

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF June 14, 2021**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on June 14, 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, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Weed Control Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Planning & Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Building Department Blake Pouslen, Jayson Lowder, Jackie Barthlome, and Aidon Cook.

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

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- The B.L.M. has made available some funding for access roads. The county will make a list of possibilities for access roads.
- They have moved the crusher to Stauffer and will be running it tomorrow. In mid-July they will move to the gravel pit on Henry Cutoff Road. Plans are to gravel from the top of the hill to Jerry Stoor's home as well as some other muddy areas in front of homes. Kim approached the commissioners to ask if they would like to put chloride down on the road through the narrows. They agreed and want chloride down in front of the rider's cabin on Lane's Creek Rd as well.
- Repairs are being done on the D7 dozer due to a plugged radiator; the cost will be approximately \$8000. They have also installed a new air ride seat in the D7 dozer.
- Kim is looking for a 2-axel pup for fuel this winter. Commissioners suggested also looking for a lead and comparing prices before purchasing.
- Kim has \$59,000 remaining in his capital outlay budget line item. He would like to upgrade a pickup that is used to move the crew. The commissioners suggested purchasing the trade-in that will be coming soon from the landfill. They will contact Jayson Lower.
- Discussion was held on a letter received from Alvin Kackley concerning a culvert.

**Eric Hobson, IT/GIS:**

- Eric presented a report prepared by our regional hydrologist, Link Crawford, for the Weather Service in our area. Because of a smaller snowpack and an early melt off this year, we are looking

at drought conditions in our area. Caribou County sits in two water basins. The Portneuf Willow / Blackfoot Basin is considered moderate currently, and the Bear Lake basin is already considered severe. The outlook for precipitation over the next three months is lower than 40 percent of normal. The major concerns are dealing with fire danger and the effects on our agricultural producers in the county. Eric has prepared and recommends signing an emergency declaration for a drought disaster.

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08 to declare an emergency for drought disaster in Caribou County. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed and the resolution was signed.
- The EMS office asked for a point and pay login to be able to accept HSA credit card payments in their office. The commissioners approved.

**Aaron Cook, Assessor:**

- Aaron presented the commissioners with an update on the coming changes because of the bills passed by the legislature. The major changes are only allowing 90 percent of our new construction and the maximum homeowners exemption went up. He presented the State Abstract reports from last year and this coming year and discussion was held on the differences. Aaron estimates that the change in homeowner's exemption will cost the county an estimated 10 million in taxable value.

He also presented a side-by-side comparison of estimated taxable values of the primary roll by category. The real property value change is \$57,814,908 and the personal property value change is \$87,924,139 for a total increase in taxable value of \$145,739,047.

Discussion was held on how the values affect the levy rate. The Idaho State Tax Commission has a tax estimator on their website that the public can use to see what the changes will make for their properties. It should be available before the end of June.

**Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:**

- Spraying in the Grace area is 90% complete. They have had challenges including sickness, wind, and heat. At 84 degrees that are required to shut down.
- Work on White Top in the Thatcher area is scheduled for next week.

- The crews will be working in the gravel pits soon. He is letting the kids harvest what they can and will then go behind and clean up.
- Dwight gave a brief update on the ongoing issues with the CWMA. He expressed frustration with the process they are facing, but the crews are working hard to stay on top of the work.

**JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:**

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene a public hearing in regards to a request by Josh Younger for a side-yard setback variance. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The variance is requested in a Low-Density Residential Zone at 2190 McPherson Rd. in Grace. The approval would allow a 15-foot variance to the 20-foot side-yard setback requirement. Neighboring property owners both support the variance and the Planning and Zoning board recommended approval. There was no other public comment heard.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the variance for Josh Younger for the following reasons: the applicant has shown that there are no reasonable alternatives, it is not in conflict with the public interest, does not adversely affect the adjacent property, and if the variance is not granted, the applicant will suffer undue hardship caused by the physical characteristics of the site. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to end the public hearing. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- JoAnna spoke with the commissioners more on the comprehensive plan. Planning and Zoning recommended that the commissioner implement a moratorium on RV parks, tiny homes, etc. It was agreed upon that there is not justification at this time and they will continue to work on development of the comprehensive plan and should be able to implement policies and goal that will help give direction for the counties future expansion.

### **Jayson Lower, IDAWY:**

- IDAWY has received tax notices on several parcel and wondered if they could be cancelled. He will go to Angie and have the taxes cancelled per commissioners.
- Jason reported that things at IDAWY are going exceptionally well. With the unprecedented growth and inflation, they have been moving quicker than anticipated.
- He presented a report showing how Caribou County collects their revenue for the landfill. Caribou is the only county in IDAWY that is collecting both a levy and fees. He showed charts of how the fee is generated and at what rate; he recommends that we end collecting the levy and go to a fee-based system only. The fee-based price has not increased since 2010. The mobile home parks and apartments are a concern with the low rate they currently have. After looking at several different option, the commissioners agreed and will move forward to implement a fee only system. They will be holding a public hearing during the July 12 commissioner meeting to hear comments from the public before a decision is made.

### **Denise Horsley, Clerk**


- Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the conflict attorney contracts with a raised rate to \$85 per hour. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motioned. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve indigent application 2021-02. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner's signed release of liens for indigent applications 2021-05, 2010-11, and 2021-06.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) at 11:52 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed

Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 12:09 p.m., all agreed and the meeting then adjourned.

**Other:**

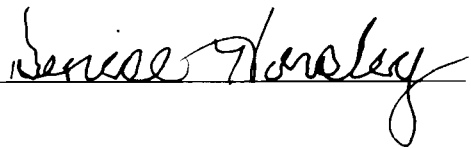
- Commissioner McCullough moved to pay the claims for FY 2021 in the amount of \$703,361.41, payroll claims for 5/24/2021 to 6/4/2021 in the amount of \$296,841.24, and to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on June 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



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Attested: Denise Horsley, County Clerk



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**Approved Payment of Bills**

	<b>6/14/2021</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense		\$ 17,897.40	
Indigent		\$ 25,831.74	
Road & Bridge		\$ 118,970.92	
Special Highway		\$ 335,979.71	
Justice		\$ 23,869.91	
Consolidated Election		\$ 113.49	
Weed Control		\$ 4,748.53	
Solid Waste			
Reappraisal		\$ 296.99	
Health		\$ 1,321.87	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 4,775.32	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 13,638.06	
Tort			
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 2,051.47	
Court Services		\$ 130.00	
Juvenile Justice		\$ 1,084.43	
Veteran's Memorial			
Waterways			
PILT		\$ 14,342.91	
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			
Mineral Leasing		\$ 916.30	
Landfill			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust			
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Range Improvement		\$ 209.56	
Court Trust			
Centennial Trust			
College Trust		\$ 500.00	
Treasurer's Trust		\$ 47,057.99	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 499.25	
Motor Vehicle Trust		\$ 83,021.82	
911 Trust		\$ 1,743.23	
Public Safety Fund		\$ 282.80	
Public Safety Trust		\$ 327.10	
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Odyssey Court Payments		\$ 3,750.60	
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 703,361.40	\$ 296,841.24

**CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA**

**Date: 6/14/2021**

**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 - pick-up truck
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	EMS / Fire - point & pay login
9:45 AM	Aaron Cook	2021 Values
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	JoAnna Ashley	Josh Younger - variance to rear & side yard setback
10:30 AM	Joanna Ashley	Comprehensive Plan Review
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill Fees
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Kim Holsten	Indigent
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

sign Conflict Attorney contract

sign Emergency Disaster Declaration

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