

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF November 23, 2015**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on November 23, 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, Caribou County Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Caribou County Sheriff Michael Haderlie, Building Maintenance Supervisor Randy Stephens, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, EMS Director Eric Hobson, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall, Justin Steele, Ben Ledford.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- In regards to SR 2477 roads the County will have to have a public hearing on approving the maps. The County Clerk's office will have the maps for the public to review. These maps are in a book format and they have to be approved every 5 years. Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if we could get a map to hang on the wall. Kim said that he had Sheldon do up a map for him in the past. Angie told Kim that Aaron did up a map for her to display in the Treasurer's office. Kim will check with both Sheldon and Aaron to see if they could provide a map.
- Kim informed the Commissioners that Agrium will be getting on the agenda in the next couple of months. They would like to do some swapping of roads in order to build a new haul road out in Rasmussen Valley. The other road would be Angus Creek to the top of the mine to Diamond Creek.
- Penstock Bridge has been pushed back to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December or the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. They are having issues with the stringers. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know what happened. Kim said that it looked good on paper but when they started constructing the bolts did not line up, and there is not enough cement around the bolts on the outside walls.
- Kim got the bids for the two new belly dumps and they were over the \$50,000 for both. Kim said he talked to Doug, the County Attorney and Doug advised him to bid them separate. Kim said if it was ok with the Commissioners he will order one in November and then order the second one in December. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to trade in the old belly dumps for the purchase of the two new belly dumps one in November and the second in December. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

- Commissioner Mathews informed Kim that Clements Hill has a bad soft spot on the top of the hill, and then there are a couple of big holes at the bottom of the road. Kim will go out and check the road and get the repairs done.
- The Commissioners asked Kim to check with the Road and Bridge Crew to see if anyone would like to take the EMT course or certify as a Fireman. Kim said that he would ask the crew and see if anyone would be interested. Kim said that one of the issues with the Fire Department is that if the fire is in Grace or Bancroft they have to come to Soda to get the fire truck. He wanted to know that if in the summer they could keep a fire truck down at Grace or Bancroft.
- Commissioner Somsen said that they had a meeting with Tyler with Bingham Co-op about fuel pricing and he felt that this is something that the County needs to check into. Commissioner Somsen wanted the Clerk to contact Tyler to get on the agenda for the Commissioner meeting in December.

**Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:**

- Jason informed the Commissioners that Mayor Smith wanted to have a fall garbage free day. Jason does not think that this is a good idea. The Commissioners said to keep it with the free garbage week in the spring.
- Jason told the Commissioners that he has checked with all the County Departments for old radios for the landfill to use in their equipment, and could only find one. He is having the one checked out by R&L and would like to know if he could purchase one or two if the one is not operable. Commissioner Mathews made the motion for the Landfill to purchase one or two new radios. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Jason would like to purchase a new flag pole. They are having an issue with the one they have. He will do more checking into finding one.
- Jason went up to the Simplot mine to check out the new landfill site. He would like to take the Commissioners up to the Simplot mine and have them check it out also. Jason said that if the Simplot site did not work out what about possibly purchasing the land around the current landfill. Commissioner Somsen said he felt that one of the other possible sites would be off Fish Creek Road.
- The Commissioners asked Jason to check with the Landfill employees to see if anyone would like to take the EMT course or certify as a Fireman. Jason said that he would ask the crew and see if anyone would be interested.

**Eric Hobson, EMS Director:**

- Eric let the Commissioners know that they have finished up with one of the Grants they have with Homeland Security. This is for the Communication system.
- Eric wanted to know if the Commissioners would approve a Christmas gift for the EMT & Firefighters. The Commissioners agreed to purchase the Life flight insurance for them at a cost of \$29.00 plus a \$25.00 gift card.
- Eric updated the Commissioners on the EMT course that will be starting in January and said that they are getting quite a few people signed up. The Commissioners told Eric that they talked to Kim and Brett with Road & Bridge and they will ask the employees and get back with them.
- Commissioner Mathews wanted to know if Eric knew if there was any where that they could store the Firetruck during the summer in Grace or Bancroft. This way if there is a fire in these areas the firefighters would not have to come up to Soda and then go back to Grace or Bancroft. Eric said that he had some concerns about not having a building to store them in because of theft. The Commissioners also wanted to know about the meetings that the firefighters are required to attend. Commissioner Mathews said he talked to a Firefighter in Wyoming and he said after you have been on the fire Department for 2 years the meetings are not mandatory, and that has helped to keep the volunteers.

**Michael Haderlie, Caribou County Sheriff:**

- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 11:19 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

**Justin Steele:**

- Justin wanted to inform the Commissioners that they have lost the Courthouse Security System. Justin said that he feels that we need to get this system updated. Randy said that in the past week we have fried the AC in the Computer Room, the phone system, and the control system for the elevator. He thinks that we need to check into a system that would protect the electronics. Commissioner Christensen made the motion for Justin to check into getting a new system installed at a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

**Aaron Cook, Caribou County Assessor:**

- Aaron informed the Commissioners that in Pebble Creek the property taxes were assessed to the wrong parcel. He needs the Commissioners to cancel the property taxes on parcel #005518001140, and he has assessed the correct parcel for this years taxes. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to cancel the taxes of \$117.95 and \$130.00 for landfill fees for a total of \$247.95 on parcel #005518001140. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Aaron told the Commissioners that he has sent out all of the assessment notice for personal property. The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of November is the deadline to appeal for the BOE on personal property.

