

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF August 24, 2015

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on August 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance for the first hour were Earl Somsen, Commission Chairman, Phil Christensen, and Mark Mathews, Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Wood, Caribou County Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Bret Barfuss, Caribou County Sheriff Michael Hadrie, Weed Supervisor Scott Shuler, Dwight Lloyd, Building Maintenance Supervisor Randy Stephens, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Indigent Director Wendy Rasmussen, Building Inspector Ralph Hopkins, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, David Doran, Blaine Newman.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The Road and Bridge crew graveled 3 miles of road on the North Access road from the Bingham County Line East. Then they spot patched one day with five trucks over the rock piles.
- The crusher is still at the Cow Camp, and they will have hit the six thousand yard mark today. They still owe Bingham County seven thousands yards, and then they will crush two thousand yards for Caribou County before moving the crusher.
- Commissioner Somsen asked Kim about the Sheep Creek Road. Kim informed him that Agrium had the contractor that is working under them that did the damage to the road dig up the road and put fabric liner down for the repairs. Kim said that he has trucks out there working and he will talk to the drivers and see what their opinion of the repairs are. He will get with of Agrium if there are still issues. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know if the Rasmussen Valley Road has been rebuilt like the Forest Service wants it. Kim told him that they were still fighting with one landowner so the County will go up and gravel the one section and gravel from the cattle guard up and the road will be in pretty good shape after they gravel it.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Kim about the drivers having to have a medical card with their CDL. Kim informed him that as long as they are working for the County they do not.
- Commissioner Mathews informed Kim that he had talked to Hansen Oil and if we utilized our fuel issues better we could get better pricing. Commissioner Mathews said that the pricing is rack price plus 15%. Commissioner Mathews said that Hansen Oil told him that if the County will take a tanker they will get a better price.

- Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if the Road and Bridge would be able to be contacted if there was a disaster in Caribou County. Kim informed him that since the EMS radios were converted to the 700 they have not had contact with the Road and Bridge. Kim told the Commissioners to check with Eric Hobson about an agreement that Dennis was working on with Lincoln County.

Randy Stephens, Courthouse Maintenance:

- Randy got a bid for the drinking fountains that need to be replaced from Reid's Plumbing & Heating at a cost of \$2274. Commissioners approved to have Reid's install the new fountains.
- Randy got a bid for the Six Shooter Sal door that is to be hung upstairs by the court for display. Henesh Construction bid \$1700. The Commissioners would like to have a drawing of what it would look like before they make a decision.
- Randy received two paint bids for the outside trim on the Courthouse. One from Lott's for \$44,650 and the second one from Nichols Brothers out of Logan for \$30,225. Nichols Brothers will be awarded the bid.
- There was a walk thru on Thursday the 20th of August for the brick and masonry work. Highlander Masonry was the only contractor that came for the walk thru. They will use the same bid that they submitted for the original bid back in July. On Thursday 27th of August at 2:00 p.m. there will be the bid opening for the brick and masonry work. Randy thinks that we could do a conference call with Commissioners so they would not have to come in. Meyers and Anderson put in an addendum on the original contract that stated if the weather gets bad the job could be completed next spring. The County would pay only for the work that has been completed.

Wendy Rasmussen, Indigent Director:

- Commissioners signed Liens for Indigent Case Number 2015-14.
- Commissioner Mathews made the motion to deny Indigent Case Number 2015-13 for non-compliance. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Mathews made the motion to take Indigent Case Number 2012-19 out of Suspension and approve because the applicant is indigent. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:

- On August 13th Jason met with Monty Johnson from Simplot to discuss the proposed Regional Landfill on Simplot property located at Conda. Jason felt that everything went well and Monty will take the information that was discussed back to their environmental Committee, and then get back with him. Simplot already uses the liner in Pocatello that would be needed for the Landfill.
- Jason made of proposal to the Commissioners about adding a 5 year 200 Thousand Mile Warranty on the new dump truck at a cost of \$3100. The warranty will cover all the after treatment stuff, all the

components and motor. Jason feels that it would be beneficial to the County to purchase this warranty.

- Jason will be purchasing a new loader tire in this year's budget and then will purchase the last one in next year's budget.
- Jason informed the Commissioners the 816 Compactor needed to have a front break job done. Jason will have CAT come out and check on what all needs to be done. The worst case scenario would be about \$20,000.
- Jason brought back information to the Commissioners on the fuel tank system he would like to purchase. There is a \$7775 difference between a single wall and a double wall. Commissioner Mathews felt that the County already has a fuel tank system at the Road and Bridge shop, and he feels that the County could better utilize the system that we have. The Commissioners want to try using the fuel system we have now before we think about purchasing a second system.

