

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF March 22, 2021

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Mark Mathews, Commissioner Bryce Somsen, Commissioner Marty McCullough, Caribou county Prosecutor Doug Wood, Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, and Chief Deputy Clerk Jill Stoor. Also in attendance were, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Building Maintenance Blake Poulsen, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, Caribou County Sheriff Adam Mabey, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Planning & Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Becky Jorgensen, Jarom & Melissa Hubbard, Krissi Popp, Mathew Collins, Scott & Anette Elsmore, Paul Mendenhall, Angie, Mendenhall, Jarom & Melissa Hubbard, Ira B. Tibbetts, Susan Speelmon, Kent Clegg, Beth Rasmussen, Joe Swenson, Lisa Swenson, Keith Bitton, Barb Greene, Nathan Hale, Roger Gibson, Randy Vranes, Chris Leatherman, Carl Toupin, and Tony Salvi.

The meeting opened with Commissioner Marty McCullough giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim is requesting 4 summer help employees. He will advertise and begin taking in applications.
- The department is still working on a split crew schedule for 1 more week. They will return to four ten schedules for the summer.
- Kim has been looking at oil prices for upcoming projects. CRS2R is \$102 cheaper because a new company in Boise, but he anticipates extremely higher prices next year.
- All but two of the unplowed back roads have been opened. Diamond Creek and Lanes Creek Cutoff are the only two left.
- Discussion was held on the upcoming Government Dam road project. Kim feels that they have a route with fewer rocks planned and will need to arrange fill for the project. The local landowners have been very cooperative.

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS:

- Jacob presented two proposals for a Laserfische document portal for public access. MCCI is our current system and with the addition of Avante Web Client, the upfront cost is estimated at \$15,000 with annual support estimated at \$23,564 per year. There is an implementation fee of approximately \$23,985. The second proposal is from JustFOIA which is a work flow software that utilizes Laserfische. Jacob would like the recorders office to help review the software before

making decisions. As far as costs, there would be an annual recurring subscription at \$10,400 with a one-time services fee at \$4,275. Discussion was held on looking into Computer Arts as a possibility for the imaging software for the recorded documents. Jacob will continue to explore options.

J. Adam Mabey, Sheriff:

- The Sheriff's office received several thousand facemasks from Ford motor company. He has distributed some throughout the county.
- The jail is at 32 count currently – they have received 11 IDOC inmates. They are working to keep their numbers up.
- VISA cards have been issued to the patrol officers. They have implemented a strict policy agreement that all have signed, all the expenses will be closely tracked per deputy.
- Sheriff Mabey is working with ICRMP on developing a performance evaluation system.
- They have been working with an injured deputy to perform light duty activities in order to keep the employee employed.
- Sheriff Maybe has been in contact with a new group in the county called the Highlanders. He has vetted them and believes that they will be a valuable resource for Caribou County. Several have shown interest in becoming part of a citizens emergency response team and work with Eric Hobson to be trained. The group would be interest in a neighborhood watch program and would like to meet with the commissioners in the near future.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to enter an agreement with Idaho Parks & Recreation and the Caribou County Sheriff's Office for marine patrol. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:

