

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF February 24, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on February 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Mark Mathews and Bryce Somsen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, IT/GIS Director Jacob Farnes, P&Z JoAnna Ashley, Jon Goode, Mark Kirby, Chris Guedes, Dana Izatt , Allan Johnson, John Lau and Pauline Bassett.

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

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim would like to place an ad in the newspaper for the next 3 weeks to let the public know that we are accepting applications for summer help. One of the employees that worked last summer would like to come back this summer. Kim believes that the others have moved on to other things.
- The grader repair is set to cost approximately \$8,000. They figured out that the rocker arms were causing the problem. The labor is \$135 per hour. \$3500 for the parts. Kim has 5 trucks currently sitting at Kenworth. Kenworth and Caterpillar both have programs that come with annual costs of several thousand dollars.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if we had a good shop and a certified mechanic, would we come out ahead. Kim believes a master mechanic makes approximately \$35 to \$40 per hour.
- Commissioner Somsen asked if we could pull invoices for the last 6 months to see what we have paid total in labor on equipment. Kim will have Shauna pull invoices since the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Commissioner Mathews stated that Clemens Hill is in need of repair especially on the top. It's not really bad right now, but it won't take long before it is. Kim will follow-up.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- A couple weeks ago, they held the community wildland protection plan meeting. They are reviewing some new mitigation items. He will continue to work through it to get a final draft done. The Commissioners will have to sign eventually if they want to adopt the plan.
- They have 4 weeks left for the EMT class. They still have 18 people enrolled in the class.

- Eric is now able to apply for grant funding. He is planning on trying to get another gurney this year. They cost approximately \$18,000 and the mount is another \$13,000. The county would have to match approximately \$2,000. Several of our gurneys are very outdated per Hobson. Only two vendors make gurneys and they are comparable in their pricing.

Jon Goode, Mark Kirby, Chris Guedes, ITAFOS:

- Mr. Goode explained that they are asking for our Commissioners to sign a support letter regarding their new mining proposal.
- Mr. Kirby presented a few handouts outlining the new project area. He explained that he grew up in Caribou County and understands the important role that the phosphate business plays to the local economy. Locally, Itafos employs over 500 employees with an average salary of \$75,000 including full benefits. They bring in \$180 million to the local economy.
- The future mine will be known as the Husky 1/North Dry Ridge Project. The mine life will cover the next couple of decades. Commissioner Somsen asked how many employees are residents of Caribou County. Mr. Kirby said his best guess would be 350 to 400 employees. He also stated that Kiewit Mining employs a lot of Caribou County employees as well and they act as their mining contracting company.
- Commissioner Somsen asked what the reclamation process will consist of. Mr. Kirby said it will be similar to the other locations that they have reclaimed.
- Commissioner Somsen asked about limiting public access to the mining area. Mr. Kirby said once mining activities begin, access would be restricted. However, as they can allow for public access, they will do so.
- The Commissioners signed the support letter as requested.

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:

- Donna has been working on a new case. The Case Number is 2020-5. She asked the Commissioners to sign a notice of lien and application for financial assistance. She interviewed the applicant last Friday. She will continue through the process and let the Commissioners know the outcome.

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS:

- Jacob explained that we had an outage with Verizon last week. He made Verizon aware that EMS, Road and Bridge, and the Sheriff's Office were without radio communications. He was told that it was a hardware failure.
- Jacob asked if we are ready to move away from Computer Arts. He had a recent conversation with Mitch who is the CEO of Computer Arts. He has also been conversing with other IT Directors and he feels that this option needs to be discussed.
- He has encountered several large issues that exist and have existed the last 18 months since he became employed with Caribou County. For example, Computer Arts is lacking capabilities including password protection.
- He has also noticed that we are not getting the technical support that we need. Our Computer Arts support employee spends most of his time with Power County that does not currently employ IT personnel.
- Commissioner Somsen asked if he has voiced his concerns to Mitch with Computer Arts. Denise said she feels like Mitch should be here to state his case.
- Jacob has been doing some research and he believes that other software exists for about the same amount of money. The transitional part would be very costly at approximately \$300,000, but the yearly cost after that would be comparable to what we pay now.
- Aaron Cook suggested that the potential software providers come and do a live presentation and a demonstration with each department. Aaron also believes that all software comes with issues. Sometimes you trade off one problem for another problem.
- Jacob explained that he would like to explore technology options, schedule onsite demonstrations and report back to the Commissioners.
- Denise said she has spoken with other counties and she had heard negative feedback about Tyler Technologies.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested that the first step be to contact Mitch with Computer Arts and have him explain the future enhancements and updates Computer Arts is working on or considering.
- The Commissioners said that Jacob can continue to do research on other vendors.

