

**APPROVED**


**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF March 18, 2020**

The Caribou County Commissioners met for a special meeting on March 18, 2020 at 1:20 p.m. to discuss the COVID-19 virus effecting the State of Idaho. Those in attendance were Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Commissioner Bryce Somsen, Commissioner Mark Mathews, Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Caribou County Building Inspector Blake Poulsen, Caribou County Planning and Zoning Director JoAnna Ashley, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Caribou County Probation Supervisor Justin Steele, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Caribou County GIS/IT Director Jacob Farnes, and Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall.

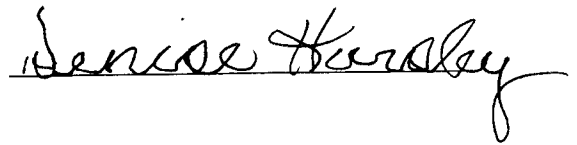
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-04 to declare Caribou County in the state of an emergency due to the COVID-19 virus. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Eric Hobson explained that everyone needs to follow the same protocol as the flu. If you're sick stay home, practice good hygiene, avoid sick people, etc...Other viruses are going around in our region such as Influenza A and Rhinovirus. The medical experts are saying that it would be extremely rare to have one of those viruses and also the COVID-19 virus at the same time.
- Justin Steele asked if we can place a curbside sign like the Soda Springs Library has done. He feels bad when people that have a hard time getting around come to the door and they have to turn them away. He would rather give them fair warning so they don't make the effort to get out of their car.
- Denise Horsley asked if the Commissioners want employees following the policy/procedure manual even though we are restricting access into the Courthouse. She said the main concern is having prolonged exposure to family members during the business day. The Commissioners didn't feel it would be a good idea at this point for family members to enter the Courthouse during the day. An employee asked if her children would be able to use the computers in her office after hours. She doesn't have Internet at home and kids are doing schoolwork from home for the next couple of weeks. The Commissioners agreed that after hours is fine. They did ask that individuals disinfect before they leave.
- JoAnna Ashley asked if the Commissioners are still planning to meet next Monday for their regular meeting. Denise Horsley said she will contact the department heads and advise them not to attend unless they have important new business. Otherwise, meetings will continue as usual.

- We will leave the individuals that have requested to come speak on the agenda. We will follow the Governor's directive of 10 or less people in the same room at one time and travel only when necessary.
- Sheriff Wells explained that the ITD has allowed a 90-day extension for driver's license renewals.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

  
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Attested: Denise Horsley

  
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