- Commissioner Somsen moved to open a public hearing for a conditional use permit for Stanley Christensen. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - The condition use would allow for a Recreation Vehicle Park off of Niter Bench Rd. The park would have 12 RV spots, each to be equipped with a cement parking pad, septic, water, a covered pavilion and a small garden spot. The RV park would use 4.1 acres of a 40-acre property. The Planning and Zoning board recommended approval with set conditions. They required a 2-year time limit to establish, and age limit of 55 years and older, a detailed map be submitted, required insurance be established, road must meet county code, drainage issues be resolved, and he must adhere to the application as drafted.
 - Public Comment:
 - Angie Mendenhall: Angie questioned the 55 plus age limit and how that would be regulated.
 - Joe Swenson: Joe asked if the park would be gated and felt the park would not be an improvement to the area.
 - Scott Elsmore: Scott questioned the time limits of the conditional use permit. Commissioner Somsen explained that they as a commission have the authority to set a time limit or to automatically renew. Scott also questioned the benefit to the county and asked questions on taxing and liability. He would also be concerned about traffic safety if approved.
 - Ira Tippets: Ira named numerous concerns and feels that it should not be built in a historically agricultural area. He respectfully asked that they decline the permit.
 - Mathew Collins: His concerns were for the future of the property after Stanley gone. Matthew is also concerned with water, and if the RV tenants would be concerned with dust and noise from farming.
- Stanley Christensen did not attend the meeting.
- Commissioner Somsen made a motion to accept the Conditional Use Permit for the Recreation Vehicle Park. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with all three commissioners voting nay. Commissioner Somsen moved to go out of the public hearing. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- The Commissioner agreed to follow up on a previous public hearing for Nathan Hale of Whiskey Creek Ranch to allow up to 6 guests at a time for limited time of 62 days a year to hunt. Commissioner McCullough previously asked for more resolution before a decision was reached.
- Nathan Hale spoke to the commissioners and expressed his feelings of being frustrated after the decision was delayed. He stated that he took the opportunity by letter and visits to reach out to those who were most impacted by the decision. Although he received no response to date from the letter, he has since made the opportunity to talk with neighbors and feel there have been some productive discussions. The commissioners commended Nathan for his efforts.
- Public Comment:

Angie Mendenhall: Angie stated that she did not want a commercial establishment as a neighbor. She feels that it speaks hugely to keeping the community as agriculturally based. She would like to see the commissioners keep their goal of maintaining the agricultural community.

Paul Mendenhall: Paul spoke to the concern of no economical impact to the county. He feels there are proper places to accommodate overnight facilities in the county and not in an agricultural zone. Paul also spoke to concerns of enforcing the conditions of the permit.
- Commissioner Mathews recused himself from the vote
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to grant the Conditional Use Permit for Nathan Hale of Whiskey Creek Ranch as recommended by the Planning & Zoning with set conditions of a limited time period of September 1 to January 31, an initial one-year approval, not to exceed one hunt with six hunters for 7 consecutive days. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Leatherman, Roger Gibson, Randy Vranes / Bayer:

- Roger Gibson presented an update on 2020. They have put measures into place and have had a successful year without delays during the unusual times of the current pandemic. He stated that glysophate sales are actually up. Bayer received approval for the Cadwell Canyon Mine and are happy with the three-million dollar investment into Caribou County. The Ballard Mine is almost ready to begin reclamation phase. The Phase II Groundwater Treatment facility is about to complete phase 1 and they should be water testing soon. The mercury scrubbing system will be soon installed in the kiln area.

- Chris Leatherman brought forward a presentation on the installation of a site near town to unload railcars. They have done several studies on moving the ore from the Caldwell mine site to the Bayer plant near Soda Springs. It was determined that the most feasible plan was to move the ore by rail. Just north of Trail Canyon Road and adjacent to the existing rail line and Highway 34, Bayer has purchased land in order to construct the facility to unload cars. It will be a car tipping facility and will potentially receive 130 rail cars per day. They have done studies on the site and most importantly a sound analysis. There are 17 homes within 2 miles of the future facility. Bayer is reaching out to the commissioners now and have plans for a meeting with the neighbors on April 5th. In addition, they will meet with the City of Soda Springs on the 7th of April. They would begin site preparations in April of this year, with a completion goal of 2024. The typical ore haul would be seasonal, typically April to November. The Commissioners recommended speaking with the Planning & Zoning Department to confirm the zoning before the project begins. They also recommended a meeting with Kim Spencer on access from the county roads.

Carl Toupin / Parks & Recreation:

- Carl spoke with the commissioners of his recent sale of MR&E to Tony Salvi. He will be passing the torch to Tony with the sale of the business as well as the Waterways and Parks director. Carl will be working with Tony this year to introduce him to the parks job and train him on working with the Fish and Game, Sheriff's Office, and other regional departments. The Sheriff's office will be taking care of marine patrol now.
- Commissioners spoke to Carl of concerns about fires near the boat ramp on the north side of the second bridge. They discussed posting against fires, or installing designated fire rings. Carl and Tony will meet with the Sheriff as well as the landowner Rocky Mountain Power to come up with a resolution.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- Aaron has explored the possibility of rolling his printer lease over into a new agreement. The maintenance will actually be less expensive. This would overspend his budget line item, but there

would be reimbursement from the existing lease. The commissioners approved and assigned the agreement.

