

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF July 13, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on July 13, 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, Courthouse Maintenance/Building Department Blake Poulsen, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Landfill Supervisor Jayson Lower, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, Melanie Pitcher, Kathy Ray, Daniel Parrish, Kelli Savage via phone, Steve Liechty, Brooke Allen, and Dean Stutzman.

The meeting opened with Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim said they put down some gravel on Blackfoot River Road.
- The crusher has been moved from Toponce to Stauffer. They are averaging 600 to 700 tons per day. They will head to Bear Creek after they complete work at Stauffer.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if Kim would allow Cody Barfuss to help Dwight on Thursday. Cody has been helping spray weeds on his day off and Dwight would like some direction on what has already been done by Cow Camp and 24-mile. Kim said if he has no problem with that as long as nobody calls in sick.

Blake Poulsen, Courthouse/ Building:

- The pine tree is gone between the Courthouse and US Bank.
- Blake has removed the motion light in the courtroom. One of the judges said it was creating a problem.
- Blake presented 2 different proposals to upgrade the lighting at the Extension Office.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to accept the bid from Electrical Wholesale Supply in the amount of \$8,700 to upgrade lighting at the Extension Office. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed:

- Dwight is still wanting the Commissioners to consider allowing him to have a well drilled at the Weed Shop so he and his seasonal employees have running water to wash their hands.

- He would like to have Independent Drilling come to the Weed Shop and give him a bid. Commissioner Somsen said that would be fine and he asked him to make sure he gets an estimate on a couple different options.
- Dwight also requested that he can add some funds to his extra help line item to give Kelly Swensen a raise next summer. He would like to keep him coming back every summer.
- Commissioner Christensen noticed some areas in Chesterfield that have been sprayed for weeds, but it looks like there is a 4-foot strip next to the oil that isn't getting done. The sprayer probably needs adjusted. Dwight will follow up on that issue.

Jayson Lower, Landfill:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene to executive session at 9:53 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews suggested that the Commissioners reconvene to regular session at 9:58 A.M.
- In comparing tonnage with last June, they took in over 100 more tons this June. It doesn't seem to ever slow down.
- Things seem to be progressing well with the Solid Waste District.

Kelly Wells, Sheriff and Matthew Galloway, Chief Deputy:

- Kelly is out of town today.
- Chief Deputy Galloway explained that they are still trying to get the public aware of the ability to text to 911.
- Commissioner Somsen asked if measures are being taken to make surrounding counties aware of controlled burns. For example, someone may have a burn permit in Bonneville County out by Wayan and a citizen in Caribou County reports it as a uncontrolled fire. Chief Galloway will look into that issue.

Melanie Pitcher:

- Melanie would like to offer some clarification on the proposed cleaning contract for the next fiscal year.

- The contract on file is from 2016. The contract states that cleaning will be done in 4 buildings. The Fire Station has since been added without making any changes to the contract. Melanie still invoices the county for 25 hours every two weeks; however, she has been cleaning 30 hours for the last three years.
- Melanie presented a new schedule that includes the full 30 hours. The cleaning would not be up to her standards if she is only allowed 25 hours. She didn't change the rate of \$15.00 per hour for the next fiscal year; however, the going rates are higher than that in this area. Melanie is aware that the county budgets are being restricted this coming fiscal year.
- Commissioner Mathews suggested that we include a reasonable raise now rather than trying to do a substantial raise next year. Commissioner Somsen agreed that would be the better approach. They agreed to increase the hourly rate to \$17.00 and amend the contract to indicate the increase in hours from 25 to 30.

Kathy Ray, 4-County Alliance and Daniel Parrish, Direct Communications:

- The Idaho Commerce has opened up a broadband grant. Kathy explained that the window to apply and get everything done is very short.
- The designated area with the most need of the service is the Lago and Thatcher area.
- They simply need our support as there is no match required to receive the grant. Kathy requested that the Commissioners pass a resolution to allow Kathy Ray to serve as the grant administrator.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if the line has to be installed by December 15. Daniel explained that it does in fact have to be completely installed by that deadline. Commissioner Mathews suggested that we try to get an extension if possible.
- Kathy has also spoke to Superintendent Holyoak about allowing a hot spot in the parking lot at the Thatcher School for students that cannot get Internet services at their home. Superintendent Holyoak was in favor of the idea.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to pass Resolution 2020-09, which allows Kathy Ray to serve as our grant administrator for the available broadband grant through the Cares Act. The grant will allow broadband services to be expanded in the Lago Bench area. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City/County Meeting:

- Jackie said she has been told that there is some funds available for Internet expansion. Kathy Ray explained that we have started the process to get grant funds for this. She also explained that we are working with Direct Communications to install and service the line.
- Jackie asked what the cost is going to be for the Internet users. Daniel Parrish said 50 megabytes per second would be sufficient and the cost is \$54 per month. Daniel further explained that none of the construction costs will be passed down to the customers.

