

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF MAY 11, 2015

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance for the first hour were Earl Somsen, Commission Chair, Phil Christensen, Commissioner, and Mark Mathews, Commissioner. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Caribou County Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Indigent Director Wendy Rasmussen, Caribou County Sheriff Rick Anderson, Building Inspector Ralph Hopkins, Building Maintenance Manager Randy Stephens, IT Supervisor Terri Stephens, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim went and checked the North Access Road on the Blackfoot Reservoir at the request of the Commissioners in regards to the meeting that they had with Joel Murray on April 27, 2015. Kim informed the Commissioners that the road would have to be brought up to the County standards. The road is only 12 feet wide. If the road becomes a public access road there cannot be a locked gate. The county will not do any maintenance on this road.
- Road & Bridge will start the water line project at the Fair Grounds on Wednesday.
- Road and Bridge and the BLM will enlarge the Stauffer Pit to be used on projects in that area. Agrium will come in and blast the Agrium Pit so it can be used for the Rasmussen Valley Projects.
- The State denied the two lowest bids on the Penstock Bridge project because of wording. The lowest bid was about \$400,000 above projections. The low bidder is in an appeal process with the State. The State denied their bid because there was no electrical contractor on board. If the State does not award the appeal the bid process will start over and this will delay the project by about 30 days. Kim told the Commissioners no matter what happens this will be an additional \$25,000 cost to the County.
- Road & Bridge hired a part time person for the summer. The part time employee's salary will be taken out of the Weed Department and the Road & Bridge will continue to pay Dwight Lloyd's salary until August when he will take over for Scott Shuler who is retiring.
- Kim told the Commissioners that the crusher and back hoe have been delivered and will start running this week.

Wendy Rasmussen, Indigent Director:

- Releases Lien 2015-07 and Lien #2007-3 Satisfies.

Terri Stephens IT Supervisor:

- Terri informed the Commissioners that she has updated the web page with the information that the departments have given her. She also told the Commissioners she has talked to Civic Plus about a new web site they work with Governments. She said that there has not been a lot of changes since we started the County's web site except that it is more compatible with the new phones and tables. The cost would be about \$15,000 for a startup and \$1,500 a year for maintenance. The Commissioners want Commissioner Mathews to check out the County's web site and report back to them before they make any decisions.

Randy Stephens, Building Maintenance:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 9:25 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- The Commissioner wanted Randy to go ahead with getting the next phase of the Courthouse Remodel started. He will report back to the Commissioners if anything is out of line.
- Randy wants to remodel the break room so if there is a water issue it can be taken care of without a lot of damage. He will get bids on remodel of the break room, and tile bids for the north bathroom.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 9:41 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

Tom Seamons & Tim Marks, Gem Plan Insurance:

- Tim Marks had the Commissioners look at the statement of net assets that went from 7.9 million to 9.9 million. At the Gem Plan Board meeting they felt that they would put more at risk and get some rate decreases. He stated that it does not look like we will be having a rate increase this year. Tim informed the Commissioners that the loss ratio for claims have dropped. Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if all the employees have to be in the Gem plan. Tim told Mark they would not be able to break out one group. Commissioner Mathews thought that the County was not getting a good deal and stated that for his private insurance policy for four families it was a lot cheaper than the Counties. Tom asked the age of the policy holder Mark told him they were young with children. Tom stated that was why the policy was cheaper because they are considered young and healthy. Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if they are checking into different providers. Tim informed Commissioner Mathews that yes they have checked into different 3rd party insurance Companies. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know if the trend would be continuing. Tim said that the board thought that things were fairly stable but there were no guarantees. Both Tom and Tim talked about

the problems with the health care program and how it is affecting the insurance market. Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if the County could change the plan with a higher deductible and how that would decrease the premium. Tim said that yes we could make changes, but if the county increases the amount of the deductible over 15% or charges what the employees pay for their share of the premium over 5% the County would lose their grandfather status. This means that the County would have to comply with the affordable care act, and would have to take the mandated benefits and this would cost more.

