

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF September 25, 2017

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on September 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance for the first hour were Phil Christensen, Commission Chair, Mark Mathews, and Bryce Somsen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Attorney Doug Wood, Road & Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer Lead man Brett Barfuss, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall, Martell Brower, Tim Marks, Tom Seamons, Jeff Griffeth, Marnie Spencer, Matthew Galloway, Brandy Bredehoft, Sharlene Simons, and David Sotutu.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Brett Barfuss, Road and Bridge:

- Mickelsen's is the cheapest bid for chips for 2018. They are 5 cents less than last year. They are \$8.35 a ton. Kim is planning on purchasing 2000 ton from TMS International as well. They are \$6.50 per ton. He can't use these chips in residential areas.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept Mickelsen's bid for \$8.35 per ton for chips. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- They did an inspection on the Eight Mile Bridge about 6 months ago. They found a one-inch structural crack. We would qualify for a federal grant, but it would be approximately 6 to 7 years out. Kim wanted to know if the commissioners think that he should apply for the grant. In Kim's opinion, getting a new one would be better than restoring the existing one. Our match is 7.34%. Kim said the bridge is still in sound shape.
- The commissioners thought he might as well apply for it even though it will be such a long time before we get the funds.
- Kim found out that we will get \$100,000 on trade-ins for four trucks. He thought it might be a good idea to purchase an additional truck if the commissioners agree. He would like to upgrade 3 dump trucks and 2 tractors.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to purchase a 5th truck with a bed for \$53,486.00 from Kenworth. This cost includes the value of the trade ins. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The DEF tank that is currently in Bancroft needs moved to Alexander where everyone will be fueling. He will need to purchase a shed to store it in. He can get a shed out of Preston for approximately \$3200 for a 10x16. He will place a couple lightbulbs that will keep enough heat in the shed.
- Kim explained that the employee for Lower Valley Energy still needs county easement information. We haven't been able to locate any documentation.

- Commissioner Mathews asked how we rank for our premium compared to the other counties. He said we are coming down, we are not the highest anymore. He explained that our premium should level out eventually if we continue to perform like we have been doing.
- Commissioner Mathews asked who gets the admin fee. Tim said that goes back to Blue Cross.
- He said Gem Plan isn't locked in with Blue Cross. They are a sub-contractor.
- He explained the increases are due to the cost of care being so outrageous.

Matthew Galloway, Brandy Bredehoft, Caribou County Sheriff's Office:

- Deputy Galloway said the Sheriff wasn't able to attend the meeting today.
- Galloway also explained that someone has made it thru their firewall at the Sheriff's Office. They have been in contact with Computer Arts to get the issue resolved.
- He explained that they do not have a virus.

Jeff Griffeth, Colonial Life:

- Jeff has recently taken over in Idaho for the public sector.
- They don't advertise so they are competitive with their pricing.
- He asked the commissioners for their permission to have a brief meeting with all of our department heads. He would like to set up a good time with all of the departments to meet with their employees to go over what he has to offer.
- He can also offer us MD Life which is video conferencing with a board certified doctor. The purpose of this is getting a diagnosis without having to physically go to the doctors office. If he can do a brief presentation for 75% of our staff, this service can be offered at no charge regardless of how often we use it. They have seen a decline in major medical charges when this program is utilized.
- The commissioners agreed to allow him to meet with the department heads at 8:30 on October 23 before the regular commissioner meeting.

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:

- On Case 2017-009, Donna received a notice of appeal. The hearing has been set for October 23, 2017 at 10:45 a.m. Donna truly feels like we were right by denying this case indicating that he was not a resident of Caribou County.
- Case 2018-001, she needs an order of reimbursement signed.
- Commissioner Somsen asked how residency is established. Doug Wood said there is a statute that we follow. It basically reads that an individual has to be a resident of a county for 6 consecutive months in the last 5 years.

Martell Brower, Lower Valley Energy:

- He still needs information about easements in relationship to county roadways.
- If they are able to proceed with their proposed plan, approximately 12.7 miles of the natural gas pipeline would be in Caribou County. They do have an alternative plan in place in they encounter environmental concerns. The Forest Service requires them to have multiple plans in place.
- Commissioner Somsen asked how Bear Lake County is handling this with Lower Valley. Brower replied saying they are having issues finding the documentation. Commissioner Somsen suggested that we reach out to Lincoln County and see how they have their county road easements worded since we are unable to locate our documentation.
- Kim recalls an ordinance that was passed some time back concerning depth for all utilities. He thought the minimum depth was 36 or 48 inches. Kim said this is a concern when trying to maintain the road. Brower stated DOT only requires 24 inches, but they will follow our county requirements.
- Denise was able to find a 2015 ordinance that states a 15-foot minimum from the centerline and 30 inch depth. Commissioner Somsen suggested that the ordinance be amended to clearly state both a minimum and a maximum. Kim explained that the state gives us 27.5 feet from the centerline. Commissioner Christensen asked if a public hearing would have to be held to amend the ordinance. It was decided that we would have to have a public hearing. Denise will schedule it during one of the upcoming commissioners meetings. She will put a notice in the newspaper and notify Caribou County landowners on Crow Creek Road.
- Brower said he believes the current ordinance may be challenged by some landowners.
- Doug Wood said they could also consider doing an entirely new ordinance rather than amending the existing ordinance.
- Brower said that Lower Valley Energy is planning to have public scoping meetings in December. He said one meeting will be held in Montpelier and the other one will be held in Star Valley.

