

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF February 25, 2019

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on February 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Mark Mathews and Bryce Somsen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Angie Mendenhall Caribou County Treasurer, Eric Hobson, Public Safety Director, Justin Steele, Probation Supervisor, City of Soda Springs Alan Skinner, Chief Deputy Matthew Galloway, Jason Maughan, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, Justin Speelmon, George Kimball, CMH CEO Chris Thomas, Stace Gearhart, Dan Lau, Pauline Bassett, Wilder Hatch, and Brian Carver.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim has been researching a new style of blade. It can be adjusted and is more durable. They are also easy to take off and put on. The cost is approximately \$2300. The Commissioners approved for him to purchase one and try it out. He showed a video of how they operate.
- Kim explained that he has been working with Denise on acquiring a loan for the crusher as previously discussed. They have decided to take the funds out of the mineral leasing trust fund rather than pay interest on a loan.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Commissioner Mathews explained to Eric that Dave Bartholme has been inquiring about how to get a grant for the American Legion Building in Grace. He further explained that they currently have electric baseboard heat and would like to get a furnace instead. Eric said that they are not registered with the Secretary of State's Office so applying for grants is somewhat difficult.
- Individuals with FEMA attended a recent LEPC meeting. They asked Eric to speak at a week long seminar that they are holding in May. The seminar is in Pendleton Oregon and FEMA will cover all of Eric's expenses. The Commissioners approved him attending the seminar.
- Eric is closely watching the water levels in the surrounding areas. He has a declaration drafted in the event that we have to declare an emergency for flooding.
- Justin Steele gave Eric the old cameras from the courthouse. He is planning to install them on the outside of the EMS building and the fire station.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- State Board of Tax appeals sent a letter regarding Todd Hunzeker's appeal on the car dealership. The board agreed with the Board of Equalization's value. The decision was rendered on 02/14/19. The Board of Tax Appeals actually said it should be valued higher, but the County didn't pursue the issue further.
- Angie Mendenhall has already spoken to Mr. Hunzeker and they agreed that she will reduce the 2nd half of his 2018 taxes to compensate him for his overpayments.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to cancel taxes in the amount of \$10,332.26 from 2017 taxes and \$1,487.85 from 2018 taxes on Parcel #010000121502. The total will be deducted from his balance owing for 2018 2nd half. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Aaron is concerned on what room he and Susan will be in while their office is under construction. The original plan was to have them go in the election room, but the remodel on their office is now taking place at the same time as the election room. The Commissioners suggested that he either move downstairs in the conference room or check with the judges about using one of the rooms upstairs. Doug Wood said that the public defender has been using his office upstairs quite regularly.

Stace Gearhart, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections/Justin Steele, Probation:

- Stace gave the juvenile corrections 2018 annual report for Caribou County.
- The Idaho State Police reported 29 juvenile arrests. There were 32 juvenile petitions. 8 felonies, 15 misdemeanors.
- Average age of juveniles that were arrested was 14-16. This is the typical statistic statewide.
- 29 community hours were performed in Caribou County.
- Juveniles that successfully completed probation was 77%.

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:

- Donna has determined that the applicant on Case #2019-13 is not medically indigent.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to deny Case #2019-13 as the individual is not medically indigent. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Donna has been working on Case #2019-12. She had the Commissioners deny this case previously because the applicant didn't comply with the interview process. The applicant appealed

the denial within the 28-day appeal period. She stated to Donna that she never received the letter about appearing for an interview, but she was very ill and confused.

- Donna asked Doug if she needs to set up an actual hearing with the applicant. Doug didn't think a hearing would be needed if she has cleared up the deficiencies. Donna said she has determined that she is medically indigent.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve Case #2019-12 as the individual has been determined medically indigent. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matthew Galloway, Sheriff's Office:

- The Sheriff is not feeling well today so Chief Deputy Galloway came in his place.
- They have been researching whether or not they can use the inmate funds for the new camera system at the jail.
- They consulted with Bingham County and they agreed that they are improving the security for the inmates so using the inmate funds would be acceptable.
- The guardian system is set to go live this week. They will have a trainer onsite helping them for a few days.

Justin Speelmon, Williams Gas Pipeline:

- Justin explained that they have a meter station near Bancroft. They previously used snowmobiles to do a monthly check on the meter station.
- The company is trying to move away from utilizing snowmobiles due to the liability risk associated with employees using them.
- Justin has been asked to consult with our Commissioners about what the cost would be to have Caribou County provide winter maintenance to the meter station.
- Commissioner Mathews explained that the county typically charges \$1200 per mile for winter maintenance.
- Justin said the power boxes on the side of the road will be properly marked if the county does end up providing the winter maintenance.
- Their regular schedule is to check the gas pressures at the facility monthly, but they would like to keep the building accessible at all times in the event of a gas emergency.

- Justin will speak to his supervisor and see if he is willing to pay the cost.
- Commissioner Somsen said they will speak to Kim Spencer and let him know what is going on. The Commissioners explained to Justin that it will not be considered a top priority as far as snow removal. They have to treat the main roads as a higher priority.