Scott Shuler, Weed Supervisor:

- The Weed Department is working on the 2nd time for spraying the roadsides in Bancroft and North of Soda. Scott also informed the Commissioners that Kim has discussed with him about having problems blading the roads because of the Kochia and grass, and has asked him about spraying on the secondary roads. Scott has some concerns about sterilizing the ground because it would also kill the grass and once you kill the grass the Kochia will take over. Scott told Kim that if he gave him a list of the roads the Weed Department would spray them. Then about three days after the Weed Department has sprayed the Road & Bridge could come along and grade so they would not disturb the grass totally. They could also let the Weed Department spray and then mow the roadsides.
- They have finished spraying the Railroad Right of Ways, and Scott is really pleased with the way they are looking. The Weed Department contracts with Hull Spraying LLC to spray the Railroad Right of Ways.
- August 6th they worked on BLM section South of Soda for Yellow Toad Flax, and Leafy Spurge. Scott told the Commissioners that he is not getting a lot of cooperation with the BLM. Commissioner Somsen informed Scott that Blaine Newman with the BLM would be here at 1:15 and he was welcome to come in at that time and talk to Blaine about this issue.
- On August 12th there was a work day with Lincoln County. They worked on Jensen Creek, Stump Creek, and Smokey Canyon areas. Scott told the Commissioner that Caribou and Lincoln Counties are trying to get a grant from the Highlands for aerial spraying. The terrain is very steep in these areas and they are hard to spray by hand.
- There was a request to spray Grays Lake, Hamilton up to Border, Grays Lake refuge, and Grays Lake Cemetery for Yellow Toad Flax, Thistles, and Leafy Spurge.
- Dennis Godfrey asked Scott to spray for grass and weeds around Rabbit Hill to help with fire control.

- There was a Blackfoot work day on August 19th. It was a great turn out with over 70 people from Government, Mines, Bear Lake and Lincoln Counties, and Landowners. They sprayed over 2000 gallons at the Lanes Creek and Diamond Creek and an addition 600 gallons at Slug Creek and Dry Valley. The cost was about \$2900, which was covered by the Highlands. The rest of the cost was covered by grant money.
- Scott gave the Commissioners bids on the purchase of a new truck for them to review.

Michael Haderlie, Caribou County Sheriff:

- Mike just wanted to let the Commissioners know that he has made the appointments in the Sheriff's Department. Adam Maybe was appointed Chief Deputy, Gary Overlain will be the Patrol Sergeant, and Tami Shurtleff will be the Jail Commander. There will be some over time that is needed for the detention officer because they are down two detention officers right now.
- Commissioner Somsen asked the Sheriff how the relationship between the Sheriff's office and Search and Rescue was. Mike feels that there is not a problem between the two offices. Mike informed the Commissioners that the only certified divers were officers in the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners wanted to make sure that Search and Rescue was being utilized when they are needed because the County is very lucky to have such dedicated volunteers.
- Sheldon wanted to bring to the Commissioners attention that there is a new home being constructed by Rory Lloyd next to the house that is already up there with the address off Harwood Road this would make two homes on the same side of the road and will cause a problem with the 911 addressing. To eliminate this problem Sheldon would like to request that the Commissioners let Rory name his driveway. Rory would like to name the driveway Lloyd Lane. Kim told the Commissioners and Sheldon that the driveway would be a public access road with restriction. The Commissioners do not have any problems with naming the driveway.

Eric Hobson, EMS Director:

- Eric requested the Commissioners update one of the Brush Firetrucks from the fire departments Capital Outlay. The two trucks that the County have are a 1986 and 1988, and they have a lot of mechanical problems with both trucks. He has checked into the purchase of a used fire truck that can be used as a re-body. The cost would be between \$12,000 to \$15,000 for the truck and then \$2,000 to have it refitted on to the 1988 Firetruck Body that the County already has. The Commissioners do not have any issues with Eric moving forward with the purchases of the firetruck.
- The State of Idaho adopted the 700 Radio System that was mandated by the Federal Government for Public Safety to have an intraoperative system. The County has complied with the State and updated their EMS Radio System to the 700 which has caused an issue with in the County. The problem that the County is having is the 700 system is not compatible with the other systems that

are being used by other agencies within the County. Eric would like to purchase a cache of about 15 to 20 new 700 radios for the EMS to be given out to the other agencies to use when we need their assistance with an emergency within the County. Eric told the Commissioners that Clark Radio quoted a price of \$1,000 per radio. Eric informed the Commissioners that one of the biggest problem with this system is that the State is moving slowly to get this set up throughout the State. Commissioner Somsen asked Kim if the radios would work in some of the back Country that the Road and Bridges work in. Kim informed him that was correct. Kim asked Eric about the agreement Dennis Godfrey was working on with Lincoln County, and Clark Radio about Black Mountain. Eric informed Kim and the Commissioners that they are building a patch. The county has been having some problems with their repeaters getting knocked off line because there is only one building and they already have a TV repeater up there. They are in negotiations with changing the tower configuration right now. Kim told Eric and the Commissioners that Agrium wants to go in with the County on a repeater systems up Dry Valley. Commissioner Somsen asked Eric if he was involved with Silver Star when they proposed the duplexer box that would integrate everything. Eric said that this system would be very expensive.

- Commissioner Somsen wanted to make sure that Eric will be going to the Public Safety Conference in Boise. Eric informed him that he would be attending the Conference.
- Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if they could change the monthly LEPC meeting to the 4th Monday of the month so the Commissioners could attend. Eric will check into changing the meeting.

