

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF May 10, 2021**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on May 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Mark Mathews, Commissioner Bryce Somsen, Commissioner Marty McCullough. Also, in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Chief Deputy Clerk Jill Stoor, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge Leadman Brett Barfuss, Building Maintenance Blake Poulsen, Planning & Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, IT Director Jacob Farnes, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Steve Smith, Kathy Ray, Troy Nielsen, Chris Leatherman, Bruce Olenick, and Maggie Mann.

The meeting opened with Commissioner Doug Wood giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim has a bid to sandblast and repaint the fuel tanks at \$8000. They will be sanding and painting the chloride tank themselves.
- The work on Stateline Road has been completed. Today and tomorrow, they are working on Crow Creek and then will move to Fish Hatchery Road.
- They are working on a plan to improve the big S-turn on the Government Dam Road. It is proving to be more difficult to change the corners than anticipated. There is a hump before the turn that they are looking to knock down before chip-sealing. Kim is considering doing some build up and widening of the road instead of straightening the corners. They would also push back some rock to improve visibility.
- Chip seal will be done on Rich Road and Harwood between Burton Canyon and McPherson.

**Eric Hobson, EMS & Ambulance:**

- Eric asked for signatures on the letter of acknowledgement and support to be able to apply for grants. They are hoping for \$25,000 to help pay for a new gurney.
- RFC grant to help offset wildland fires will also be submitted this week.
- The Emergency Declaration Extension expires today. He does not see a need for renewal, but will do so if the commissioners would like him to. They agreed to let it expire.

- Eric has been looking into moving the 800 single-channel repeater from Black Mountain to Soda Point. This would better link the towers together in case the new radio systems go down and dispatch would now have the ability to listen. Day Wireless estimates \$4800 to move the tower and an additional fee to tie it back into dispatch. Eric has the money available in his Capital Outlay budget.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept the Day Wireless System's bid to move the radio tower from Black Mountain to Soda Point in the amount of \$6113.76. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Eric is exploring the options for building a fire substation in the Grace area. They currently lease a bay in the ambulance station at the current time. They now have 5 trained firefighters in the Grace area and have put a truck in the county shop for the summer for faster response times. It is a good solution for the summer, but does not work for winter. He feels that with the staffing in Grace, it would be worth the expense to build. It would also be beneficial to homeowners whose insurance rates would improve because of a ten-mile radius rule. The commissioners would like him to pursue bids before making any decision.

#### **Blake Poulsen, Building Maintenance:**

- Blake advised the commissioners that there were some additional unexpected costs of the roof remodel. Some include the crane for removing the tower, removal of the air conditioner, plywood and engineering expenses with Booth Architecture. Construction is on schedule and should be completed in the next three weeks.
- Blake reported that the floor in the City Fire Department building has dropped approximately three inches. The city will be drilling a hole to make repairs and the Mayor asked that the commissioners be made aware.

#### **Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:**

- Dwight plans to begin spraying this afternoon; Bannock County has Dyer's woad and Whitetop in the bloom. One roadside truck will be out and they are already spraying at the fairgrounds. They have done major upgrades on one spray truck and are ready for the season.
- Discussion was held on the Dyer's Woad program. They will continue to offer \$10 per bag. Timing will depend upon when the weed blooms and Dwight is guessing they can begin on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- The requirements of the USDA grant have become very strict. They are requiring their programming for GPS on all spray rigs to map and track the weeds. Dwight has been working with Jacob and looking at costs. They will continue to get bids and determine if it is worth pursuing.
- Discussion was held on the lack of cell service at the weed shop.
- Dwight approached the commissioners about using the flatbed that the Road & Bridge Department is no longer using as well as the possibility of a storage shed to store grass seed.

**Steve Smith, Troy Nielson, Chris Leatherman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Resolution:**

- Steve, Troy and Chris presented a draft for a resolution they are asking the commissioners to sign. The resolution is to declare Caribou County to be a protected constitutional rights and protected second amendment county. They have spoken with the Sheriff and have worked with the County Prosecutor to adjust wording from several drafts that have been previously presented to the commissioners. It was explained that a resolution is a policy statement and not a law. They feel that the ordinance adds another layer of protection if the federal government were to pass an unconstitutional law. The commissioners stated that their concern is that the citizens do not misunderstand what a resolution can do. It is not binding like an ordinance. They commissioners were pleased with the wording and would like the sheriff and prosecutor to read and approve before they are willing to sign the resolution. They will meet again at 10:00 on the 24<sup>th</sup> for the next commissioner meeting.