Dwight Lloyd / Weed Control:


- Dwight informed the commissioners of problems with the CWMA. There is an investigation this coming Thursday. He will be meeting with Jeffrey Feelan of the BLM and see what help they can be. He will know more after future meetings and will keep the commissioners informed.
- Dwight spoke about staffing for this coming season and a possibility for next year.
- Jacob is looking into a landline or possibility of a cell phone booster for the weed shop.
- Dwight requested that the commissioners contact Verizon about putting in a cell tower in Wayan.

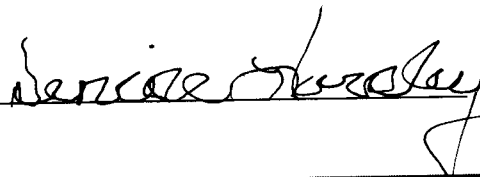
Other:

- Commissioner McCullough moved to pay the claims, and remittances for FY 2021 in the amount of \$188,979.26 and payroll claims in the amount of \$288,918.32 and to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to suspend indigent application 2021-2 because the county is not the last resource. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to deny the request for indigent application 2021-3. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet April 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for a regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

22-Mar-21	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 35,495.42	
Indigent	\$ 2,415.62	
Road & Bridge	\$ 39,462.58	
Special Highway	\$ -	
Justice	\$ 19,983.47	
Consolidated Election	\$ 1,746.28	
Weed Control	\$ 19.99	
Solid Waste	\$ -	
Reappraisal	\$ 351.25	
Health	\$ 1,020.00	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 3,429.63	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 385.22	
County Fair	\$ 2,000.00	
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 1,960.92	
Court Services	\$ -	
Juvenile Justice	\$ 449.70	
Veteran's Memorial	\$ -	
Mineral Leasing	\$ 54,750.85	
PILT	\$ 750.00	
City of Soda Springs	\$ 6,741.95	
City of Bancroft	\$ 1,217.33	
City of Grace	\$ 2,662.91	
Bancroft Cemetery	\$ 55.95	
Central Cemetery		
Fairview Cemetery	\$ 205.06	
Freedom Cemetery	\$ 94.43	
Grace Cemetery	\$ 133.07	
Lago Cemetery		
Lava Cemetery		
Lund Cemetery		
Thatcher Cemetery	\$ 4.34	
Turner Cemetery		
School District #148	\$ 1,667.28	
School District #149	\$ 1,915.82	
School District #150	\$ 4,856.39	
School District #21		
Grace Free Library	\$ 217.77	
Waterways	\$ 80.00	
TV Translator	\$ 709.95	
Landfill Trust	\$ 3,136.81	
Bailey Creek Fire District	\$ 12.27	
Freedom Fire District	\$ 247.67	
Auditor's Trust	\$ 40.00	
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Idaho State Treasurer	\$ 501.38	
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust	\$ -	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust	\$ -	
Treasurer's Trust	\$ -	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ -	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ -	
911 Trust	\$ -	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 257.95	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 188,979.26	\$ 288,918.32

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 3/22/2021

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge / 4 part-time help
9:30 AM	Jacob Farnes	IT / GIS - records portal
9:45 AM	J. Adam Mabey	Sheriff
10:00 AM	JoAnna Ashley / Planning & Zoning	Public Hearing: Stan Christensen CUP RV
10:15 AM		Public Hearing: Whiskey Creek CUP Commercial Use - 6 guests
10:30 AM		
10:45 AM	Chris Leatherman / Bayer	Caldwell Canyon Mine -
11:00 AM		construction of ore unloading facility
11:15 AM	Carl Toupin / Parks & Recreation	Second Bridge area
11:30 AM	Aaron Cook	Printer / Copier Lease
11:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	ISDA Grant
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206

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COVID 19 - minimal / County moved

Approve Canvass votes March 9 Election

Credit Cards

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