

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF August 10, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on August 10, 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, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Indigent Director Kim Holsten, Chief Deputy Matt Galloway, Tad Sargent, Scott Simons, Max Nichols, Jared Nichols, Chris Thomas, Georganne Benson, Craig Mansfield, Robert Lau, George Kimball, Carl Toupin, Chris Custer, Ronald Wright, Charity Quinonez, JoAnn Davis, George Kimball, and Terry Poulsen.

The meeting opened with Commissioner Mark Mathews giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim included a new snowplow truck in his current budget. Kim would like to get it ordered since it will take until January to actually get it. The truck he would like to order is a 2021 International with 4-Wheel Drive.
- The snowplow truck that needs replaced is a 1997 GMC that continually keeps having issues.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchase of a 2021 International 4-Wheel Drive snowplow truck for the purchase price of \$110,000.00. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Kim asked the Commissioners if they have reviewed the available grants that was given to him by the Forest Service. Kim would like the Commissioners to determine what they consider to be the highest priority.
- Commissioner Somsen and Commissioner Mathews agreed that Blackfoot River Road would be their first priority and West Side Road crushing would be their second priority.

Blake Poulsen, Courthouse Maintenance/Building Department:

- Blake explained that he has funds available to get the lighting updated at the Health Department. The incentive has been approved. We should receive approximately \$5,000 back once the job is complete. The Commissioners approved the project.
- Blake informed the Commissioners that the generator at the Courthouse needs maintenance performed on it. It releases a lot of smoke when it is running. Blake also believes that it could be smaller if it is decided to purchase a new one. The pad it sits on may also need maintenance.

- Commissioner Christensen asked Blake if he would look into getting a sign to place on the south end of the Courthouse. The Commissioners would like it to be visible from Highway 30 and say Caribou County Courthouse. Blake will see what options he can find.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed:

- Dwight told his two seasonal hires that if they will get their applicator license before next Spring, he will give them a raise in pay next year if they come to work for us. He informed them that he would be willing to pay for their training as well. He has been pleased with both of them and would like to keep them coming back.
- Commissioner Somsen asked Dwight if he sprayed the thistles on River Road. He hasn't had time, but he will get it done as soon as he can. He would like to take a side by side and get the entire right-of-way sprayed.
- The Commissioners asked Dwight to hold off on any large purchases until they figure out what is going to happen with the Road and Bridge shops.

Jayson Lower, Landfill:

- Liberty Tire bought out Revolution Tire. The tire disposal prices increased dramatically. However, we have saved a lot over the last several years.
- Commissioner Christensen asked if we need to increase what we collect for tire disposal. Jayson said at least 50 percent of tire disposal is brought in during the two clean up weeks in the Spring.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) at 9:56 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested the Commissioners reconvene to regular session at 10:08 a.m. No decisions were made.
- Jayson explained that each county involved with the IDAWY Solid Waste District will continue to run the transfer stations as they are. They are hoping to have the new district site ready to go in approximately 18 months.

Kelly Wells, Sheriff and Matthew Galloway, Chief Deputy:

- Chief Deputy Galloway explained the reason they submitted a bill from the Soda Springs Animal Clinic. The county is responsible for the bill because the Patrol Deputy was the individual that requested the veterinarian determine the cause of death of a horse. The Patrol Deputy has been informed that the owner of the animal should handle that going forward.

Tad Sargent, Intermountain Insurance:

- Tad would like to put together a quote for medical, vision, and dental insurance if the Commissioners are open to possibly changing from our current plan.
- The Commissioners said they are willing to change if the benefits are comparable to what we already have and the cost is competitive.
- Tad believes that with our size of group there is potential for savings.
- Commissioner Somsen asked if any other Idaho counties are currently using their services. He said no counties, but the City of Burley, Caribou Memorial Hospital, Bear Lake Memorial Hospital and several Utah counties do use their services.
- Doug Wood asked for an apples to apples comparison that covers everything including deductibles, coverage, etc... Doug also asked if there is a chance that after a year or two our prices could increase significantly.
- Tad explained that they do a built-in rate cap for the first two years. Two years is the industry standard.
- Tad will get us the information he needs to put together the quotes.

