

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF October 12, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on October 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Commissioner Mark Mathews and Commissioner Bryce Somsen. Also, in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Tisha Young, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Courthouse Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Caribou County Sheriff J. Adam Mabey, Planning & Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Jackie Barthlome, Jessica Zander, Doug Mazza, Dillon Liechty, Chris Thomas, Craig Mansfield, Wes Brown, Lorraine Myers, Darley Von Vandergriff, and Curtis Thomas.

The meeting opened with Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The bridges are done in Diamond Creek. Kim will update the Commissioners on what our share of the cost is going to be during the next Commissioner's meeting.
- They are planning to spend one more day at Cow Camp.
- Commissioner Christensen asked if Kim has been made aware of a big boulder on the road in Pole Canyon. Kim will make sure the rock is pushed off the road.
- Kim would like to purchase a new truck for the oiler. If he orders it now, the estimated delivery time would be the end of January. The cost is \$123,472.29. The 2021 budget has funds available for this purchase.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchase of a 2021 T800 Kenworth in the amount of \$123,472.29. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blake Poulsen, Maintenance/Building Department:

- The flag is back up at the Courthouse.
- The generator at the Courthouse is in good working order now. The repairman said the generator is actually in good shape performance wise. He also suggested that we have a radiator flush done on it. The Commissioners agreed to get the radiator flush done.
- The lighting has been updated at the Annex building. The reimbursement amount that we will get is \$5,116.00.

- Blake has been told that you can buy electrostatic sanitizers. He asked the Commissioners if they would like to purchase one or two of them to place in county buildings. They are approximately \$750.00 each.
- Blake consulted with Eric Hobson about the sanitizing machine and he thought it would be a good idea to purchase one. The schools and hospitals are both using them. Eric said they would also be beneficial to use in the future during the peak cold and flu season.
- Commissioner Christensen asked if Blake is aware of any residual effects with the machines. Blake said he is not aware of any problems with them.
- The Commissioners agreed to purchase one of the machines.
- Blake explained that in our current code it states that no penalty or fine will be charged if an individual begins a building project prior to a permit being issued.
- JoAnna Ashley further explained that the Commissioners can update the code to correct this. In her opinion, the fee should be significant if this happens. She also said the code could read may have a fee charged, but is not mandatory. JoAnna suggested that the penalty be \$500 or half of their total permit fee.
- The Commissioners agreed that the penalty should be \$250 or half of the permit fee.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Eric to talk to Verizon about improving the cell phone coverage in the Wayan area. Eric has a contact in Salt Lake City that he can call and discuss this with. Commissioner Mathews said with all the vacationers and travelers on Highway 34, it should be considered more of a priority. He also pointed out that more people may be riding ATV's in the area due to the newly constructed Caribou Loop Trail.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Department:

- Dwight is planning to plow snow this winter. He intends to continue the same route that he has covered in past years.
- Dwight suggested that we propose to Bonneville County in exchange for his overtime, they pay for 2 new culverts. Dwight would install the culverts himself. Dwight has already received approval from the Idaho Transportation Department to install the culverts.
- Commissioner Somsen said he can discuss Dwight's proposal with the Bonneville County Commissioners.

Denise Horsley, Indigent:

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- Denise and Kim have been working through an indigent case. They recently found out that the applicant qualified for Medicare starting June 1. Denise asked the Commissioners to deny the case due to the fact that Caribou County is not the last resource.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to deny Indigent Case Number 2020-8 since Caribou County is not the last resource. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Denise also asked the Commissioners to sign a release of lien for Case Number 2015-15. The applicant paid off the balance.

J. Adam Mabey, Sheriff:

- Adam has had a busy first week as acting Sheriff.
- Adam explained that they may be doing a few structural changes at the Sheriff's Office. He is considering changing things like shift hours.
- Adam has been told that vandalism is a huge issue right now. He is reviewing curfews to see if they need to be revised.
- Adam has been impressed with community involvement and input that is coming in.
- Adam has also been advised that juveniles are holding parties near the Wyoming border.
- He is also considering changing the color of the patrol uniforms. He spoke with Chief Shaw and the public has voiced concerns that it is hard to distinguish the Caribou County patrol personnel from the City of Soda Springs patrol personnel since they both wear the same color of uniforms.

Public Hearing, Planning & Zoning:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to go into a public hearing at 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna explained that Terry Phelps has a residence on 2873 Harbor Road in the Blackfoot Harbor Subdivision. He is requesting a variance of 8 feet to the 25 feet front yard setback requirement.
- Mr. Phelps is not able to attend the meeting today. He resides in Wyoming.
- Blake Poulsen discovered that Mr. Phelps is constructing a garage without a building permit on file. Blake advised Mr. Phelps to contact JoAnna regarding the placement of the garage. The frame has already been constructed.

