

APPROVED

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF July 9, 2018

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on July 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Mark Mathews and Bryce Somsen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Donna Ledbetter Indigent Director, Jayson Lower Landfill Supervisor, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Caribou County Building Inspector Blake Poulsen, Caribou County Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Alan Skinner, Jackie Barthlome, Wayne Bredehoff, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Rick Knori, Jim Webb, George Kimball, Christina Thomas, Probation Supervisor Justin Steele, Phillip Christensen Jr, Sheila Downs, Zack Olson, and Jeff and Kathy Hosek.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer/Brett Barfuss, Road and Bridge:

- Chippy Creek Bridge is on the schedule for this fall.
- Commissioner Christensen asked Kim if Cow Camp Road is on his schedule. He explained that the ruts are getting deep. Kim explained that they have been fighting water, but he will check on it.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Kim to work on the road on Cheatbeck Basin if time allows. Commissioner Mathews said it shouldn't be a top priority, but it could use some gravel if Kim has any available time in the schedule.

Blake Poulsen, Building Inspector:

- Blake presented his second quarter figures. 19 permits total. New construction value \$1,825,425.00. Permit fees \$16,060.00
- The elevator company is still scheduled to come to the courthouse this month.
- Blake is still working on getting the lights changed over to LED's at the extension office.
- Commissioner Mathews received a call about building permit fees. He asked Blake if the county has anything to do with sewer or septic tank fees. Blake said that we do not have anything to do with them. Sewer and septic fees are regulated by the Health Department.
- Commissioner Christensen asked Blake if he anything scheduled to get the air conditioning permanently fixed in the courthouse. He said he has it scheduled for September after it cools down.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Supervisor:

- Commissioner Christensen asked Dwight how far he sprays from the road. Dwight said he typically sprays out 8 feet.
- Dwight has noticed a spot in Wayan that the Idaho Transportation Department may need to spray for great basin rye. Commissioner Somsen said he will mention it as his next meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department.
- The North Gem girls volleyball team didn't get make the \$1,000 goal for the Dyer's Woad program. They had to attend a camp. They did a great job.
- Dwight has been impressed with the curtain on the gator. He would like to have one made custom made for each ATV. He said he still wants to modify his utility trailer. The commissioners said he can do whatever he needs to. Dwight said he thinks he can make the modifications himself for approximately \$500.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- Aaron received a letter from the Idaho State Tax Commission. It stated that based on our last basic tax study that we are low. A comparison Aaron explained was we are at \$650 for irrigated Ag and we should be closer to \$1000. The cleanest way to figure is by using the cash/rent method in Aaron's opinion.
- Aaron stated that he believes a lot of the other counties are also lower than the standard.
- Aaron would like to make gradual changes to help the taxpayers rather than one big dramatic change. He would also like to provide the taxpayers some notice.
- Aaron will forward on this letter to Representative Gibbs so that he is also aware.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 3:05 p.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206 (f). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Somsen motioned to reconvene to regular session at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jayson Lower, Landfill:

- Jayson received a bill from Royster's Welding. The bid was \$8,000. The bill that came was for \$12,000. Jayson disputed the bill and they came to an agreement of \$9515. He said they did have some change orders that were for legitimate reasons. He was impressed with the work that they did.
- Jayson was wondering if a regional landfill ends up being placed in Caribou County, how is the zoning change handled. The commissioners explained that a public hearing would have to take place.
- Commissioner Mathews explained that he would like Bruce Olenick to attend all the meetings that he can concerning the regional landfill. He feels that he explains the pertinent details to help everyone understand what we are trying to accomplish.

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:

- Donna asked that the Commissioners deny Case 2018-09. The applicant failed to appear for her interview.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to deny Case 2018-09 as the applicant did not appear for the interview. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Donna also asked that the liens be released for Case 2017-09. Bannock County was the responsible county for this case.
- Donna asked for the Commissioners to sign liens on Case 2018-11. The findings are still being processed. She is not sure at this point if this case will be approved or denied.

Quarterly City/County Meeting:**City of Grace:**

- Jackie Barthlome thought that the 2 weeks of cleanup went good.
- Wayne Bredehoft explained that the goal is to have the road construction completed by the time the fair starts.
- Jackie Barthlome explained that she is always on the lookout for more grants that they can apply for.

City of Soda Springs:

- Alan asked if tires were an issue this year. Commissioner Mathews explained that they were not an issue this year.
- Commissioner Somsen asked how many building permits they have going on in town. Alan explained that they have about half-dozen going on, but most of them are remodel permits. Tigert Middle School is the biggest one going on.
- Alan believes that the contractors are on or ahead of schedule on the Tigert Middle School gymnasium.

Rick Knori and Jim Webb, Lower Valley Energy:

- Lower Valley Energy has been given the transmission project from Bonneville Power Administration. Lower Valley actually started the project in 2003 and they have been partners since then.
- Bonneville Power was nervous about the selenium in Mill Creek so they decided to re-route the transmission line.
- They went to Bonneville Power this spring and asked them if they could have the project back entirely.
- They want to get from Hooper Springs to where Monsanto's haul road crosses Blackfoot River Road this fall. They are trying not to disturb the farmer's wheat fields.
- Commissioner Somsen asked who will pay for all the easements. He said Bonneville Power has already paid the individual landowners, other than the 3 mining companies.
- Jim explained that he feels the footprint will be a lot less and the community will accept it more positively since Lower Valley is not the federal government.
- This community is more familiar with Lower Valley Energy and they are the neighbors not BPA. They feel this change is an advantage to everyone.
- They are hoping to be fully energized by late October of next year.
- They are still going thru studies on their natural gas project going into Star Valley. Rick feels like progress is coming along as planned.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety Director:

- The memorandum of understanding with federal excess property is about to expire. Eric would like to keep us going with the program.
- Eric has received 5 trucks, transport trailer, chainsaws, and other pieces of equipment for being part of this program.