Bruce Olenick, DEQ:

- Bruce wanted to discuss with the Commissioners about some new initiatives that the DEQ is working on with all the 7 counties. This new initiative will be for the reporting of the data that is collected from the ground water around the landfills and how it will be compiled. David Goings will be going to all the landfills to help them with packaging the data. Caribou County is not in a crunch but this will help them with keeping the data.

Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:

- The Landfill set a record in April with 7 Hundred Fourteen Tons of waste accepted.
- Jason wanted to purchase a bulk fuel tank in the next year's budget to help save money on fuel for the landfill. This should pay for itself in four years. Commissioner Mathews thought that the tank should be a dual wall not a single wall even though it would cost more. Commissioners Christensen and Somsen asked about a trailer tanker like the Road & Bridge uses. Jason wanted to let the Commissioners know that he would continue to do research on this matter. Jason wanted to know why we would have to bid if we could save money if we buy on the open market.
- Jason informed the Commissioners that the well testing was good and there were no problems.

Kathy Ray, Regional Economic Development:

- Kathy updated the board of commissioners about the Four County Alliance Economic Study. She further requested \$3,000 to help fund economic development. The Commissioners will make their decision after she talks to the City of Soda.

Steven Harrison, Extension:

- Steve asked the Commissioners if the employee with the University would be able to use the extra office that is available at the Extension office for his work he will be doing in the County. Steve told the Commissioners there would be no cost to the County. The Commissioners agreed with Steve's request to let the employee use the office space.
- Steve wanted to know if it was ok with the Commissioners if he checked into getting a new cell phone. The Commissioners told Steve he could check into a new cell phone.

Rick Anderson, Caribou County Sheriff/ Dennis Godfrey Fire Chief:

- Dennis presented the Intergovernmental Cooperative Fire Agreement to the Commissioners for their signatures. The Agreement is with the Caribou National Forest Agency and the Bureau of Land Management. The Commissioners agreed with the Agreement and signed. Monday the 18th they will be having a meeting at the fire station to go into further detail about this agreement.
- Dennis wanted to inform the Commissioners that he bought some class A foam for \$1,200.
- Ric discussed with the Commissioners about the Catering Permit that has been applied for by the Sawtooth Brewery. This permit will be used for the Dragon Fyre Faire for July 17th and 18th. Ric wanted the Commissioners to know that he is against this permit because when you introduce liquor you have a lot of problems. Last year the ambulance was dispatched 3 times. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to check and see if a Catering Permit was issued last year.

Leslie Talbot and Jesse Anglesey, Southeastern District Health Department:

- Presented the quarterly report for the Second Quarter of physical year 2015.

Maggie Mann, Kim Gaskill, SEID Health Department Representative Mark Gibbs:

- The Southeastern Idaho Public Health presented the budget request for the 2015-2016 year with a 3% increase. The rent paid to the County by the Health Department will increase this year to \$8,172. The percentage of the county increase for the next budget year determines the SIPH's Appropriation amount for the future budget year. The intent of the Statue is to be an equal partnership between the State and the Counties. In this current fiscal year the State and the Counties are both at 18% of our total budget in our District. The Trustees review the formula and they are the ones to make any changes. Idaho Code makes it clear that it is the Board of Trustees not the Legislation that set the State Appropriation formula. Ken Estep for Power County is our Elected Chair and District Trustee. Maggie informed the Commissioners that budgets have been real tight since 2008. Representative Gibbs stated that almost all Departments of State Government have not had any inflationary increase in funds since 2008. He also stated that as a State they need to work at this year's budget cycle, because this is one of the reasons that has led to the Surplus funds for Transportation Department. The State has not given any increase of the State Department funds to purchase supplies since 2008. Representative Gibbs feels that it is time that the State addresses these issues. Maggie discussed the issue of insurance and the increase cost for the last two years. In the current year the employer cost was \$950 per person, but the state only covered 18% of this increase. This has made the Districts go to the counties and other funding sources to figure out how they will cover these costs. The amount requested is \$59,223 an increase of \$3,291. The Board of Commissioners agreed to the request.

