

## COMMISSIONER MEETING OF March 8, 2021

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Chairman Mark Mathews, Commissioner Bryce Somsen, Commissioner Marty McCullough, County Prosecutor Doug Wood, and Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley. Also, in attendance were Chief Deputy Clerk Jill Stoor, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, Caribou County Sheriff J.Adam Mabey, Planning & Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Building Inspector Blake Poulsen, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Dana Izatt, Blaine Newman, Adrienn Hoskins, Cindy Jeruigan, Mickael Kuyper, Alan Skinner, Dave Peoples, Randy Hubbard, Cleston Godfrey, Kyle Larson, Jerry Brown, Tony Brown, Wes Brown, Don Murdock, Kyle Wangemann, Scott Brown, Morris Cole, Cody Cole, David Lakey, Dan Lakey, and Jake Ozburn.

The meeting opened with Jill Stoor leading the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

### **Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge:**

- MSHAW training will be held for the Road & Bridge employees on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> at the EMS building. Class will run from 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. both days to allow for all employees to attend.
- Kim checked on the MOTC code concerning the intersection of Larsen Rd and Second Bridge Rd. The commissioners have the final say in their own counties if there is a safety issue. The commissioners discussed the issue, and recommended the first course of action would be to mow the hill and see if improved visibility would help.
- DeVaughn Smith would like to borrow the old V-plow that is sitting in the road & bridge yard. The commissioners approved.
- Kim has located a flat-bed trailer that he would like to purchase. It is located in Georgetown and priced at \$35,000. He stated that they are hard to locate with the 30-ton slider and would like the ability to haul his own equipment.

Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1999 Trail Ease 30-ton slider flat bed trailer for the amount of \$35,000. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Eric Hobson, Public Safety:**

- Eric recently attended the Emergency Management Meeting. The Weather Service reported at that meeting that they anticipate a severe drought stage this coming year. Snow levels are low as well as the water content.

- Senior Center Grant update: Eric has been working with SICOG to update county facilities to meet ADA compliance. Many of the small fixes have been completed, and larger and more costly issues will continue to be addressed.

**Denise Horsley, Clerk:**

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene an executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) at 9:43 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

At 10:03 a.m. the commissioners resumed the meeting in regular session.

**Dwight Lloyd, Weed Supervisor:**

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene an executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) at 10:04 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed

At 10:09 a.m. the commissioners resumed the meeting in regular session.

- Dwight thanked the commissioners for their help throughout the winter season with his plowing responsibilities in Grays Lake. Discussion was held on repairs and maintenance to the grader.

**Randy Hubbard:**

- Randy & Linda Hubbard are requesting a variance to the requirement for a cement wall instead of skirting around a single wide trailer. The axels will be removed and the unit will be anchored from the steel frame. The snow load has already been increased from 40 pounds to a 60 pound level as required by county regulations. The cement wall is simply for aesthetics and Randy would prefer to use skirting.
- Aaron Cook was called in for further clarification and stated that it would be classified as personal property and maintain a title. The process to make it real property would require a permanent foundation and a declaration be recorded.
- Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the variance to forego the permanent foundation around the trailer. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Randy also requested that the use of bonfires be addressed at Second Bridge. He addressed concerns about fire safety, especially in the fall when crops are close to harvest. There are signs prohibiting camping, but he wondered if fires could be prohibited. Commissioners will meet with the Parks & Recreation supervisor.

### **Cleston Godfrey:**

- Cleston Godfrey along with other area farmers brought concerns with Government Dam Road. He stated that from the 1950's to the early 1990's the road was paved. He understood that the pavement was removed to address some of the issues including the S-curve along that stretch; and that the road would be repaved. Cleston spoke of several scary incidents where the dust has caused serious safety issues. He feels that anything less than paving the road again would just be a band-aid. He would like help from the commissioner to see a long-term solution to the issue.

Don Murdoch and Scott Brown both spoke to echo the concerns. Scott suggested that it is especially bad in the fall. Between cattlemen, farmers, sportsman, boaters, loggers, and county trucks the road is a highly used. He encouraged the commissioners to take a preventative approach and pave the road. They understand that is expensive and would think that it could be worked on gradually. Scott questioned if there are grants available to help offset the cost.

The group realizes that speed may be an issue if the road is paved and asked that the speed limit remain at 45 and the road be patrolled by the sheriff's office. The farmers are also opposed the use of Mag Chloride because of damage to the equipment. They would like it to be on record that they feel it is a dangerous situation and very concerned about public safety.

The commissioners spoke to their concerns and stated that they will begin working up a plan to improve the S-curve and oil at least a portion of the road this year. They will look at several options and are thinking that late June to early July would be the best timeline.

- Commissioner Mathews encouraged this group to be actively involved in the agriculture survey available on the county website. They would really appreciate the input of the farmers as they actively work on the new planning and zoning comprehensive plan. He stated that growth is coming, and they want to manage the best they can for the benefit of the county residents. Commissioner Somsen also encouraged them to be a part of the committee so that their voice is heard while they formulate the new plan while trying to balance new growth and maintaining the agricultural community.

### **Blaine Newman, BLM:**

- Blaine introduced the staff traveling with him.
- Mike Kuyper spoke of the co-op agreement with the county. They have moved forward and are waiting for final paperwork from the county.