**Angie Mendenhall, Caribou County Treasurer:**

- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 10:55 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Angie wanted to inform the Commissioners that she has received some letters from several tax payers. The first letter is from a tax payer that has 8 lots in Pebble Creek. She states she does not want this property and the County can have it back. Angie has discussed this issue with Doug, the County Attorney and he advised her to send her a letter informing her of her options. Angie will send out letters to the tax payer and inform her that per Idaho Code the County cannot take the property back if she does not pay her taxes. It will go into default and the process will start for the County to take a Tax Deed. She will also give her information to have her contact the local Real Estate agents, and the adjoining property owners. The second letter was from a tax payer that had a bare lot and was paying \$90 for taxes and then put on a \$60,000 barn, and his taxes increased to \$526. He was concerned because this was a 500% tax increase on his tax notice and he feels that is excessive. He also said that there is no road maintenance on his road and he would like to have the County maintain the road. Angie stated that the sign that says end of maintenance was there when he purchased the property. She will send out a letter to this tax payer that the increase of the taxes is due to the construction of the barn.
- Update on the property that she brought to the Commissioners in regards to the parcels that were just the canal. After doing research she has a question on who really owns the property and before a deed is prepared she is doing more research to get the correct land owner.
- The City of Bancroft purchased some property and it was recorded the end of October. The City is exempt from paying taxes so Angie wants to know how the Commissioners want to proceed. The amount that is left owing is \$152.20. Angie will wait until June to see if the City pays the taxes.

- Angie wanted to know if the taxes could be canceled on the Gravel Pit parcel that the County kept. The commissioners said that the intent was to have them canceled. She will go ahead and cancel them.

**Ben Ledford/Meyers & Anderson Architects:**

- Ben asked the Commissioners to pay the second payment to the Contractors for the work that has been completed. The second payment is for 50% of the framing on the canopy and 5% of the windows. He feels that they have met and passed the amount that is required for the second payment. The third payment would be for the completing the framing and 20% of the trim work and 70% of the windows. Ben feels that this should be done with in the next 2 weeks and payment should be made at that time. Randy wanted to know why Meyers & Anderson are here and not Harris Construction. Ben told him that Harris submits the request for payment to the Architects and they make sure the work has been completed. Randy said that he has not seen Harris through this project. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to pay the second payment request on the construction for the remodel of the exterior of the Courthouse. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Ben said that Meyers & Anderson received a change order from the contractor in the amount of \$7,854. This is for additional demolition on the front steps which included three separate steps. They took the steps out and put in fill. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know if the new steps would have sealed off any water that would have caused damage. The Commissioners wanted to know if Randy was advised of this change order. The Commissioners felt that the County should have approved this before the work was done. Commissioner Mathews does not feel that we are getting an honest day's work. The Commissioners told Ben to take back to Harris Construction that the County will pay half of the \$7,854 or up to \$4,000. Randy also has a concern about the cleanup of the gravel in the flower beds. He feels that if they wait until spring it will not get done. The Commissioners told Ben that if the cleanup is not done now, and is done in the spring they will hold the retainage until the cleanup is done.

**Denise Horsley, Indigent:**

- Signed Release of Lien Case #2016-01
- Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve indigent 2015-15 because they are indigent. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.

**Other:**

- The bid opening for parcel #RL22750. There was one bid received from Rick Hatch and Katie Hatch in the amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to accept the bid for

\$2,000 and to cancel the remaining taxes. 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 \$149,984.26 and payroll claims in the amount of \$281,659.18 and to approve the minutes of November 9, 2015, as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Christensen made the motion to approve beverage license for Golden China Restaurant. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes, and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioners signed Minerals Production and Royalty Report Forms Instrument No. E800019, and Mineral Lease No E800038.
- The meeting adjourned at 01:20 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet December 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley

  
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Approved Payment of Bills

	23-Nov-15	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 15,958.88	
Indigent	\$ 1,308.41	
Road & Bridge	\$ 46,904.14	
Special Highway	\$ 3,488.31	
Justice	\$ 22,358.89	
Consolidated Election	\$ 1,367.82	
Weed Control	\$ 3,500.00	
Solid Waste	\$ 32,634.26	
Reappraisal	\$ 40.00	
Health	\$ 128.99	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 1,288.17	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 16.34	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 4,429.13	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 718.18	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 2,851.71	
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	\$ 42.38	
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID	\$ 6,998.74	
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement	\$ 2.00	
Court Trust	\$ 2,940.00	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 1,032.91	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust	\$ 200.00	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 1,775.00	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 149,984.26</b>	<b>\$ 281,659.18</b>