Kelli Savage:

- Kelli is representing the Idaho Goldstar Families Memorial Monument. The monument is being built as a way to honor the fallen.
- The new monument will be placed in the Pocatello area. The monument will have 6 sitting benches, 9 flags and each county will have their own star. There will also be eagles representing native tribes in Idaho.
- They are planning on having an educational walkway for school children and the general public that will explain the monument in great detail. They are also hoping to hold Veteran's Day events at the monument.
- The dedication date is set for May 28, 2021.
- They are reaching out to counties to ask for sponsorship. Their proposal is \$2500 for a full county sponsorship; however, any amount will be appreciated. She understands the budget shortfalls that the Commissioners are facing at this time.
- Commissioner Somsen asked if she knew how many gold stars are in Caribou County. She did not have that information.
- The Commissioners agreed to donate \$500 towards the monument.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to donate \$500 towards the construction of the Idaho Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in the Pocatello area. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Liechty, Rocky Mountain Power:

- Steve has been contacted about access concerns to the Alexander Reservoir.
- It seems as if the general public is making their own access roads to the reservoir. The main problem seems to be on the south side.

- They are planning on putting up some signs and may upgrade some fencing.
- He asked if the Commissioners have any further suggestions to get the issue under control.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested to throw out something to catch the eye of the general public. JoAnna Ashley further added to the suggestion by saying to put a notice on social media and ask for public input.
- Commissioner Mathews said if they find some ideal locations for access, the county could donate gravel if needed.
- Steve will place a notice in the Caribou County Sun and also work with JoAnna on getting something put on our social media page.
- Steve added that Rocky Mountain Power is not trying to discourage the public from utilizing the reservoir.

Jacob Farnes IT/GIS, Brooke Allen with Direct Communications, Dean Stutzman with Business Phone Systems:

- Jacob explained that we have 2 proposals for both Internet and phone services.
- Jacob further explained that we are currently paying \$718 monthly for the courthouse services, which doesn't include long distance charges. The monthly bill for all county services is \$1600, which includes fax lines. The elevator and the dispatch lines are not included in the \$1600.
- Dean explained that we have been using services through Business Phone Systems for 9 years and the average monthly charge is \$1244.
- Dean said he has communicated with Century Link and they are willing to offer 7,000 long distance minutes and other optional services. The average savings would be \$220 per month.
- Dean explained that we will have to purchase a PRI card with a cost of \$13,399. He has figured our savings over 10 years and he has come up with an estimated figure of \$19,161.00.
- Brooke Allen said they would upgrade our current plan for the same price that we are currently paying. Their proposal covers all the outlining offices as well.
- Brooke explained that they don't charge for long distance.

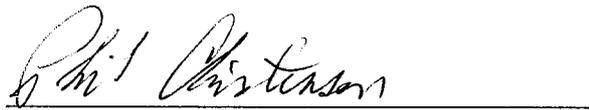
- Brooke explained that they have a local technician and the plant manager lives in Montpelier so anytime we have problem it will be resolved as quickly as possible. He also pointed out that they are a big supporter within the community. They donated \$48,000 to local schools last year.
- Commissioner Mathews said they will deliberate and let them know what we decide.

Other:

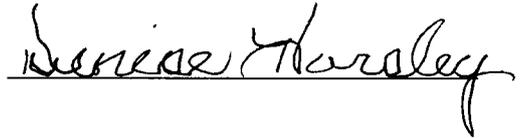
- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$323,736.06 and payroll claims in the amount of \$324,930.52 and to approve the minutes of June 22, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the beverage license for The Cedar View. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion carried. The county was advised that the property may have been sold to a new owner.
- The Commissioners attended the open house for the new Bear Lake County Courthouse at 2:00 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 02:05 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet July 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley



Phil Christensen



Denise Horsley

Approved Payment of Bills

	7/13/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 20,590.76	
Indigent		\$ 3,293.39	
Road & Bridge		\$ 108,907.61	
Special Highway		\$ 16,460.31	
Justice		\$ 32,268.53	
Consolidated Election			
Weed Control		\$ 15,744.95	
Solid Waste		\$ 108,056.19	
Reappraisal		\$ 30.29	
Health		\$ 1,075.80	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 2,869.52	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 1,408.49	
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 1,634.02	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice		\$ 542.24	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT		\$ 2,411.75	
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			
Water District			
TV Translator			
Landfill			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
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		\$ 605.29	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 160.00	
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust		\$ 1,727.99	
Public Safety Trust		\$ 2,633.20	
Weed Control Trust			
Oregon Trail - Blscenic byway 2			
Youth Court Trust			
Odyssey Court Payments		\$ 3,209.28	
Waterways		\$ 26.45	
Grand Total		\$ 323,736.06	\$ 324,930.52

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 7/13/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Blake Poulsen	Courthouse Maintenance / Building Department
9:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:00 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill
10:15 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:30 AM	Melanie Pitcher	Cleaning Contract
10:45 AM	Kathy Ray	Broadband Grant - Lago Liberty Loop
11:00 AM	City / County Meeting	discuss Coronavirus Aid for internet expansion
11:15 AM		Kelli Savage
11:30 AM	ID Goldstar Families Memorial Monument	via phone - donation / sponsorship
11:45 AM	Steve Liechty	land use around Alexander update
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Jacob Farnes, Brooke Allen, Dean Stutzman	Direct Communication, Business Phone Systems Phone & Internet Contracts
1:30 PM		
1:45 PM		
2:00 PM	Open House - Bear Lake Courthouse	
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

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