Aaron Cook, Caribou County Assessor:

- Aaron wanted to let the Commissioners know that he needs to purchase a new computer in his office for a cost of \$1,759. He will take the computer that he is replacing and give it to Motor Vehicle. The Commissioners approved the purchase.
- The Commissioners talked to Aaron about Jeraldin Bowen and her BOE application. Aaron told the Commissioners that it was too late for her to apply to the BOE.

Ralph Hopkins, Building Inspector:

- Ralph informed the Commissioners that everything with the Building Department is running smoothly with no problems.

Public Hearing:

- The Commissioners held the scheduled public hearing to adopt the 2016 budget. No public was present. Commissioner Christensen moved to approve Resolution 2015-05"budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. Totaling \$13,427,011 in appropriations, to include \$5,550,000 in property taxes, and \$5,154,000 in non-allotted to each office, department, service, agency and/or institution of the

county". Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

- The Commissioners held the scheduled public hearing to adopt Resolution 2015-04. No public was present Commissioner Christensen moved to approve Resolution 2015-04 to decrease the Concealed Weapon Licenses fees. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- A public hearing was held for the approval of Ordinance 2015-01. There was one individual present. Commissioner Somsen read the Ordinance. Commissioner Christensen moved to approve Ordinance 2015-01 "Regulating the installation of underground utilities providing for the placing of authority and limiting County Liability." Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. The individual present, the Commissioners and the County Attorney had a lengthy discussion on the Ordinance. With no opposition from the individual the Ordinance passed.

David Doran, SICOG:

- David wanted to let the Commissioners know that he has received a new positions with SEICOG. He talked about the PRT Bus and the benefit that it provides to the citizens of Caribou County. He said that there are some other services that can be utilized with the PRT Bus system at an additional match by the County. Commissioners Somsen thanked David for his service that he has done for the County.

Blaine Newman, BLM:

- Blaine Newman presented an update on the projects the BLM is working on in the County. They have received the Counties application for Wood Valley Pit expansion, and it will be processed this fall. Blaine explained that with the Hooper Spring Transmission Line they do have an access for their construction Blaine will get with Kim and work things out. They are continuing with the update on Blackfoot River Recreation Plan. This would be layout for the recreation out at the Blackfoot River from the damn to the Wolverine Canyon. It will be designed to let the people know what would be a motorized vehicle and some nonmotorized trails. They will also look at the existing camp grounds and what improvements need to be done. They will also have gravel boat ramps for nonmotorized boats to give a better access to the river. Blaine said that the BLM is working with the BIA to help the public know who to contact for access.
- The BLM has put out a notice of realty action on the Dairy Syncline project, and are looking for a direct sell.
- Blaine said that the BLM feels very lucky not to have the fires in the Southeast Idaho area.
- Blaine said that the gravel roads look great in the 90% area and thanked the County.
- Scott talked to Blaine about the relationship that the County Weed Department had with BLM in the past and would like to get this relationship back. Blaine said that he would pass this information on

to the right people and have them get in touch with Scott because the BLM and the County should be working together.

- BLM is expecting a record of decision on Sage Grouse Management Plan in December. Blaine will come back to keep the Commissioners informed.

Jeraldine Bowen:

- Commissioner Somsen talked to Mrs. Bowen and informed her that she missed the deadline to file the appeal form to the BOE. Mrs. Bowen said she understood that she missed the deadline, but needs something done this year. She feels that the Assessor has over valued her property. Aaron informed the Commissioners that the first appraisal was done by the County's Appraiser. After talking with Mrs. Bowen about her concerns Aaron felt that he needed to see the property for himself. When he went up to look at the property he was not allowed to look at all the buildings that were on this property. Mrs. Bowen said that all the buildings have been on the property since they have owned it, and that now they are getting penalized. Aaron informed her that you have received a benefit in the past but he has to assess the property at market value. Commissioner Somsen asked her if she felt that because the buildings were not assessed a value in the past she felt that the County should not assess a value for the future. She stated yes, the property has not changed since 1980. Aaron and Commissioner Somsen informed her that all the Assessor was doing was following Idaho Code. Commissioner Somsen told her that she could fill out a new appeal form for next year and have it in by the 4th Monday in June.

Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to add EMS Director Eric Hobson, and Jeraldine Bowen to the agenda. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene in executive session at 3:30 p.m.pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved reconvene to regular session at 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$211,457.46 and payroll claims in the amount of \$160,826.94 and to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015, as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit were presented to the Commissioners for approval. The following students are taking on line courses through Idaho Jr. Colleges. High School Freshman: Katie L Sims. College Students, Kayde Mumford, Yolanda Velazquez, Amara Rodriguez, Kristin Offret, Cody

Debra Harris. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve the Certificate of Residency/Affidavit. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene in executive session at 1:50 p.m. pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(a). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved reconvene to regular session at 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to hire a new full time Road and Bridge employee. The employee will start October 5, 2015. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- The meeting adjourned at 04:10 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet September 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley

Earl Somsen

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