- The only cost to the county is shipping the surplus items to us.
- Eric has been emailing the commissioners each time he comes across a brush truck for sale. He asked if he is approved to purchase one if he finds a good deal or does he need to E-mail them each time he finds one. The Commissioners said he can purchase one if he finds a reasonable deal.
- Eric has heard mention that the county is short on space in buildings. He wanted the Commissioners to know that he is willing to move his office to the fire station if it will help. He is currently responsible for a utility bill at each building. Eric received a bid previously to remodel the fire station to add offices and he felt it was very economical.
- Ada County would like a letter from the Commissioners concerning the 700-radio upgrade. Eric suggested that we include an opt out option in our letter.
- Eric has been doing some figuring on EMT compensation. He feels that we have enough in the budget to increase their call and/or shift wage. It was decided to compensate the EMT's with \$5 per shift and \$7 per call.

Christina Thomas and George Kimball, CMH:

- Christina has implemented a couple new policies concerning signing checks and check authority.
- The checkbooks have been balanced for the first time in 2 years.
- Christina is asking the Commissioners to approve a \$2 million line of credit. Zions Bank is willing to work with them on this.
- She needs something in writing stating that the three Commissioners are in support.
- Commissioner Somsen asked what their capital is right now. She said they have approximately \$950,000.
- The \$2 million line of credit would only be used for an emergency business disruption.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve a line of credit up to \$2 million from a commercial lender for Caribou Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The golf fundraiser went good. They made \$22,000 last year and she predicts that after all the funds come in, it should be fairly close to that again.

Justin Steele, Adult/Juvenile Probation:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 1:54 p.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206 (b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to reconvene to regular session at 2:10 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zack Olson:

- Zack is working on an Eagle project. He is building a fence at the old Lund Cemetery and would like to see if the Commissioners are willing to donate for the materials.
- He has the cost figured at \$1,420 for all the materials. He already has \$400 that other community members have donated.
- Commissioner Christensen asked how many graves are at the cemetery. Zack thought there was about 10. The headstones are very old and he wants to help preserve them.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to donate \$250 to Zack Olson to help pay for the materials for his Eagle project at the Lund Cemetery. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff and Kathy Hosek:

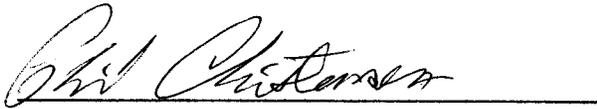
- The Hoseks are requesting that the Commissioners approve a zoning change. They have already gone to the Planning and Zoning meeting and they have approved their request.
- They have owned the land for 13 years. Kathy said they will keep 2 parcels on the crop reduction program.
- Kathy also explained that they thought it would classify as a variance rather than a change, but Krista said she consulted with Doug Wood and he said that it needs to be a zoning change.
- They are somewhat frustrated because they have a neighbor that didn't have to go thru any process to build their home and they fell under the same criteria. Commissioner Mathews explained that the rules have changed several times and the proper protocol should have been followed.
- Commissioner Somsen explained that the ordinance was passed to protect farmland.
- Kathy explained that the land where they want to build a home is not farmable. Ralph Hopkins approved their septic tank and all of their building plans before he retired.
- Commissioner Somsen explained that they are not against their proposal; they are trying to figure out the best way to handle this.
- Commissioner Mathews said that they need to consult with Doug Wood to find out the most efficient and correct way to handle this situation before they can make a decision.

Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims approval in the amount of \$201,785.02 and payroll claims approval in the amount of \$309,350.32, and to approve the minutes of June 25, 2018 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion.
- Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet July 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Jessica Zander

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Approved Payment of Bills

	9-Jul-18	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 18,113.81	
Indigent	\$ 3,366.67	
Road & Bridge	\$ 121,480.39	
Special Highway	\$ 4,129.65	
Justice	\$ 8,826.40	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 179.93	
Solid Waste	\$ 964.81	
Reappraisal	\$ 8,985.00	
Health	\$ 16,131.66	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 12,621.09	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 334.95	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 2,516.72	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 1,819.37	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 764.18	
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	\$ 24.76	
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
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	\$ 673.60	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 547.00	
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust		
Public Safety Trust	\$ 305.03	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Soft Costs & Video Arraignment		
Grand Total	\$ 201,785.02	\$ 309,350.32

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 7/9/2018

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Blake Poulsen	Courthouse Maintenance / Building Department
9:45 AM	Aaron Cook	Tax Commission Ag Letter
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Department
10:15 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill
10:30 AM		
10:45 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
11:00 AM	City/County Meeting	
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Eric Hobson	Public Safety
11:45 AM	Rick Knori / Lower Valley Energy	update on powerline
NOON	LUNCH	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Kris Thomas & George Kimball	finance agreement
1:30 PM		
1:45 PM	Cody Allen	P & Z - zoning change
2:00 PM	Justin Steele	Legal Authority - executive session
2:15 PM	Zack Olson	Eagle Project - Pioneer Cemetery
2:30 PM	Jeff Hosek (Kathy)	Zoning Change - Variance - Wide Hollow Rd.
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5:00 PM		

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

P & Z Member

PILT Lawsuit *tabled until next meeting - Doug wasn't present today.*

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