

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF March 23, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on March 23, 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, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, P&Z Director JoAnna Ashley, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Shalayne Bartschi, Lucetta Holt, and, Robert Lau.

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

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Caribou County is still in the preliminary phase of the COVID-19 virus.
- Public Health officials are holding morning teleconferences at 9 A.M. Blaine County has had the first reported person to person case in Idaho. They have since ordered a stay at home order and the spread seems to be slowing down.
- Bingham County has reported their first case. The individual is a male in his 30's and is quarantined at home. His case is travel related.
- Idaho is currently reporting 51 cases. It is predicted that cases will continue to rise as the days go on.
- The ambulance personnel were asked by Portneuf Medical Center that all transferred patients are wearing a mask while at the medical center. Caribou Memorial is requiring masks only if symptoms are present or the patient failed the question screening.
- Commissioner Christensen received a phone call from a citizen. She asked if our EMS would like her to make some homemade masks. Hobson said he has an abundant supply right now, but the general public may be interested. Hobson had not been contacted by the individual that contacted Commissioner Christensen.
- Hobson reported that supplies locally are holding out. The grocery stores are doing their best to keep up with items most in demand. They expect things to level off eventually.
- Hobson has reached out to a representative at AT&T about the possibility of changing our services from Verizon. He was informed that they will not allow us to receive service discounts and phone discounts. Each phone will cost approximately \$800.
- Angie Mendenhall explained that she tried going through AT&T and ended up switching back to Verizon due to coverage issues. In her opinion, Verizon is the better option in rural areas.

- Denise Horsley will contact our representative at Verizon to see if EMS should qualify for a better rate than what they are receiving.
- Commissioner Christensen suggested that we continue to receive our service from Verizon at this time.

JoAnna Ashley, P&Z:

- JoAnne is still trying to work through the problems that have been discussed with established subdivisions. She has found a problem with the Madsen Subdivision. At the time that Madsen Subdivision was platted and approved the code required lots under 5 acres to be on a community system. Madsen Subdivision is not following this requirement. She would like the Commissioners to sign an acknowledgement for future landowners in Madsen Subdivision. The acknowledgement would make the landowners aware that they will not be held to the community system requirement.
- JoAnna met with IDEQ last week and they have concerns about population growth in Idaho and the rules being too lenient. They would like to see more preventative measures to avoid a groundwater contamination issue. They would eventually like to conduct a meeting with the area counties to brainstorm some ideas about how to handle all the development in rural areas.
- JoAnna explained that the ideal situation is to have as many people as possible on a community system.
- Commissioner Christensen asked what the associated costs are with a community septic system. JoAnna said the estimated cost is between \$5,000 to \$8,000 of additional costs beyond a basic septic system.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to acknowledge the plat as the governing rule for the Madsen Subdivision concerning wells and septic systems. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bailey Creek was platted to be a community system. Bailey Creek basically consists of ½ acre lots. There is not enough space to allow each home to have their own systems. JoAnna believes that the residents are all on individual septic systems; however, they share a community water system. She is trying to obtain a map that was drawn up in 1983 by the land developer. Randy Vranes, the president of the homeowner's association, is helping her in trying to locate the map. She has been told that the map consists of 145 lots. She is trying to determine the total number of remaining building lots according to the map.

- JoAnna was advised in a training that she attended last year in Boise that operation planning is important. Maintaining current data is crucial when trying to create a plan. This portion should take place before a comprehensive plan is finalized.
- She would like to meet with each department head within the county to establish what their individual needs are. It would be a simple question and answer session. She will compile the information after she meets with them. She was provided a template to assist her through this process. The Commissioners granted her permission to proceed.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into Board of Equalization. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Aaron explained that last year the Commissioners accepted an exception from the Historical Society, the Chesterfield Foundation, and the Lions Club. Aaron asked if they would like to renew the exemptions for these three organizations again this year. All three Commissioners agreed to the renewal for the named organizations.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to exempt property taxes for the three organizations as presented by Aaron Cook. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to come out of Board of Equalization. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shalayne Bartschi and Lucetta Holt, Caribou County Senior Citizens Center:

- When the architect came to look at the plans for the kitchen update at the center, a mechanical engineer was also present. They discovered some plumbing issues that need to be addressed.
- An inactive sewer line was incorrectly patched, and part of the piping was removed. They are not sure when the new sewer line was put in and the line in question was partially removed.
- Shalayne asked if the Commissioners would be willing to help with the cost of having the inactive sewer line removed. All the grant money will be used for the kitchen upgrade.
- The Commissioners asked for some formal bids to review, but they do not see a problem with helping with the costs associated for the sewer line repair.
- They are also trying to find out if they should get a bigger water line, as this has been suggested. Lucetta Holt spoke with Alan Skinner with the City of Soda Springs. Alan said the City of Soda Springs may be able to provide some help with the cost if it is determined that a new water line is

needed. Commissioner Mathews said if an upgrade is needed that the county will help with the cost if the City of Soda Springs will help with the cost.

