

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF April 13, 2020

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on April 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen and Commissioner Bryce Somsen. Also, in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, P&Z Director JoAnna Ashley and Public Safety Director Eric Hobson. The following participants joined the meeting via telephone, Chris Thomas, Molly Stein, Jackie Barthlome, Wayne Bredehoft, Austin Robinson, Mitch Hart, Jon Goode, Sheriff Kelly Wells, Maggie Mann, Oneida County Commissioners, Power County Commissioners, Bannock County Commissioners, Bannock County Clerk Jason Dixon, Craig Davis, Shaunna Hall, Richard Scherbel, Mary Scherbel, Joette Pepper, Heather Ainscough, and Dave Peoples.

Commissioner Mathews was not in attendance.

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

County Commissioners, Elected Officials, School Officials, Caribou Memorial Hospital, Southeastern Idaho Public Health, City Officials Conference Call:

- Chris Thomas explained that 18 individuals have been tested for the COVID-19 virus in Caribou County. One test is still pending. The nursing home residents are all free of the virus.
- Chris Thomas is hoping the stay at home order is extended through the rest of the month.
- Eric Hobson said that EMS is still practicing PPE protocol. They still have a good supply of masks.
- Eric purchased an ozone machine to disinfect the ambulances.
- They are running into a problem with being short staffed on the ambulance. Several local employers have asked their employees to refrain from running on the ambulance during the pandemic.
- The DEQ is asking that we don't issue burn permits right now. They serve as our unofficial governing body so Eric feels like we should follow their recommendation. The concern with non-essential burning relates to COVID-19 possibly causing respiratory complications for some people. A notice will be appearing in the Caribou County Sun to explain this to the public.
- We can apply for disaster relief through FEMA for unexpected costs incurred due to the virus. It will not be a 100 percent match. The paperwork outlining the costs must be submitted by April 24. It has been suggested that we assign a financial chief to figure out all the additional expenses. We should not expect a quick turnaround on the funds from FEMA.
- The Commissioners asked Eric to start drafting the document so we are prepared to submit it if we need to.
- The LEPC meeting for the month of April has been canceled per Hobson.

- Commissioner Somsen asked School Superintendent Molly Stein about high school graduation. She explained that they are working through some ideas. They are considering having something at the drive-in. She is under the impression that the criteria to reopen the schools will be tough to meet.
- Sheriff Wells explained that they are still doing hazmat endorsements at the Sheriff's Office by appointment only. They are also still offering to pickup prescriptions for the elderly community members.
- Mayor Robinson said they have absentee ballot request forms available at the City Hall.
- Mayor Bartholome asked if the county is still going forward with the spring clean-up. Jayson Lower said things are going as planned. Clean up weeks are set for May 4 through May 16. Things are basically business as usual at the solid waste facility per Lower.
- Jon Goode explained that nothing is too out of the ordinary at ITAFOS. They have some staff working from home. They are practicing extra safety protocols. They will keep us updated if he feels like anything is worthy of discussing.
- Mitch Hart asked Eric Hobson if the commodities pick up through the food bank is still scheduled for this Thursday. Eric said that he has not been told otherwise. He doesn't believe it would be canceled since a lot of people need the food.

6th District Commissioners Conference Call:

- Maggie Mann with Southeastern Idaho Public Health explained that 14,881 individuals have been tested statewide. Idaho has 1426 confirmed cases with 27 known fatalities. In this district, there is 10 confirmed cases with no fatalities. 2 of the 10 cases have been hospitalized.
- They have placed a lot of focus on how we could handle a surge in cases. The hospitals are doing a great job handling the virus.
- Southeastern Idaho Public Health strongly encourages the public to practice social distancing.
- Oneida County Commissioner Stokes asked Maggie if the district is adequately supplied if we do have a surge in cases.
- Maggie explained that we have 49 ventilators including portable ones. We don't have much of a supply of the malaria drug that has been mentioned. This drug is not approved by the FDA. The main focus is on ICU beds, regular beds, ventilators, and PPE.
- Maggie explained that they understand there is a gap where testing is concerned. She doesn't understand the hesitation to test an individual if they have symptoms. She agrees that people should not be tested if they don't have any symptoms.

- The Bannock County Commissioners are aware that multiple vehicles have been seen at the Portneuf Wellness Complex at one time. They asked if other communities have noticed a popular place that people are going. No other counties seem to be having that problem.
- It was decided to have a teleconference call on Friday after the Governor has made his decision on the stay at home order.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- Aaron reviewed the latest residential and agricultural ratio studies.
- We are within the recommended tolerances on everything but dry grazing. They put us at 75 percent. It wouldn't take much of an increase to get within the required range. Aaron is optimistic that the increase would only be approximately 5%.
- The tolerance level for residential is 90% to 110% and we are at 89%. Aaron has been doing small increases to avoid a big increase every 5 years.
- Aaron is still aiming to evaluate more rural residential areas when business gets back to normal. He would consider that category to be the most urgent for us. He will place an ad in the paper to let the public know when they will be out in the field doing assessments.
- Aaron has noticed the local housing market still seems to be running strong..