Public Hearing:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing to discuss the re-zone proposal from P4 Productions in the area of impact. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Alan Skinner explained that the city council recommended to approve P4 Production's request. He also explained that they had concerns with the width, but they worked through the concern.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the 3-parcel re-zone for P4 Productions. The parcels included are 09S42E061000, 09S42E060400, 09S42E060040. They will be re-zoned as Manufacturing 1. The parcels were previously zoned as Agricultural 2. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to come out of a public hearing. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Christina Thomas, Caribou Memorial Hospital CEO and George Kimball, Board Member:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene to executive session at 11:05 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f). Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to reconvene to regular session at 11:46 A.M. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried. No decisions were made.

Soil Conservation District:

- Wilder Hatch and Pauline Bassett are attending today to ask for their annual funding. Pauline Bassett explained that these funds typically go towards their operating expenses. They used some of the funds from last year to pay for the lunch for the Envirothon.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned the continuation of the \$10,000 donation to the Soil Conservation District. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- They are currently working on 2 grants. They are hoping to do some fencing repairs.

Dan Lau/Brian Carver, Bear River Association of Governments:

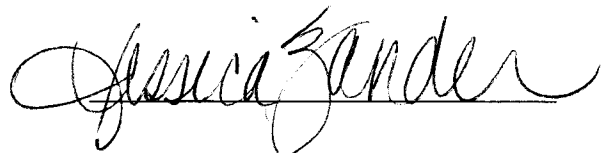
- Brian explained that they sponsor a project known as the Bear River Heritage Area. They are part of the national park system. They are not a national park or monument.
- They have no authority over local governments. They also can not regulate water or state wildlife.
- They try to promote the local areas especially along the Bear River.
- They work closely with the local visiting bureaus. They have noticed the other ethnicities that are visiting this local area.
- The main reason for designating a national heritage area is it allows more opportunity for federal funding.
- Dan Lau with the High-Country Travel Council explained that they are sensitive to the property owner issue and they want everyone to feel comfortable with the wording once the legislation releases it.
- They would like a letter of support from the Commissioners to give to Senator Risch and Representative Simpson.

Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$698,878.36 and payroll claims in the amount of \$171,072.48 and to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to donate \$5,000 to the Senior Citizens Center for building upgrades as previously approved in the meeting from 01-23-17. The funds will be taken out of PILT. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet March 11, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Jessica Zander



Approved Payment of Bills			
	25-Feb-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 14,138.00	
Indigent		\$ 14,165.08	
Road & Bridge		\$ 64,564.51	
Special Highway			
Justice		\$ 10,291.04	
Consolidated Election		\$ 269.20	
Weed Control		\$ 866.68	
Solid Waste		\$ 16,396.36	
Reappraisal			
Health		\$ 1,217.44	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 1,897.78	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 202.51	
Tort			
County Fair		\$ 2,000.00	
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 744.72	
Court Services		\$ 176.00	
Juvenile Justice		\$ 262.51	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT		\$ 1,292.75	
Idaho State Treasurer			
School District #148		\$ 15,594.58	
Central Cemetery		\$ 328.93	
Fairview Cemetery		\$ 27,486.82	
Freedom Cemetery		\$ 103.76	
Grace Cemetery		\$ 1,857.06	
Lago Cemetery		\$ 354.16	
Lund Cemetery		\$ 116.89	
Thatcher Cemetery		\$ 361.67	
Turner Cemetery		\$ 348.83	
School District #149		\$ 3,081.03	
School District #150		\$ 419,355.76	
School District #21			
City of Soda Springs		\$ 49,195.71	
City of Bancroft		\$ 8,502.90	
City of Grace		\$ 19,634.18	
Bancroft Cemetery		\$ 601.90	
Lava Cemetery		\$ 1.99	
Grace Free Library		\$ 5,025.26	
TV Translator		\$ 1,271.01	
Caribou County Solid Waste		\$ 9,346.53	
Bailey Creek Fire District		\$ 112.12	
Freedom Fire District		\$ 248.71	
Waterways			
Tax Deed Excess Funds			
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust		\$ 40.00	
Road & Bridge Trust			
Odyssey Court Payments		\$ 307.50	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Water District		\$ 1,109.48	
Court Trust			
Centennial Trust			
College Trust		\$ 500.00	
Treasurer's Trust			
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust			
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust			
Public Safety Trust		\$ 5,507.00	
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total		\$ 698,878.36	\$ 171,072.48

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 2/25/2019

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge - Winter Blade
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	EMS & Fire
9:45 AM	Stace Gearhart /ID Dept. Juvenile Correction	Annual Report
10:00 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill
10:15 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
10:30 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:45 AM	Justin Speelmon / Williams	plowing - Bancroft meter station
11:00 AM	P4 Production / JoAnna Ashley (P&Z)	Rezone in Area of Impact Final Decision
11:15 AM	CMH / George Kimball / Chris Thomas	Board members - Executive Session
11:30 AM	Dan Lau / Brian Carver - National Designation of the Bear River Heritage	
11:45 AM	Wilder Hatch - Soil Conservation District	Annual Funding
12:00 PM	Aaron Cook	Tax Cancellation / remodel question
12:15 PM	LUNCH	
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206,

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Sign contracts with Construction Services, Inc. - Change Orders

Senior Center donation

Anyone needing special assistance to attend the above noticed meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at (208)547-4324.