

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF November 23, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on November 23, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Commissioner Bryce Somsen, and Commissioner Mark Mathews. Also, in attendance were Chief Deputy Jill Stoor, Jessica Zander, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Ambulance Director Larry Weaver, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, Planning & Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Indigent Director Kim Holsten, Wayne Cutler, Larry Simmons and Lana Beus.

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

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The Diamond Creek Bridge project took 3 weeks and 1 day. The estimated project time was 3 weeks. Kim accounted the extra time due to the discovery of more underground water than expected.
- The Commissioners signed the annual agreement between Bonneville County and Caribou County for snow removal in the Wayan area.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Eric asked the Commissioners to sign off on the Homeland Security Grant. The amount of the grant is \$24,000 and must be renewed annually. Eric typically uses the funds to purchase various equipment.
- Eric also asked the Commissioners to sign a memorandum of understanding with Bannock County. The memorandum of understanding gives Bannock County access to use our repeater. We are not permanently giving them anything, we are only providing access.
- Eric heard back from Verizon concerning the coverage in the Wayan area. They advised him that they are aware of the issue, but unfortunately this is not a top priority area and they have no immediate plans to provide better coverage in that area.
- Commissioner Somsen said we should ask them about the coverage issue again next year. Commissioner Mathews asked Eric to please continue to communicate with them about the issue.
- Eric has recently been experiencing issues with his US Bank credit cards. He would like to possibly switch to Zions Bank. He has spoke with Bear Lake County about their business dealings with Zions Bank and they provided him with positive feedback.

- The Commissioners agreed that Eric should explore other options with credit cards. Angie Mendenhall asked Eric to report back to her on how the transition goes with Zions Bank.
- Eric explained that he is not comfortable holding EMS Christmas parties this year. He wants to follow the Governor's orders of not having gatherings of more than 10 people. He would like to give the EMS personnel a bigger gift card since they are unable to have a party. He typically gives them a \$30 gift card to one of the local grocery stores. He proposed increasing the gift card amount to \$50 this year. The Commissioners approved the increase.
- Eric explained that locally the COVID-19 cases seem to be dropping in the last few days. He encourages everyone to continue to follow the safety precautions. Eric stated that the goal all along has been not to overwhelm the health care system. Eric also explained that a 10-day quarantine is sufficient at this point. In most cases, individuals are experiencing symptoms for a few days.

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS:

- Jacob explained that he has been asked to get a bigger TV for the Commissioners meetings. He suggested that the 2 current TV's be upgraded to a bigger screen.
- Jacob further explained that he has done some research on pricing. He expects the higher end model TV's will cost approximately \$2,000 and the lower end will cost approximately \$1,000.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested that we replace only one of the TV's at this time. Jacob will place the extra one in the Recorder's Office and have it hooked in with the Courthouse security system.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to purchase an 86-inch UHD television to be placed in the Commissioner's Room for the purchase price of approximately \$1500. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Hearing:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing at 10:03 A.M. to discuss a planning and zoning request. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna Ashley explained that Wayne Cutler purchased Caribou Pet Care on North Hooper Avenue in Soda Springs. He would like to place 3 shipment containers in the Northwest corner of his property. The containers will be mainly used for storage. JoAnna stated that Dr. Cutler intends on placing a permanent structure there eventually to use for storage purposes.

- JoAnna has not received any public feedback at this point concerning the request. His request also falls in compliance with the comprehensive plan concerning the impact area.
- Dr. Cutler told the Commissioners that the containers will all be a neutral color. He was asked about this issue specifically from a member of the Soda Springs City Council.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission had no other concerns with the request.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve a conditional use permit at the request of Dr. Wayne Cutler to place 3 storage containers on the Northwest corner of his property located at 661 North Hooper Avenue in Soda Springs. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to reconvene to the regular meeting at 10:11 A.M. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kim Holsten, Indigent:

- Kim requested that the Commissioners sign a medical release on Case Number 2021-0001 as the 28-day appeal period will expire today at 5 P.M. She will not have the document recorded until tomorrow just in case the applicant appeals today. The Commissioners signed the release.

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:

- JoAnna wanted to provide an update on the Agricultural Preservation Committee.
- She has been following an online agricultural chat. She has also reached out to Farm Bureau and other agricultural insurers to be a part of this conversation.
- JoAnna presented an agricultural survey that Canyon County put together. It asks various questions concerning details about property and whether the property is owned or leased. It also asks general opinion questions about land use and other land development questions. Individuals also have the ability to provide additional comments if they choose to.
- JoAnna would like to place a notice in the local newspaper to let the public know this survey is available online.
- Commissioner Somsen asked Larry Simmons to attend the meeting today to offer input.
- Larry explained that he served as a Commissioner in a different Idaho county and was involved with population growth and agricultural land preservation issues. He asked JoAnna what we are trying to accomplish by forming an Agricultural Preservation Committee.