Tom Seamons & Tim Marks, Gem Plan:

- Tim Marks explained that everyone got a 5% increase on medical only, vision remained the same. He explained that this is the 8th year that Caribou County has gotten a single digit rate increase. We actually were given a 3% decrease in 2015.
- Net assets of the Gem Plan is \$10.8 million. The trend isn't great. They are staying in the black, but every year falls behind the previous year. Overall, he feels the financial statement looks good.
- Medical trend and prescription trend are both more than 5%.
- Overall, he feels Caribou County is doing a fantastic job. We are in the top 5-10%. Overall loss ratio is 84%.
- The Gem Plan Board will meet again hopefully in the next couple of months and may come back to Caribou County with a possible reward. He is not a board member, but he is aware that awards have been mentioned.

Sharlene Simons, Extension:

- Lisa and Sharlene have been reviewing their budget. They have \$3800 left in capital outlay. They would like to purchase a couple new office desks. They currently have old metal desks.
- They would like to purchase the desks thru Valley Office Systems. Denise said they should pull the funds from the current budget year. The commissioners approved the purchase of the desks.
- They are also wondering how to proceed with getting a new windshield on the county vehicle. Denise said to go thru Jeff's Body Repair or Safelite. She explained that they shouldn't file an insurance claim because the deductible is more than the windshield would cost.
- Lisa also mentioned that sometime in the future, they will need to purchase a new vehicle. Commissioner Christensen asked if they could get a more economical vehicle. Lisa said they could, but during the fair they need a larger vehicle. Commissioner Christensen said they could use one of the county vehicles at the courthouse.

Other:

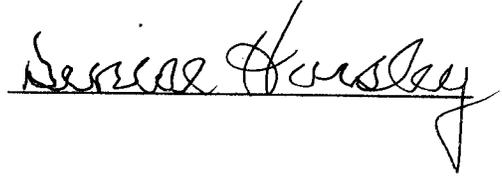
- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims and remittances for 9-22-17 in the amount of \$387,163.23 and payroll claims for 9-22-17 in the amount of \$164,024.05, and to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Commissioner Somsen moved to convene to executive session at 10:57 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Somsen moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:22 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit were presented to the Commissioners for Approval. The following students are taking course through Idaho Jr. Colleges. Seniors: Jaycee Young, Kaylee Simons, Juniors: Kaitlin Chacon, and Post-Secondary: Yesenia Martinez, Sage McKinley, Amber Martin. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve the Certificate of Residency/Affidavit. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve certificate of residency from last year for Northern Idaho College. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The student did not mark on her application that she was taking courses from two different colleges.
- Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve the polling places for the November 7, 2017 election. The Grace Precincts will be at the Performing Arts Building, the Bancroft Precinct will be at the Lions Club Building, and the Soda Precincts will be at the Hooper Commercial Plaza. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet October 10, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Denise Horsley



Approved Payment of Bills

	25-Sep-17	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 22,472.80	
Indigent	\$ 20,184.08	
Road & Bridge	\$ 22,499.28	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 53,522.15	
Consolidated Election	\$ 476.16	
Weed Control	\$ 1,809.46	
Solid Waste	\$ 39,099.91	
Reappraisal	\$ 1,260.94	
Health	\$ 759.79	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 9,391.67	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,131.15	
Tort	\$ 1,000.00	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 558.97	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 490.07	
Veteran's Memorial	\$ 318.00	
Mineral Leasing	\$ 37,463.00	
PILT	\$ 11,601.40	
Idaho State Treasurer	\$ 30.00	
City of Soda Springs	\$ 6,744.14	
City of Bancroft	\$ 511.32	
City of Grace	\$ 513.37	
Bancroft Cemetery	\$ 7.62	
Central Cemetery		
Fairview Cemetery	\$ 128.61	
Freedom Cemetery	\$ 51.85	
Grace Cemetery	\$ 35.55	
Lago Cemetery		
Lava Cemetery		
Lund Cemetery		
Thatcher Cemetery		
Turner Cemetery	\$ 3.99	
School District #148	\$ 323.76	
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School District #150	\$ 4,025.56	
School District #21		
Grace Free Library	\$ 58.93	
TV Translator	\$ 312.81	
Caribou County Solid Waste	\$ 1,469.11	
Waterways		
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID	\$ 74,997.52	
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District	\$ 98.50	
Auditor's Trust	\$ 120.00	
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Water District		
Court Trust	\$ 1,863.80	
Soft Cost & Video Arraignment	\$ 1,977.16	
Road & Bridge Trust	\$ 15,874.45	
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 550.64	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 39,308.23	
911 Trust		
Public Safety Trust	\$ 13,843.00	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 387,163.23	\$ 164,024.05

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 9/25/2017

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge/Chips - Truck
9:30 AM	Martell Brower / Lower Valley Energy	utility easements within county roadways
9:45 AM	Tom Seamons & Tim Marks	Gem Insurance
10:00 AM		
10:15 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
10:30 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:45 AM	Jeff Griffith	Colonial Life
11:00 AM	University of Idaho / Marnie Spencer	Executive Session
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Sharlene Simons	Extention Office
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206,
 designate polling places for 11/7/2017 Election
 Certificate of Residency

The board of commissioners may go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code. Anyone needing special assistance to attend the above noticed meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at (208)547-4324.