Tax Deed Auction:

At the start of the Auction Treasurer Angie Mendenhall informed all the bidders that they would need a letter of credit from the bank or cash in hand. Angie also informed the bidders that the County wanted them to know that there are no guarantees of free or clear title and they are buying the property as is. Angie advised them that they should have done their homework and researched the properties they wanted to bid on. She informed them that they were buying the property for back taxes only. The payments had to be made in the Treasurer's office by 3:00p.m.

- Parcel #RL2039E-Sold to Frank and Valerie Mcalister for \$900.00.
- Parcel # RL3077A-Sold to Net Prophet LLC for \$2,800.00
- Parcel #RL40190-Sold to Net Prophet LLC for \$1,150.77
- Parcel #RL61110-Sold to Net Prophet LLC for \$3,100.00
- Parcel #RL70280-Sold to Robert W. & Shandee L Howard Trustees of The Family Trust Agreement of Robert W. & Shandee L. Howard for \$6,100.00.
- Parcel #RL70290- Sold to Robert W. & Shandee L Howard Trustees of The Family Trust Agreement of Robert W. & Shandee L. Howard for \$6,100.00
- Parcel RL73590-Sold to Jeffrey H. & Sherry D. Fowler for \$14,100.00

Kristen Skinner and Gina Guthmiller:

- Kristen and Gina presented to the Commissioners a new program called unplugged that they would like the County to sponsor. Kristen has gone around to the schools and local business to get their support. The Soda Springs and Grace School Districts are on board and she has received a lot of positive responses from local businesses. How the program works the children choose from a list of self-directed activities to complete. Local businesses sponsor an activity and distribute Brag Badges which includes their business name. Children must visit the local business with their parents to collect their badges, bringing increased foot traffic to the businesses. The Commissioners though this was a great program and will discuss what they would like to do.

Other:

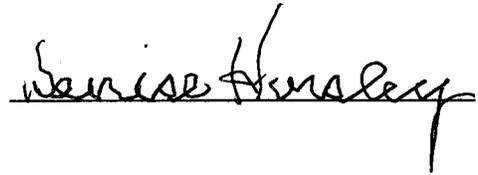
- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$201,009.07 and payroll claims in the amount of \$278,219.94, and to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015, as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- The 6th Judicial District CASA Program presented a letter for a budget request for FY2016 for the Child Protective Act. The amount requested is \$2,500. The Commissioners agreed to the request.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet May 26, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

- Commissioner Mathews attended the Grace City Council Meeting. Commissioner Mathews informed the Commissioners that the City has put in the water meter and line for the new restroom at the Fair Grounds. The City of Grace will waive the installing cost, but could not waive the water charges or the meter cost. Commissioner Mathews also brought up a previous issue concerning property the County deeded to the City of Grace. Grace was then to sell the property and after expenses split the proceeds of sale with the County. Apparently there was some misunderstanding of what that split was to be.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

	11-May-15	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$	12,793.93	
Indigent	\$	2,353.42	
Road & Bridge	\$	26,056.81	
Special Highway	\$	22,713.04	
Justice	\$	57,272.14	
Consolidated Election	\$	6,035.77	
Weed Control	\$	12,672.57	
Solid Waste	\$	13,934.24	
Reappraisal	\$	1,152.30	
Health	\$	566.92	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance	\$	1,860.17	
Parks & Recreation			
Tort			
County Fair	\$	-	
County Court Facility			
District Court	\$	6,157.46	
Court Services	\$	116.00	
Juvenile Justice	\$	168.62	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT			
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			
School District #149			
School District #150			
School District #21			
Grace Free Library			
Waterways			
TV Translator			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust			
Adult Probation Fee	\$	72.00	
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Range Improvement Trust			
Court Trust	\$	465.00	
Centennial Trust			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust			
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust			
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$	34,600.79	
911 Trust	\$	1,771.31	
Public Safety Trust	\$	246.58	
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total	\$	201,009.07	\$ 278,219.94