

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on September 10, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Earl Somsen Commissioner and Phil Christensen. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Veda Mascarenas, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Indigent Director Denise Horsley, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Building Inspector Ralph Hopkins, Week Supervisor Scott Shuler, Indigent Director Denise Horsley, Caribou County Sheriff Rick Anderson, Craig Shuler, Terri Stephens, and Veterans Officer Gary Peterson.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim requested a part time secretary while the full time is on medical leave. The board of commissioners granted said request.
- The water tank is rusted out and replacement will cost \$7000.00 for a plastic tank and \$11,200 for steel tank. Both are a 4000 gal capacity. This will be purchased in budget year 2012-2013.
- Geo Thermal drilling will begin September 17, 2012.
- 1500 tons chips will be purchased from NuCore for approximately \$6.00/ton.
- The Toponce Gravel Pit and Henry Cutoff Pit can be ground to 1 ½ inch. Smith's Paving will crush the rock and Caribou County will pay fuel for an approximate cost of \$2.00 ton. Kim suggested that that this could be a consideration for next summer.

**Scott Shuler, Weed Supervisor:**

- Scott reported that all of the spot spraying is complete and clean up is mostly completed. Areas sprayed in August were Diamond Creek, South Soda with the BLM on a workday, Toponce Road, Chesterfield Road, Pebble Cree, North access Blackfoot River Road, Long Valley, Enoch Valley, and old railroad right-of-way in the Grace area. The weeds that were sprayed are Scotch Thistle, Nap Weed, and Toad Flax.
- The RAC committee will meet September 21, 2012. One of the items of discussion is the Morgan Meadows area.
- The part time help will be finished September 13, 2012.
- Scott requested to purchase his next year chemical out of this year's budget. It saves the department money to buy the chemicals in advance. The board of commissioners granted said request.

- Scott will take vacation September 29 to October 9, 2012.

**Ralph Hopkins-Building Inspector:**

- The Squaw Creek Ranchettes Subdivision was discussed. There have been several building permits requested for the subdivision. Ralph has denied the requests because the board of commissioners at an early date determined that no building permits would be issued until the subdivision came into compliance with the subdivision ordinance. Veda will contact Greg Haney, Prosecuting Attorney to follow up on a letter that was to be written to the president of the subdivision association.

**Jason Lower, Solid Waste:**

- Jason requested to purchase a 2011 420E backhoe for \$79,000.00. The board of commissioners agreed if the backhoe could be piggy backed otherwise, he would have to get another bid.
- Jason also requested to repair the air-conditioner in the pickup. The board of commissioners granted the request.

**Denise Horsley, Indigent Director:**

- Denise presented case #12-31 for signature of lien.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to deny case #12-27 because the applicant is not medically indigent and has other means to pay the claim within a five (5) year period. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen yes, Rasmussen yes, and Christensen yes.

**Gary Peterson, VFW:**

- Gary met with the board of commissioners to discuss the problem with the memorial. There are male names on the female pedestal. After much discussion, Gary will take back to the committee the commissioners suggestions.

**Working lunch:**

- Commissioner Rasmussen explained the roll of Jordan Bodily as the County Facility Maintenance Coordinator. Jordan in turn explained his proposal for maintenance to the department heads and elected officials. There was some discussion with no disagreement from the rest of the body.

- The personal property tax exemption proposal was discussed. The general consensus was that departments would have to have a reduction in force, benefits would be lost, and services would be cut. Other means to increase revenue were discussed.
- Clerk Veda Mascarenas talked about budget spending and explained how the budget is calculated. She further commented on the need to be proactive in ways to cut spending and to always keep the treasurer informed on any high dollar purchases.

**Rick Anderson, Sheriff:**

- The Communication System has awarded the Enhanced 911 Grant to the Caribou County Sheriff's office. A formal presentation will be made to the board of commissioners at a later date and time.
- The Motorola bill will be reduced to approximately \$19,000.00 because Caribou County owns the tower. Eventually the cost will go to zero.
- A charge for each 700 MHz radio was discussed. There is a potential for revenue. No decision was made.

**Craig Shuler:**

- Craig presented a letter of September 5, 2012 from the BLM reference the Travel Management Plan for the 90 Percent area. After discussion the board of commissioners agreed to hold a public hearing on the validation of the roads in question: Swenson Valley road with its' accompanying northerly spur, the Upper Valley or Idaho Ranch Road with the connector road to Swenson Valley, and the 90% Road with its' northerly spur.

**Terri Stephens:**

- Terri requested to purchase 3 scanners for the assessor's office for approximately \$599.00/ea for a total of \$1799.92. There is not enough money in the assessor's budget to purchase them and Terri has enough in her computer budget to do so. Commissioner Somsen questioned if we were getting the best deal for the money. After discussion, the board of commissioner granted the request.

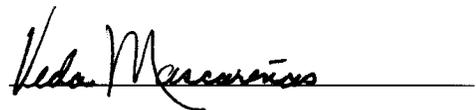
**Other:**

- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$131,629.56 and payroll claims in the amount of \$153,509.42, and to approve the minutes of August 27, 2012, commissioner meeting as presented and August 29, 2012 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Christensen-yes and Somsen-yes, Rasmussen yes.

- Commission Somsen moved to approve the 2012 levies. Commissioner Christensen seconded. The vote was Christensen-yes and Somsen-yes, Rasmussen yes.
- Commissioner Somsen moved to accept the amended Comprehensive Plan for 2012. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Christensen-yes and Somsen-yes, Rasmussen yes.
- There was discussion between Kim Spencer and Jason Lower about the man hours and equipment hours that the Solid Waste Department owed the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Christensen moved to forgive the man hours and equipments hour between the Road and Bridge Department and the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen No, Rasmussen Yes, and Christensen Yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to adopt Resolution 12-09 "obligate Title III Funds to Fire Wise Program and Search and Rescue". Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Christensen-yes and Somsen-yes, Rasmussen yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to declare Caribou County an emergency drought disaster. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Christensen-yes and Somsen-yes, Rasmussen yes.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet September 24, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Lloyd Rasmussen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Veda Mascarenas

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**Approved Payment of Bills**

<b>August 16-31, 2012</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense	\$ 32,854.33	
Indigent	\$ 11,692.81	
Road & Bridge	\$ 11,043.97	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 7,542.24	
Consolidated Election	\$ 1,411.19	
Weed Control	\$ 14,082.06	
Solid Waste	\$ 16,821.19	
Reappraisal	\$ 19,093.77	
Health	\$ 443.89	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 5,918.60	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 147.44	
Tort	\$ 130.91	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 1,967.51	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 169.59	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 3,900.00	
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 #150		
School District #21		
Grace Free Library		
Water District		
TV Translator		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust	\$ 1,585.00	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 635.26	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust	\$ 1,711.19	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 159.48	
Drug Court Trust	\$ 319.13	
Farmer's Land & Irrigation LID		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 131,629.56</b>	<b>\$ 153,509.42</b>