

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF May 26, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on May 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Mark Mathews and Bryce Somsen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Probation Supervisor Justin Steele, Carl Toupin, Jared Ricks, and Justin Hatch.

The meeting opened with Commissioner Phil Christensen giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim has a 90's pickup that is not being used. The transmission is not functioning on the pickup. Kim has someone interested in the cab of the pickup. The Commissioners said to sell the pickup for \$249. The entire truck would only be worth what you could get at scrap metal price.
- They will be doing some more work in the Lanes Creek area in the coming weeks. Skinny Dip Road will also be getting some work done on it this week.
- Commissioner Somsen spoke with Tracy Davis about doing a building swap. Tracy is interested in purchasing the shop in Soda Springs if the county decides to purchase his shop on Highway 30. Kim said he was given a value several years ago of \$85,000 for the shop in Soda Springs. Commissioner Mathews said we would need to maintain our access to the water shed.

Eric Hobson/Larry Weaver

- Eric found out that the Polaris 570 Ranger doesn't come with power steering so the bid he presented in the last meeting was approximately \$2,000 too high. He decided he may as well add a windshield and a roof. Commissioner Somsen suggested that the windshield has the ability to open up to help prevent a dust problem.
- Commissioner Somsen asked Eric if we ever received our reimbursement for the Caribou Trail Loop project from the State of Idaho. Denise checked and we have not received the check. Eric will look into why we have not received the reimbursement. He received a close out letter so he assumed that the check would closely follow the letter.
- Roger Gibson and Bob Monk assisted Eric in applying for a couple of grants through the Bayer Foundation. They were awarded \$4,900 to help purchase equipment for the fire department and \$4,200 to help with upgrades for the EMS department.

- The EMT class is in the final stage. They should be testing later this week. They ended up with 15 individuals that will hopefully be eligible to test for the certification.

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS:

- They had certain expenses directly associated with employees being able to work from home due to COVID-19.
- The equipment costs directly associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and allowing employees to work from home was \$1478.77, which included a laptop for the Treasurer's Office and various cables.
- He also had to purchase more than 25 microphones for meetings. He also purchased remote access software which he uses frequently and so does the Sheriff's Office. He will monitor the first year subscription of this software and decide if will benefit us to keep the subscription going.
- We have a road in Caribou County called Mill Creek. The street sign identifies the road as Mill Creek. The GIS and EMS software identifies the road as Mill Canyon. Jacob asked the Commissioners if they would like everything to identify the road the same way.
- The Commissioners asked Jacob to tell Kim Spencer to have the sign replaced and identify the road as Mill Canyon.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- Aaron wanted to provide an update of the trending property values. Between 2019 and 2020, he has calculated an overall increase of \$20 million in Caribou County.
- Aaron is planning to focus mostly on residential rural rates. He is trying to do small increases every year on all types of property to avoid a big increase every 5 years. We have to keep up with the market trends. He has followed a few local home sales and with no upgrades made to the homes, they are still selling higher than when the homeowner purchased the home a few years prior. Aaron further explained that the COVID-19 virus has not affected home sales or values at all in Caribou County.
- Overall, he has calculated a decrease in personal property of \$1 million. The main reason for this is one of the local plants reclassified some equipment for use associated with pollution control which is non-taxable.

Kelly Wells, Sheriff:

- Kelly would like to be consistent with the courthouse on access into county buildings. He will wait to see what the Commissioners decide when Justin Steele comes in to speak with them.
- They are currently not processing any digital fingerprints because to do them you have to go into the jail. Kelly is hopeful that by mid-June they will be able to open up all services at the Sheriff's Office.

Carl Toupin:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept the bid from Centennial Lube for \$6,498.24 for a Toro Model #74493 zero turn riding lawn mower. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Vandalism is still an ongoing problem. The Oregon Trail facilities seem to be getting hit the most. He presented some pictures of the latest incidents. His employees are about to the point that they are going to refuse to clean it up. Carl believes that fisherman are dumping their portable toilets in the local toilet facilities and they are getting waste on the floor and the toilet seats.
- Carl would like to place cameras near the restroom facilities to try to slow this problem down. The Commissioners were all in favor of this idea. Commissioner Christensen said to place more than one camera if we need to.