Dana Izatt, Searle & Hart:

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- First thing, Dana enjoys his annual visit to Caribou County and we again received the best opinion that an auditor will give.
- Caribou County has a total of \$23 million in assets. This doesn't include Caribou Memorial Hospital. Our change in net position from the last fiscal year is \$1.2 million.
- Dana explained that we have good controls in place with the cash flow.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Dana if we could payoff the jail with PILT. Dana said that we could definitely do that. He said we would need to carefully think about the future before making a final decision to do that. The justice fund would be able to reimburse PILT.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 11:27 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(c). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Somsen suggested that they reconvene to regular session at 11:40 A.M. No decisions were made.

Pauline Bassett, Allan Johnson, John Lau, Caribou County Soil Conservation:

- Allan explained that they have completed several beneficial projects and still have several ongoing projects. They involved the North Gem students in a project on the Kackley's property. They had the students plant several hundred willows which was a cost savings of \$40,000 or more. They have placed stream barbs on parts of the Bear River as well as rebuild part of the steam bank to help with the erosion problem. He is impressed with the Caribou County residents. He enjoys seeing the community involvement and has noticed that people like to be proactive.
- The monies that come in from the county and the state goes towards the poster contest, natural resource workshop, the Envirothon, the Forest Restoration Project and so forth. Approximately \$500 goes towards awards on the contests for the local youth. They also have an annual scholarship of \$1,000 that they give out.
- Pauline explained that they are asking for \$12,000 this year, which is an increase of \$2,000 from previous years.
- The Commissioners agreed to donate the increased amount of \$12,000. They will make sure that we include the increase in our budget.

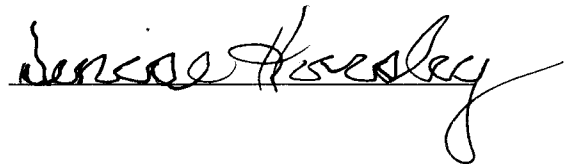
Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$408,629.05 and payroll claims in the amount of \$317,926.62 and to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit were presented to the Commissioners for Approval. The following student is taking course through Idaho Jr. Colleges, Octavio Perez. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve the Certificate of Residency/Affidavit. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners set a special meeting date of March 19 at 4 P.M. to canvass the votes from the March 10 election. Denise will post notice of the meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet March 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

2/24/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 36,381.56	
Indigent	\$ 10,807.32	
Road & Bridge	\$ 52,882.64	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 14,365.88	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 5,121.60	
Solid Waste	\$ 4,655.50	
Reappraisal	\$ 9.56	
Health	\$ 931.39	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 20,940.59	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 171.98	
Tort	\$ 9,040.00	
County Fair	\$ 2,000.00	
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 2,526.31	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 148.99	
Waterways		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 6,333.39	
Idaho State Treasurer	\$ 30.00	
City of Soda Springs	\$ 57,204.24	
City of Bancroft	\$ 9,116.00	
City of Grace	\$ 12,447.39	
Bancroft Cemetery	\$ 515.57	
Central Cemetery	\$ 294.01	
Fairview Cemetery	\$ 7,188.62	
Freedom Cemetery	\$ 229.52	
Grace Cemetery	\$ 985.02	
Lago Cemetery	\$ 206.52	
Lava Cemetery	\$ 1.99	
Lund Cemetery	\$ 181.84	
Thatcher Cemetery	\$ 161.52	
Turner Cemetery	\$ 491.00	
School District #148	\$ 7,885.79	
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School District #150	\$ 83,049.51	
School District #21		
Grace Free Library	\$ 3,286.06	
Water District		
TV Translator	\$ 1,279.51	
Landfill	\$ 7,453.26	
Bailey Creek Fire District	\$ 147.12	
Freedom Fire District	\$ 578.91	
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
Odyssey Fees & Fines	\$ 3,445.29	
College Trust	\$ 1,250.00	
Treasurer's Trust		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 179.75	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 37,931.22	
911 Trust	\$ 258.00	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 216.20	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 408,629.05	\$ 317,926.62

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 2/24/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	EMS / Ambulance
9:45 AM	Jon Goode	ITAFOS Support letter
10:00 AM		
10:15 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
10:30 AM	Jacob Farnes - IT Dept	Future of County Software
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	Dana Izatt - Searle & Hart	Annual Audit
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Ronda Zander	Government Dam Rd.
11:45 AM	Pauline Bassett	Caribou Soil Conservation - Annual Donation
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206

BOE

set date to Canvass March 10 Election

sign retirement award document (Sheriff's office)

Certificate of Residency

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