Robert Lau, City of Soda Springs:


- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 10:27 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(e). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested to reconvene to regular session at 11:35 A.M. No decisions were made.

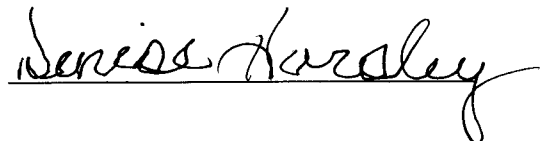
Other:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$394,894.22 and payroll claims in the amount of \$329,182.15 and to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020, special meetings held on both March 16, 2020 and March 18, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Denise Horsley explained that we had a certificate of residency come in that covers costs for the Fall of 2019. She asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to accept it even though it is late. The Commissioners agreed to accept it.
- The Commissioners reviewed the electrical bid from Bear River Electric that was given to them by the Caribou County Fair Board. They agreed to hold off on a decision until another bid comes in.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the presented certificate of residency for Octavio Perez who is taking courses at a junior college. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet April 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

| | 3/23/2020 | Claims | Payroll |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Expense | | \$ 113,908.71 | |
| Indigent | | \$ 7,391.25 | |
| Road & Bridge | | \$ 82,692.46 | |
| Special Highway | | | |
| Justice | | \$ 19,625.44 | |
| Consolidated Election | | \$ 10,808.00 | |
| Weed Control | | | |
| Solid Waste | | \$ 11,096.87 | |
| Reappraisal | | \$ 30.00 | |
| Health | | \$ 795.00 | |
| Hospital M&O | | | |
| Ambulance | | \$ 1,395.77 | |
| Parks & Recreation | | \$ 395.64 | |
| Tort | | \$ 83,148.50 | |
| County Fair | | | |
| County Court Facility | | | |
| District Court | | \$ 1,579.09 | |
| Court Services | | | |
| Juvenile Justice | | | |
| Veteran's Memorial | | | |
| Waterways | | | |
| PILT | | \$ 5,090.00 | |
| Idaho State Treasurer | | \$ 140.38 | |
| City of Soda Springs | | \$ 7,703.31 | |
| City of Bancroft | | \$ 5,607.44 | |
| City of Grace | | \$ 3,057.06 | |
| Bancroft Cemetery | | \$ 61.40 | |
| Central Cemetery | | \$ 14.87 | |
| Fairview Cemetery | | \$ 1,240.59 | |
| Freedom Cemetery | | \$ 23.53 | |
| Grace Cemetery | | \$ 125.48 | |
| Lago Cemetery | | \$ 13.54 | |
| Lava Cemetery | | \$ 1.99 | |
| Lund Cemetery | | \$ 0.22 | |
| Thatcher Cemetery | | \$ 8.91 | |
| Turner Cemetery | | \$ 5.11 | |
| School District #148 | | \$ 1,991.45 | |
| School District #149 | | \$ 1,928.29 | |
| School District #150 | | \$ 22,584.39 | |
| School District #21 | | | |
| Grace Free Library | | \$ 275.50 | |
| Water District | | | |
| TV Translator | | \$ 550.86 | |
| Landfill | | \$ 3,861.26 | |
| Bailey Creek Fire District | | \$ 7.48 | |
| Freedom Fire District | | \$ 62.92 | |
| Auditor's Trust | | | |
| Adult Probation Fee | | | |
| Water District | | | |
| Diversion Education Trust | | | |
| Juvenile Housing Trust | | | |
| Range Improvement Trust | | | |
| Court Trust | | | |
| Centennial Trust | | | |
| College Trust | | | |
| Treasurer's Trust | | | |
| ID Trust | | | |
| Odyssey Court Payments | | \$ 2,893.76 | |
| Concealed Weapon's Trust | | \$ 499.50 | |
| Motor Vehicle Trust | | | |
| 911 Trust | | \$ 4,068.71 | |
| Public Safety Trust | | \$ 209.54 | |
| Weed Control Trust | | | |
| Drug Court Trust | | | |
| Youth Court Trust | | | |
| Vessel Account | | | |
| Grand Total | | \$ 394,894.22 | \$ 329,182.15 |

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 3/23/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

| Time | Name of Person/Party | Concerning |
|----------|-------------------------|--|
| 9:00 AM | Bills & Minutes | |
| 9:15 AM | Eric Hobson | Public Safety |
| 9:30 AM | JoAnna Ashley | P&Z updates |
| 9:45 AM | Aaron Cook | B.O.E. Re-new Exemptions IC 67-44615, 63-602C |
| 10:00 AM | Shalayne Bartschi | Senior Citizens - building structural issues |
| 10:15 AM | Robert Lau / Mitch Hart | City of Soda Springs - Executive Session IC 74-206 € |
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| 5:00 PM | | |

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206

BOE

Fair Board Electric bid

Certificate of Residency - current & past semester

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