**Kathy Ray, 4 County Alliance:**

- Kathy presented a report on the activities of the 2020-2021 Four County Alliance of Southeast Idaho. Local companies that she has worked with include, Simplot, ITAFOS, Bayer, Caribou Memorial Hospital, Soda Springs Industrial Park as well as several individuals. Kathy has also been involved with several local community organizations and grants including the broadband grant for the Thatcher / Lago area. She started in her current position 14 years ago and will be retiring on September 1<sup>st</sup> this year. As long as funding is received, the program will continue. The commissioners thanked her for her years of service. Kathy requested funding for the 2022 fiscal year for the Four County Alliance.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to commit \$3000 for the FY 2022 for the Regional Economic Development Program. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Bruce Olenick, D.E.Q.:**

- Alan Johnson is the new engineering manager for the D.E.Q. Bruce states that his is a great addition, especially with his rural experience.

- Bruce has been working with Jason Lower at IDAWY and is pleased with the progress there.
- They have been struggling with issues created by waiting for the legislature to outline the administration of the upcoming programs including the American Rescue Act. There may be funding available to help with infrastructure and particularly waste water and drinking water systems. Their fiscal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and they are still waiting for direction from the legislators on additional funds.
- Discussion was held on upcoming development and making sure that the county is prepared for future expansion. They have Ground Water 101 course that they would like the county to take advantage of. There are other trainings available and the D.E.Q. is willing to make recommendations for county ordinances regarding future development.

**JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:**

- Discussion was held on the drafting of a county solar ordinance. There was discussion on large vs. small scale solar farms and in which zoning area they would be allowed. The ordinance will be similar to the wind ordinance already in place within the county. The commissioners tasked JoAnna with getting a draft ready for review.


**Maggie Mann, Southeast Idaho Public Health:**

- Maggie appeared before the commissioners to present the Southeastern Idaho Public Health FY2022 Budget Request. Because House Bill 316 passed, the funding for the health department has shifted from the state to the county level. With the Medicaid expansion, the Indigent programs and CAT board will be significantly decreased and the county will now be fully funding the health departments. The request will increase the budget by 41.5 % over last year's budget.
- Commissioner McCullough motioned to increase funding to the Southeastern Idaho Public Health to \$91,260 for the fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Other:**

- Commissioner McCullough moved to pay the claims for FY 2021 in the amount of \$133,015.89 and payroll claims in the amount of \$302,857.76 and to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to deny the application for county indigent case number 2015-5 because the applicant did not cooperate in appearing for and interview or provide information as required in I.C. 31-35-05a. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioners signed the indigent liens for County Cases 2021-3, 2021-5, and 2021-6.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



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Attested: Denise Horsley



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**Approved Payment of Bills**

	<b>10-May-21</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense		\$ 18,533.40	
Indigent		\$ 6,320.77	
Road & Bridge		\$ 46,581.69	
Special Highway		\$ 25,336.24	
Justice		\$ 8,430.51	
Consolidated Election		\$ 15.00	
Weed Control		\$ 8,266.90	
Solid Waste			
Reappraisal		\$ 16.34	
Health		\$ 1,357.68	
Ambulance		\$ 3,610.66	
Parks & Recreation			
Tort			
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 1,286.23	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice		\$ 128.97	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing		\$ 1,713.14	
PILT		\$ 638.29	
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 #21			
Grace Free Library			
Water District			
TV Translator			
WATERWAYS FUND		\$ 686.97	
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust		\$ 120.00	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Range Improvement Trust			
Court Trust			
ODYSSEY COURT PAYMENTS		\$ 3,751.54	
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust		\$ 563.59	
Public Safety Trust		\$ 285.76	
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 492.75	
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust		\$ 2,379.46	
Drug Court Trust		\$ 2,500.00	
Weed Control Trust			
Oregon Trail - BLScenic Byway			
Youth Court Trust			
Vessel Account			
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 133,015.89	\$ 302,857.76

TOTAL WITH PAYROLL

435,873.65

**CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA**

**Date: 5/10/2021**

**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
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	EMS/ Ambulance
9:45 AM	Blake Poulsen, Courthouse Maintenance	added costs on remodel
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Steve Smith, Troy Nielson, Chris Leatherman	2nd Amendment Resolution
10:30 AM	Kathy Ray	4 County Alliance for SE Idaho - update funding request
10:45 AM	Bruce Olenick, DEQ	Semi-annual report
11:00 AM	JoAnna Ashley	Review Draft Solar Ordinance
11:15 AM	Southeast Idaho Public Health	Maggie Mann / FY22 Budget
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

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