- JoAnna explained that she attended a meeting in Boise and the main topic was agricultural preservation in Idaho. She said several counties said it was too late to do anything. This concerned her for Caribou County. She believes we need to protect and preserve the agricultural land while still allowing for growth.
- Larry said he would caution the Commissioners on any involvement with trusts. It would put the county in a liability situation that they are not ready for.
- JoAnna explained that the county has no intentions of forming a trust. She also stated she realizes there is not a perfect solution right now. We are currently just trying to gather feedback.
- Larry understands the concern with growth. He gets calls weekly from individuals wanting to purchase land in Caribou County. He really can see both sides of the issue. He further stated that the school population needs to stay strong.

Lana Beus

- Lana and her sister own 19.5 acres of land on Trail Canyon Road. She would like to split the acreage up in half and deed some acreage to her daughter. Her daughter would like to place a manufactured home on the property. The property that the home would sit on has existing utilities since a mobile home was placed there previously. The mobile home has since been removed.
- Commissioner Somsen explained to Lana that you cannot have 2 residences on one parcel of land.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if they could grant Lana a variance. JoAnna explained that they are not able to grant a variance since the criteria doesn't meet the requirements.
- Doug Wood explained that this is a unique situation because at one time an established residence was there along with all utility services.
- Commissioner Mathews said in his opinion this property is not good farmable agricultural property. He also said in his opinion, the proposal is the best use for the land.
- Commissioner Mathews asked what the property directly across the road is used for. Lana explained that you might be able to put one horse on it, but that is really all it could be used for.
- JoAnna asked Angie how the property taxes would work if the Commissioners allow Lana to proceed with her request.
- Angie said the property taxes need to be all paid up before another home is placed on the property. Angie also explained that Lana needs to consult with banking institutions because they may not

allow a loan for the proposed scenario. Angie also explained that Lana's sister would need to be involved in the deed transferring process.

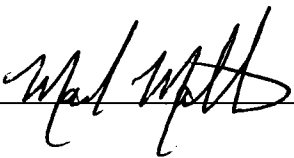
- Doug Wood said an exception could be made since the property has already had a home on it and the utilities are still in functioning order.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to allow the replacement of a dwelling on 3181 Trail Canyon Road due to the historical use of the property and the viable power, water, and sewer services that still exist. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other:

- Angie Mendenhall asked the Commissioners if they would like a drop box installed at the Courthouse for property tax payments. Angie has been in communication with other counties that are doing this to avoid face to face contact. The Commissioners said it is a good idea considering the current health situation. However, it may be too late for December tax payments. Angie will discuss this with Blake Poulsen. She estimates the cost for the drop box to be less than \$250 and Blake should be able to install it before the next tax collection period in June.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$533,340.32 and payroll claims in the amount of \$182,752.63 and to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the certificate of residency as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet December 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Jill Stoor, Chief Deputy





Approved Payment of Bills

11/23/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 8,837.14	
Indigent	\$ 5,573.97	
Road & Bridge	\$ 248,570.95	
Special Highway	\$ 19,819.37	
Justice	\$ 25,912.66	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 902.22	
Solid Waste	\$ 13,687.56	
Reappraisal	\$ 61.97	
Health	\$ 1,020.00	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 1,607.66	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 74.45	
Tort	\$ 1,500.00	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 1,124.72	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 373.48	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 27.82	
Waterways		
Idaho State Treasurer		
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		
Solid Waste		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust	\$ 40.00	
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 2,085.03	
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust	\$ 500.00	
Treasurer's Trust		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 512.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust	\$ 2,850.00	
Public Safety Trust		
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Landfill Closure Cost	\$ 189,402.00	
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 524,483.50	\$ 182,752.63

remittances \$8,790.82

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 11/23/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	USDA Forest Service Agreement
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge - Diamond Creek Road Project Agreement
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	EMS / Ambulance - SHSP MOA / Bannock County MOA
9:45 AM	Jacob Farnes	IT / GIS - Commissioner TV
10:00 AM	Planning & Zoning - Public Hearing	Wayne Cutler - CUP Shipping Containers M1 AOI
10:15 AM	Kim Holsten	Indigent
10:30 AM	JoAnna Ashley	Ag Lands Committee Creation discussion
10:45 AM		Lana Beus - Developmental Right
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3:45 PM	Join Zoom Meeting	
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4:15 PM	Meeting ID: 875 1985 4113	
	Passcode: 375132	
4:30 PM		
4:45 PM		
5:00 PM		

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206

BOE

sign Agreement - Snow Removal with Bonneville County

Certificate of Residency approvals

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