- Blaine Newman gave updates on the Blackfoot River recreation development. They are expecting to get a boat ramp put in at Cutthroat Campground, likely this year. Over the next few years they will be putting in six others along the river. They are also working with the City of Soda Springs on a nature conservancy at Formation Springs. They are finalizing plans that include maintaining weeds and building trails and bridges.
- BLM is also working with Kim on a bus turnaround on Larsen Road.
- The BLM would like to propose a discussion of getting all of the rights-of-way done on one county agreement. The intent would be to get better descriptions of roads, access, and mapping. It would help answer question on access and maintain a better record than we currently have. The commissioners advise that they work closely with Kim on the project.

**Dana Izatt, Searle & Hart:**

- Dana Izatt from Searle & Hart presented the 2020 Fiscal Year Audit Report. Caribou County assets are listed at \$25 million. PERSI is well funded, has a conservative board, and Dana feels that the employees can be assured that their retirements funds are secure. Dana complimented the county for the continued efficiency in budget development and administrations. County property records have been gathered and Dana commends the board for appointing someone to keep this list updated. The county is compliant with the IRS. Dana appreciates the responsiveness and cooperation of county personnel during the course of the field work and report write-up.

**Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS Supervisor:**

- Jacob presented ESRI licensing information. The current license does not currently cover the licenses needed, especially with the addition of the new GIS technician. The initial cost would be \$12,000 for two concurrent licenses. The department has sufficient funds in capital outlay to cover that initial cost. He anticipates needing an additional \$2000 budget increase to cover those costs in the future.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept the bid for two 86353 ARC/GIS desktop standard concurrent use perpetual licenses at the amount of \$6,300 each for a total of \$12,600. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motioned passed.

### **Caribou County Fair Board:**

- Shannon Whitney was appointed at the last fair board meeting.
- The fair board is wanting to build a new building and the bids came in higher than the previous year's reserve funds. The fair board has not used their water shares for over 20 years and have been allowing the Grace School District to use that water. The Last Chance Canal Water board proposed that the fair board sell those shares back to the canal company and they would sign a lease to provide water if ever needed in the future. This would give the Fair Board the funds necessary to move forward with the building this year. The canal company offered to buy those 40 shares at \$2,000.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to sell the 40 water shares at \$2,000 per share to Last Chance Canal Company pending legal affirmation. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


### **Doug Wood, Lions Club:**

- Doug Wood presented the board with a letter from The Soda Springs Lions Club to request a donation in support of the Distinguished Young Women program.

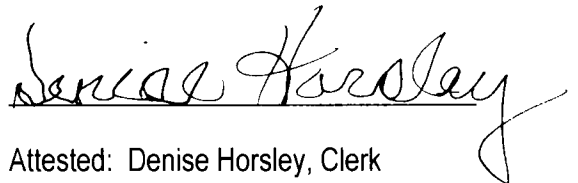
Commissioner Somsen motioned to donate \$750 to The Soda Springs Lion Club for the DYW Program. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Other:**

- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims for FY 2021 in the amount of \$317,297.94, payroll claims in the amount of \$174,764.87, and to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit were presented to the commissioners for approval. Commissioner McCullough made a motion to approve the Certificate of Residency for Emmalie Brown, Megan Hamilton, Ethan Suter, and Tayler Thompson. Commission Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Chairman Mathews signed the Fair Housing Proclamation.
- The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.



Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Denise Horsley, Clerk

**Approved Payment of Bills**

	<b>3/8/2021</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense		\$ 46,862.19	
Indigent		\$ 5,560.48	
Road & Bridge		\$ 67,195.63	
Special Highway			
Justice		\$ 23,127.44	
Consolidated Elections			
Weed Control		\$ 1,419.40	
Solid Waste		\$ 28.40	
Reappraisal		\$ 459.90	
Health		\$ 1,422.54	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 11,686.10	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 225.88	
Tort		\$ 87,189.00	
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 1,588.70	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice		\$ 1,580.21	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing		\$ 5,224.86	
PILT		\$ 2,270.17	
Water District		\$ 1,577.79	
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			
Odyssey Court Payments		\$ 2,517.51	
Landfill			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust		\$ 40.00	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Range Improvement Trust			
Court Trust			
Farmer's Land & Irrigation LID			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust		\$ 374.38	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 456.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust		\$ 54,748.47	
911 Trust		\$ 1,742.39	
Public Safety Trust			
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Vessel Account			
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 317,297.94	\$ 174,764.87

**CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA**

**Date: 3/8/2021**

**ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name of Person/Party</b>	<b>Concerning</b>
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge - Trailer
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance - Transition Plan
9:45 AM	Denise Horsley	Executive Session - employee I.C. 74-206(b)
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM		
10:30 AM	Cleston Godfrey	Government Dam Road
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	Blaine Newman - BLM	BLM update on County Roads
11:15 AM	Dana Izatt - Searle & Hart	Audit Report Presentation
11:30 AM		
11:45 AM		
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Jacob Farnes	Addressing
1:30 PM	Jason Greene	Amendment
1:45 PM	Caribou County Fair Board	New building and water
2:00 PM	Randy & Linda Hubbard	P&Z questions
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

sign Fair Housing Proclamation

Certificate of Residency approvals

Soda Springs Lion's Club- request for DYW donation

Anyone needing special assistance to attend the above noticed meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at (208)647-4324.

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