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:

- Donna is requesting that Case Number 2020-5 be approved by the Commissioners. She has found the individual to be medically indigent.
- This applicant will be eligible as of January for Medicaid under the expansion that passed. Donna expects that she will have further health problems associated with her condition. The costs associated with this case were prior to proven Medicaid eligibility.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve Case Number 2020-5 as the applicant has been found medically indigent. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JoAnna Ashley, P&Z:

- JoAnna held the Planning and Zoning meeting to discuss the re-plat for the Caribou Blue Landing Subdivision.

- The general consensus from the residents is the county should be partially responsible for the cost of the surveying. They are also wondering why this wasn't brought to their attention before now. She received a bid from Wade Olorenshaw of approximately \$4,000 to have the plat drawn up.
- She has explained to the property owners that illegal land splits have taken place and if they opt out of participating in this process, they will have no developmental rights.
- Commissioner Somsen asked how these got through the title companies. JoAnna said she was told by an individual from a title company that they only verify ownership of the property.
- Mary Scherbel said she is mostly interested in what the costs are going to be. She is in favor of participating in whatever needs to be done.
- Commissioner Christensen let everyone know that Doug Wood had to be in court during this teleconference. He explained that they cannot make a decision today since Doug is not here. The Commissioners are taking statements today and they will consult with Doug as soon as possible.
- Craig Davis pointed out that the county has never maintained the road to his property.
- Terry Poulsen said he is frustrated because he has paid property taxes since 1977 and we are holding a meeting without the prosecutor. He feels like the county is trying to delay everything. Terry also asked if he has recorded surveys already, will more need to be done. JoAnna explained that the land surveyor will have to make that decision. Terry asked how long until a decision will be made. JoAnna explained that the next regular Commissioner meeting is scheduled for April 27. She is hopeful that a decision can be reached that day.
- Heather Ainscough said she is in favor of getting everything in compliance.
- Shaunna Hall would like a guarantee that this will not ever happen again. JoAnna said the plat will serve as the legal binding document.
- JoAnna also explained that going forward more details will be looked at before building permits are issued.
- Shaunna Hall asked who will benefit from the replat being done. JoAnna said the landowners will receive the most benefit. She doesn't feel like the landowners have much of a choice since if they don't agree to proceed and help with the cost, they won't have any future developmental rights on their own property.
- JoAnna will notify all the effected landowners when a decision is reached by the Commissioners.

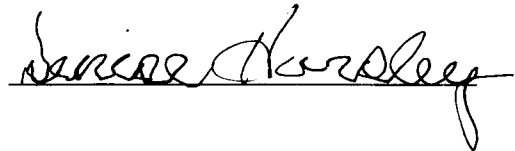
Other:

- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$197,004.14 and payroll claims in the amount of \$487,847.02 and to approve the minutes of March 23, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners approved the bid for \$500 for repairs to be made at the Caribou County Senior Center. The bid was submitted by Dave Davis.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to enter into an agreement with Valley Office Systems for a Sharp MXM501 copy machine for the magistrate court. A set date has not been established for the beginning of the contract. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet April 27, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

4/13/2020	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 21,808.83	
Indigent	\$ 4,459.58	
Road & Bridge	\$ 69,589.16	
Special Highway	\$ 1,440.78	
Justice	\$ 37,242.94	
Consolidated Election	\$ 419.58	
Weed Control	\$ 3,877.40	
Solid Waste	\$ 1,153.92	
Reappraisal		
Health	\$ 18,789.68	
Ambulance	\$ 3,705.66	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 226.36	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 557.55	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 648.02	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing	\$ 25,065.84	
PILT	\$ 2,427.09	
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 #150		
School District #21		
Grace Free Library		
Water District		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 1,381.20	
College Trust	\$ 500.00	
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 1,101.98	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 222.86	
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 459.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust	\$ 1,926.21	
Drug Court Trust		
Weed Control Trust		
Oregon Trail - BLScenic Byway		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 197,004.14	\$ 487,847.02

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 4/13/2020

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	County Commissioners, Elected Officials, School Officials City Officials	Conference Call 425-436-6363 Access Code: 519021
9:15 AM		
9:30 AM		
9:45 AM	Bills & Minutes	
10:00 AM	6th District Commissioner	
10:15 AM		
10:30 AM		
10:45 AM	Assessor Aaron Cook	Ag Values Ratio Study
11:00 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
11:15 AM	Planning & Zoning - JoAnna Ashley	Caribou Blue Landing
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

Bid on floor joist repair

Bid for copier in Magistrate Court

Approve Liquor License for the Paris Grill LLC DBA Cedar View Supper Club

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