Jared Ricks:

- Jared has a couple of questions to ask the Commissioners. He asked if we received the copy of the annual report that was sent out in April. They had received it and they had no questions.
- Jared reminded everyone that the new rules on written contracts began this year. He said he reviewed our contract and it looks good overall. He noticed a couple provisions were missing. He spoke with Denise about the missing provisions and he would like them to be remedied during the next contract period.
- Jared explained that anytime there is an in-person training for the attorneys to attend, they ask the attorneys to seek county funds first before applying for state funds.

Justin Steele, Probation Dept:

- Justin asked what the Commissioners would like to do going forward with screening individuals entering the courthouse. Justin and his staff are falling very behind on their regular duties.
- Justin said his recommendation would be to display signs to instruct the public what the guidelines are. The only missing element will be nobody will be at the door to take their body temperature.

- The Commissioners agreed that since we start the third stage of the Governor's order on May 30, we should be able to open the courthouse to the public. They asked that we place signs advising the public that masks are recommended, but not required. The court system is different from the other courthouse operations. They are still not holding court proceedings in person as directed by the Idaho Supreme Court.

Justin Hatch, Extension Office:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 11:04 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested that the Commissioners reconvene to regular session at 11:29 A.M. No decisions were made at this time.

Tax Deed Hearing:

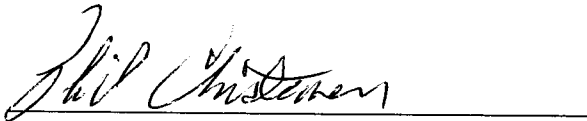
- This has been postponed per the request of Angie Mendenhall, Treasurer.

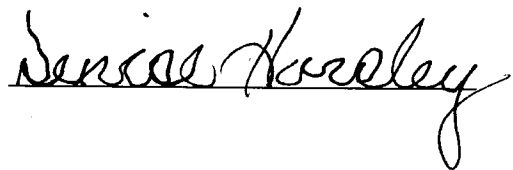
Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$294,781.48 and payroll claims in the amount of \$175,932.15 and to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet June 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

	5/26/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 6,773.76	
Indigent		\$ 8,268.56	
Road & Bridge		\$ 40,523.72	
Special Highway		\$ 14,384.10	
Justice		\$ 105,514.62	
Consolidated Election			
Weed Control		\$ 1,633.05	
Solid Waste		\$ 6,565.83	
Reappraisal		\$ 1,175.00	
Health		\$ 841.95	
Ambulance		\$ 1,098.38	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 230.58	
Tort			
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 1,741.11	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice		\$ 42.16	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing		\$ 2,876.84	
PILT		\$ 713.31	
Waterways			
City of Bancroft		\$ 8,064.09	
City of Grace		\$ 12,669.08	
City of Soda Springs		\$ 41,376.33	
Bancroft Cemetery		\$ 526.68	
Central Cemetery		\$ 334.51	
Fairview Cemetery		\$ 3,135.03	
Freedom Cemetery		\$ 66.89	
Grace Cemetery		\$ 1,472.09	
Lago Cemetery		\$ 209.94	
Lava Cemetery		\$ 3.98	
Lund Cemetery		\$ 93.75	
Thatcher Cemetery		\$ 190.00	
Turner Cemetery		\$ 176.92	
School District #148		\$ 4,198.94	
School District #149		\$ 598.57	
School District #150		\$ 3,734.97	
School District #21			
Grace Free Library		\$ 3,585.31	
Water District			
TV Translator		\$ 541.97	
Landfill/Solid Waste		\$ 2,821.09	
Bailey Creek Fire District		\$ 86.64	
Freedom Fire District		\$ 147.30	
Auditor's Trust		\$ 80.00	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Range Improvement Trust			
Court Trust			
Centennial Trust			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust			
ID Trust		\$ 90.00	
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 93.25	
Motor Vehicle Trust		\$ 18,101.18	
911 Trust			
Public Safety Trust			
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total		\$ 294,781.48	\$ 175,932.15

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 5/26/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	EMS / Fire
9:45 AM	Jacob Farnes	IT / GIS - Road Name
10:00 AM	Aaron Cook	Assesor - County Valuation Update
10:15 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:30 AM	Carl Toupin	Parks & Recreation - lawnmower bid
10:45 AM	Jared Rick	Public Defense Commission
11:00 AM	Justin Steele	Coronavirus Security update
11:15 AM	Justin Hatch	Executive Session IC 74-206b
11:30 AM		
11:45 AM	Tax Deed Hearing	
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206

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