Cemetery			
Lund Cemetery			
Thatcher Cemetery			
Turner Cemetery			
School District #148			
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School District #21			
Grace Free Library			
Waterways		\$ 375.16	
TV Translator			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust			
Adult Probation Fee		\$ 38.00	
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Range Improvement Trust			
Court Trust		\$ 1,949.00	
Centennial Trust			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust			
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust			
Motor Vehicle Trust		\$ 25,750.98	
911 Trust		\$ 5,732.55	
Public Safety Trust			
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total		\$ 230,260.01	\$ 278,015.54