- JoAnna explained that she did a site inspection and was able to determine that the property sits on a significant slope. She also noticed that there is not enough room on either side of the house to place the garage.
- When JoAnna performed her site inspection she also made sure the current placement of the garage doesn't pose any visual issues for traffic flow. Three close neighbors are in favor of the variance request.
- Commissioner Christensen asked if any neighbors have come forward with issues concerning the variance. JoAnna said she has received no negative feedback regarding the request.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the variance request made by Terry Phelps due to a hardship and the layout of the parcel of land. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to go out of a public hearing at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna attended a conference last week. One of the main topics was preserving agricultural land in Idaho.
- JoAnna suggested that we seriously look into ways to preserve agricultural ground in Caribou County.
- She explained that in the United States within the last 8-10 years, 10 million acres of agricultural ground has been lost.
- An employee of Ada County said they are past the point of no return on this issue.
- JoAnna suggested that a citizens committee be formed to discuss this topic further. She doesn't want us to be in the same situation as Ada County. She would like to get feedback from individuals involved with our local manufacturing industry.
- In Latah County, they have started a program that allows a portion of the landowner's agricultural land to be changed to residential in exchange of other acreage being put into a conservation trust.
- JoAnna is seeing a significant amount of individuals from neighboring states that are interested in purchasing agricultural land in Caribou County with the intentions of building a home on the property.
- Commissioner Somsen asked JoAnna to get moving on the formation of the committee.

- JoAnna said the City of Eagle recently did a financial analysis on property taxes. They determined that they are only collecting \$326 per every \$100,000 in value.

City/County Meeting:

- Jackie Barthlome said they are still having discussions regarding reducing the impact area in Grace. She will give the paperwork to JoAnna once it is complete.

Caribou Memorial Hospital Board:

- Curtis Thomas said the hospital board asked to come to the meeting today to further discuss the strategic direction of the hospital and living center.
- As previously discussed, the recommendation has been made to build a new hospital facility to reduce the footprint and eliminate utility costs.
- Curtis asked the Commissioners where they currently stand on what needs to be done to get the process going.
- Commissioner Christensen said they have been waiting to get a copy of the memorandum of understanding so they can review the document and make necessary changes.
- Doug Wood explained that the memorandum of understanding must be in compliance with certain Idaho codes.
- Chris Thomas thought the Commissioners had already been provided a copy of the memorandum of understanding to review and make recommendations on verbiage.
- Curtis Thomas reminded them that they can make a motion on the memorandum of understanding noting that changes could be made later. Curtis said this would indicate that everyone seems to be on the same page.
- Commissioner Christensen explained that they are trying to be careful in their decision making. Commissioner Somsen said they are willing to review and sign the document when it is presented.
- Doug Wood said he would recommend that the Commissioners don't enter into any agreements tentatively or not until the final documents are ready.
- Chris Thomas asked the Commissioners if they are stilling planning to run a bond in May for a stand-alone nursing home. Commissioner Somsen replied with the Commissioners want to allow the public to give their input.

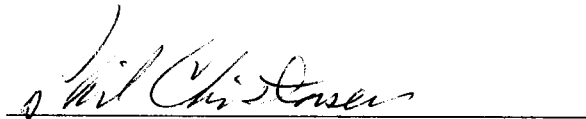
- Doug Mazza suggested that a clear deadline be identified so creditors will understand when the hospital is considered separate from the nursing home.
- Doug Wood forwarded an editable version of the memorandum of understanding to all 3 Commissioners to review.
- It was decided to have a special meeting this coming Friday, October 16 to discuss the memorandum of understanding. The meeting will be held at the Courthouse at 5 p.m.

Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims for FY2020 in the amount of \$271,363.42 and claims for FY2021 in the amount of \$124,723.09 and payroll claims in the amount of \$322,138.93 and to approve the minutes of September 28, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the 2021 beverage licenses for all current holders. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet October 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

OCTOBER 10/12/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 65,946.07	
Indigent	\$ 8,525.84	
Road & Bridge	\$ 60,651.77	
Special Highway	\$ 10,987.50	
Justice	\$ 21,371.14	
Elections	\$ 6,180.50	
Weed Control	\$ 158.18	
Solid Waste	\$ 50,021.53	
Reappraisal	\$ 91.04	
Health	\$ 17,173.00	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 4,431.33	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 77.94	
Tort	\$ 87,189.00	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 774.09	
Court Services	\$ 5,869.26	
Juvenile Justice	\$ 6,067.52	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 2,640.55	
Waterways	\$ 251.23	
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		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust	\$ 80.00	
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 2,486.76	
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 410.43	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 319.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 36,785.04	
911 Trust	\$ 6,828.61	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 318.68	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust	\$ 450.00	
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 396,086.51	\$ 322,138.93

FY20 271363.42

FY21 124723.09

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 10/12/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge / Service Truck
9:30 AM	Blake Poulsen	Courthouse Maintenance / Building Department
9:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:00 AM	Denise Horsley	Indigent
10:15 AM	Adam Mabey	Sheriff
10:30 AM	Planning & Zoning	Public Hearing - Terry Phelps Variance
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	City / County Meeting	
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM		
11:45 AM		
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Caribou Memorial Hospital Board	Strategic Direction of Hospital & Living Center
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

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Approve 2021 Beverage Licenses

Anyone needing special assistance to attend the above noticed meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at (208)547-4324.