Scott Simons, Alpine Business Brokers:

- Scott explained that his business specializes in selling businesses such as nursing homes or skilled nursing centers.
- The information that they need to get the process going is financial statements.
- Chris Thomas explained that a lot of the building needs re-done. She asked what assets would be sold. Scott explained that the main asset is the cash flow.
- Chris said you can sell all the physical assets, but that doesn't change the structural problems with the building.
- Chris also explained that if someone wanted to buy part of the building, the nursing home doesn't have the volume. She further explained that they are set up for several more residents than they typically have in the nursing home. Their average is about 25 residents. They would not break even until they have 47 residents.
- Scott asked if the nursing home has competition. Chris Thomas said no.

- Chris Thomas further explained that Bear Lake, Preston and Malad have kept their nursing home facilities more up-to date. Their volumes seem more stable than ours as well. Bear Lake and Franklin County also have more community support such as baby deliveries.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Chris if Scott could tour the hospital. Chris said that would be fine.
- Commissioner Mathews explained that the main goal is to keep providing services to the community.

Kim Holsten, Indigent Director:

- Kim asked the Commissioners do deny Case Number 2020-07 as the county is not the last resource. The individual qualified for Medicaid.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to deny Indigent Case Number 2020-07 since Caribou County is not considered the last resource. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews had to leave the meeting early.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- Aaron explained that in October, the Idaho Transportation Department is planning new software implementation. The Idaho Transportation Department is asking for additional efforts to accomplish this deadline.
- The Idaho Transportation Department is willing to reimburse the counties for additional time worked by employees. They will reimburse us 32 hours at \$30.00 per hour. Aaron believes we will be able to stay within those guidelines.
- Aaron will devise a plan for his employees to come in early, stay late or work on the weekends.

George Kimball:

- George Kimball referred to the Commissioner minutes from 04/09/18. In the minutes, the Commissioners agreed to have a buoy placed at the Dike that warned people of the wake zone.
- George further explained that a buoy was never placed and several landowners would like to know why it wasn't.
- Several residents are concerned about the safety of both wildlife and people.


- Chris Custer explained that he has a home on Harbor Road. He has worked in a Fire Department for 25 years. He and his family spend time at their home during the summer. He is convinced that something tragic is going to happen if action is not taken to get people to slow down.
- Chris further explained that he is in favor of a buoy or signage to provide a visual reminder to the public to slow down. He believes a buoy could help mitigate an injury or fatality.
- Charity Quinonez explained that during the 4th of July weekend two speeding boats caused damage to her boat that was docked.
- JoAnn Davis presented a petition that 61 people have signed in favor of installing a buoy. 5 people signed that are against the proposal.
- Carl Toupin agreed that the holiday weekends are the busiest times around the harbor. He believes extra law enforcement would be great.
- Chris Custer asked if the Commissioners are still in favor of a buoy. Commissioner Somsen said he remembers it being put in Carl's hands.
- Commissioner Somsen and Commissioner Christensen again agreed that a buoy should be placed. The verbiage should read something along the lines of mind your wake. Carl recommended the buoy say slow-mind your wake. Carl isn't convinced this is going to solve the issue. He would like to see the area more patrolled as mentioned by JoAnn Davis.

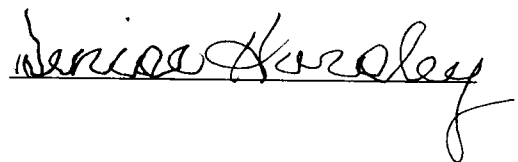
Other:

- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims for in the amount of \$444,039.44 and payroll claims in the amount of \$186,776.14 and to approve the minutes of July 27, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet August 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

AUGUST 08/10/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 11,302.88	
Indigent	\$ 111.40	
Road & Bridge	\$ 70,750.38	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 223,792.52	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 1,128.22	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal		
Health	\$ 1,079.61	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 1,226.38	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,616.36	
Tort		
County Fair	\$ 40,000.00	
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 313.70	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice		
Veteran's Memorial	\$ 4,500.00	
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 14,855.59	
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 #150		
School District #21		
Grace Free Library		
Water District		
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		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 399.14	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 68,933.94	
911 Trust	\$ 611.06	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 287.95	
Drug Court Trust		
Farmer's Land & Irrigation LID		
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 858.72	
Youth Court Trust		
Waterways Fund	\$ 2,271.59	
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 444,039.44	\$ 186,776.14

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 8/10/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge - snowplow truck
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	Jeff Kelsey	Intermountain Insurance
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	Nursing Home / Caribou Memorial	Scott From ABB
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM		
11:45 AM	Kim Holsten	Indigent
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Aaron Cook	DMV training
1:30 PM	George Kimball	Dike sign / Commissioner Minutes 4/19/18
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

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