

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2013

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on April 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman, Phil Christensen and Mark Mathews Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Veda Mascarenas, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Ralph Hopkins Building Inspector, Jim Aldrich, Weed Supervisor Scott Shuler, Indigent Director Denise Horsley, Gary Petersen, Lew Toomer, Dave Mason, Alease Meads, Sharlene Simons, Lisa Barfuss, Blaine Newman, Craig Shuler, and Kathy Ray.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The county will piggyback with Madison County for the CRS 2R oil for \$485.00/ton.
- The crusher will be moved to the Bartschi pit this week. The board of commissioners discussed purchasing another crusher on a lease to own, or purchase with a contract.
- The county will purchase the culvert for the Roper Lane and the Gentile Valley Canal Company will install it.
- A utility line ordinance was discussed. Doug Wood will read the code and determine if an ordinance is necessary. No decision was made.
- Lunch breaks and holiday pay was discussed. Kim will meet with his employees and report back on the decision of the group about lunch breaks. No decision on holiday pay was made.

Ralph Hopkins, Building Inspector:

- The planning and zoning commission held a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #1950 for Wyoming West Outfitters for a recreational campsite and accepted the permit to go before the board of commissioners to approve. Commissioner Christensen moved to approve permit #1950 for Wyoming Wet Outfitters. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen – yes, and Mathews – yes.
- A second public hearing was held to accept the Wind Energy Ordinance. The Planning and Zoning Commission accepted the ordinance and sent it the board of commissioners for approval. This will be reviewed further prior to a public hearing to adopt said ordinance.

Jim Aldrich, Conflict Public Defender:

- The contract was discussed. The non-exclusive clause was added and agreed to by both parties. The contract date will be March 4, 2013 and terminate July 31, 2013.
- The board of commissioners will work with the court judges to determine a workable conflict public defender pool. No decision was made.

Scott Shuler, Weed Supervisor:

- Scott is now re-certified for hay and straw.
- Bear Lake County and Lincoln County Wyoming are working with Caribou County to eradicate weeds in areas where the borders are close.
- The essay contest had 120 participants.
- The cloud seeder is now shut down. The county used 153 gallons of fuel.
- Scott requested to bring summer help on by mid-May.
- Scott requested to purchase fuel for next year for approximately \$3500.00.

Denise Horsley, Indigent Director:

- The order for reimbursement was signed on Case No. 2013-14 and a release of lien was signed for Case #2013-16.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to deny application #2013-18 because the applicant can pay within a five year period and Caribou County is not the last resource. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen - yes, and Mathews - yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to reverse the denial on application #2013-10. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen - yes, and Mathews - yes.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to waive the balance owing of \$246.14 in Case No. 2010-19. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen - yes, and Mathews - yes.
- Commissioner Mathew moved to approve payment for additional treatment pursuant to I.C. 31-3504(3). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen - yes, and Mathews - yes.

Denise Horsley, Election Officer:

- Commissioner Christensen moved to approve the Hooper School located in Soda Springs as the designated polling place for School District #150 trustee election. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen - yes, and Mathews - yes.
- The board of commissioners approved 65% of registered voters as the amount of ballots to be printed.

Alease Meads, Caribou Civitan Club

- Alease presented the information of a newly formed charity organization called Caribou Civitan Club and requested sponsorship of \$35.00 per quarter. Commissioner Mathews moved to sponsor Alease Meads in the club. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote

was Somsen - yes, Christensen – yes, and Mathews – yes. Alease is to present a bill to receive payment.

Working Lunch:

- Items of discussion were favoritism in the work place, open communication lines with employees, lunch hours and breaks, personal property tax legislation, and the review of the revenue vs. the budget for 2013. Commissioner Somsen encouraged all elected officials and supervisors to keep the communication lines open with their employees. Department policy and procedures were discussed and each department was encouraged to have a policy and procedure put in place. County Clerk Veda Mascarenas talked about the report of revenue vs. budget and asked that all departments look at each item closely to see if the target has been met or if it looks like it will be met. The report will be sent to each department before May 15, 2013.

Gary Peterson, Dave Mason, and Lew Toomer, - Proud American Memorial Committee:

- The committee requested to add an additional column and an 8' – 12' cement wall behind memorial. After a visual inspection of the plan, the board of commissioners approved said addition.

Gary Peterson, Veterans Service Officer

- Gary requested to be a part-time employee. His employment as a private individual cost him more money in taxes than he was paid. Gary is going to Boise to for veteran service officer training and will check with other service officers as to how they are paid. The board of commissioners made no decision until Gary reports back after his meeting in Boise.

Diane Crawford, Treasurer – 2009 Tax Deeds:

- Diane presented the 2009 properties for unpaid taxes. They are parcel numbers 010000520020, R1137A, RL1137C, RL1137D, RL1137E, RL40190, and RL61110. She stated that she did not want to take a tax deed on these parcels yet because they are close to being resolved. The board of commissioners agreed that no tax deed shall take place if the matters are resolved. The total unpaid taxes' including fees, late charges, and interest is \$4,489.28.

Sharlene Simons and Lisa Barfuss, Extension Office:

- Sharlene present bills that have not been paid. These bills are for work performed by the extension office to help another county government entity. Commissioner Mathews will meet with the board of said entity and try to resolve the problem.
- Lisa requested that the janitorial work be done after or before office hours. The board of commissioners requested she talk with the janitor to resolve the issue.

Craig Shuler:

- Craig requested that the lower gate to the Soda Hills be opened and that an ATV crossing be installed at the gate. The board of commissioners agreed to open the lower gate by April 15, 2013 provided the roads are dry enough. No decision was made about the ATV crossings.
- Blaine Newman with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was present and there was discussion about the latest road validation of the board of commissioners and the opening of the upper gates in the Soda Hill. The BLM will open the upper gates according the current travel plan on May 15.

SOAR's appeal to the Federal Court is awaiting a decision.

Kathy Ray – Economic Development Coordinator:

- Kathy presented economic development information for the coming year and request the counties continued support of \$3000.00. No decision was made.

Other:

- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$278,960.83 and payroll claims in the amount of \$136,264.92, and to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013, as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen – yes, and Mathews – yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to add Southeastern Idaho Public Health to the agenda. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen - yes, Christensen – yes, and Mathews – yes. Commissioner Christensen stated that Caribou County's funding request for physical year 2014 will be \$55,011.00 and that Caribou County will be the host county for the budget hearing to be held in May.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet April 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Veda Mascarenas





Approved Payment of Bills

March 16-31, 2013	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 33,529.55	
Indigent	\$ 12,878.39	
Road & Bridge	\$ 70,019.05	
Special Highway	\$ 220.76	
Justice	\$ 15,534.42	
Consolidated Election	\$ 6,806.25	
Weed Control	\$ 375.23	
Solid Waste	\$ 11,467.71	
Reappraisal		
Health	\$ 14,576.06	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 10,371.27	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 181.34	
Tort	\$ 60,887.45	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 4,634.69	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 429.30	
Veteran's Memorial	\$ 442.50	
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 2,716.28	
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 #150		
School District #21		
Grace Free Library		
Water District		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee	\$ 125.00	
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust	\$ 1,906.00	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust	\$ 650.00	
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 794.64	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 3,399.52	
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust	\$ 25,834.87	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 132.31	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust	\$ 324.38	
Soft Costs & Video Arraignment	\$ 723.86	
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 278,960.83	\$ 136,264.92