

## COMMISSIONER MEETING OF May 28, 2019

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on May 28, 2019 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, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Landfill Supervisor Jayson Lower, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, P&Z Secretary JoAnna Ashley, Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall, IT & GIS Supervisor Jacob Farnes, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, Terri Stephens, Galen Wilson, Craig Shuler, Jackie Lester, Kristi Allred, and Casey Coleman.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

### **Kim Spencer/Brett Barfuss, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim reported that they are working on cattle guards. They are hoping to get them all done this week. They have decided to replace the cattle guard at Cow Camp. It needs extended out.
- The front assist on the grader needs repaired. The estimated cost is \$14,493.00 and they are at least 3 weeks out. It comes with a 3-year warranty.
- Commissioner Christensen asked if Kim is planning on chip sealing the Chesterfield Highway. Kim said it is on the schedule.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene to executive session at 9:15 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(c). Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to reconvene to regular session at 9:26 A.M. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- It was again discussed and decided by the Commissioners not to proceed with the purchase of the cinder pit that Rory and Randy Lloyd spoke with the Commissioners about in a previous meeting.

### **Eric Hobson, EMS & Fire:**

- They performed a test last year on the coverage in Caribou County thru AT&T First Net. They found several dead zones. They tested it out again this year and it is much better. There is a couple of dead zones on River Road and Mountain Road, but Eric found the overall coverage to be comparable to Verizon.
- First Net offers governmental plans that will be a savings of approximately 50 percent. The plans are offered specifically to first responders.
- Another positive side is the service comes with no contract period, if you sign up and are not happy with the coverage, you can opt out with no penalties.

- The incident command trailer needs a new generator. He has shopped around and found one for approximately \$700.
- Commissioner Christensen suggested that he get a reliable one even if it costs more. It will last longer and will be much quieter. The other two Commissioners agreed. They suggested either a Honda or Briggs and Stratton. Eric will continue to shop around.
- They lost a couple more EMT's to retirement. He is possibly going to have another EMT class this winter.

**Dwight Lloyd, Weed:**

- Dwight would like to pay the participants for the Dyer's Woad program in-house. He has spoken to Jayson at the landfill and they decided to have the bags brought to the landfill. The landfill will provide Denise Horsley a receipt and the participants will be paid by the Clerk's Office.
- White Top day in Thatcher is scheduled for Thursday, May 30.

**Jayson Lower, Landfill:**

- Jayson provided a stat sheet on free garbage week. They took in 846 loads. The total tonnage for the loads was 797 tons.
- They also took in 2,102 tires. This was an increase from last year.
- They are trying to keep up with the mud at the landfill due to the wet weather. They have put down 50 tons of material.
- Jayson was approached by the Chesterfield Foundation about hauling some trash to the landfill. They only have one vehicle that is not road worthy. Jayson asked the Commissioners if he would be able to help them. The Commissioners suggested that he provide a trailer and haul the trash for them. Jayson will find out what kind of material they have and possibly take two trailers.

**Galen Wilson and Craig Shuler, Caribou County Historical Society:**

- The Historical Society has come up with an idea to help promote the centennial for Caribou County.
- They have spoken to several businesses in Soda Springs about placing vinyl pictures in their storefront windows to display historical pictures from within our county. The majority of the businesses were in favor of this idea.

- Craig said he hopes that it would encourage people to take a walking tour of downtown Soda Springs and may even result in extra foot traffic for our local small businesses. It could also be a field trip opportunity for our local school districts. He thinks that the businesses would be willing to keep them displayed for an extended period of time.
- The vinyl pictures would be 4 feet tall and 3 feet wide.
- The Historical Society would provide a brochure to the public that would provide information about each picture.
- They would like to help the businesses with the cost of getting the vinyl pictures made. The cost to have them made is approximately \$200 each. Their goal is to have between 15 and 20 on display in Soda Springs and possibly a few in Grace. Chesterfield may want to get involved as well. They intend to reach out to both of them soon.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to donate \$1000 to the Caribou County Historical Society to promote the centennial celebration. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Kelly Wells, Sheriff:**

- Sheriff Wells presented what the meal per diem is currently. He also presented what the GSA per diem rates are for Idaho.
- Sheriff Wells feels that the rate needs to be increased to be more current. He said he has noticed when he travels that \$34 typically doesn't cover meals for an entire day. The Commissioners agreed that employees should have enough to cover their meals.
- Commissioner Mathews suggested that we wait for the new budget year to begin the change. The new rates will be \$13 for breakfast, \$14 for lunch and \$23 for dinner for each full day that an employee is traveling.
- Commissioner Christensen said he would like to get it on the schedule to have Oneida County be able to tour of our jail on July 17 after their 4-county meeting.

**Jackie Lester, Air Methods:**

- Jackie works with Air Idaho/Air Methods. She introduced Casey Coleman and Kristi Allred. Casey is the Flight EMT and Kristi is the Flight Nurse.
- When they set up base in Soda Springs, they offered Caribou County residents a program known as Air Idaho Advantage. This was a membership program. They are no longer offering the Advantage program.
- They are currently offering a patient advocacy program. Basically, any patient that flies with them will be offered this program regardless of membership status. A patient advocate will work with the patient's insurance company to keep their out of pocket expenses down as much as possible.

- She understands why our Emergency Medical Services staff and Sheriff's Office staff is concerned with the change. They want to be a valued member of our community and maintain good relationships with our Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services.
- Jackie explained that the average bill is between \$30,000 and \$60,000. They had 32 flights in Caribou County in 2018 and the average out of pocket cost for the patient was \$64.
- Jackie also explained that the current reciprocity agreement with Life Flight will end when our membership with Air Methods expires in July. They are no longer going to have a reciprocity agreement with Life Flight.

**JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning,**

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene to executive session at 11:36 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a). Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to reconvene to regular session at 11:52 A.M. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The decision was made to have JoAnna continue working part-time as the Planning and Zoning Secretary. She may start on a full-time basis at a later date.

**Angie Mendenhall, Treasurer:**

- Angie sent out a few letters in January for delinquent property taxes. She had one property owner that paid his balance mid-March. The letter clearly stated that the full balance was due on February 8. His late payment resulted in fines and penalties in the amount of \$370.00. This individual has been delinquent in the past.
- She asked the Commissioners if they feel that she should proceed with the tax deed process for this landowner. He has not paid any part of the \$370.00.
- The Commissioners suggested that she proceed with the tax deed process on this individual.
- She has two others that she will be recording a tax deed for delinquent property taxes. One property is in Caribou Village Subdivision Phase I and the other is in Squaw Creek Subdivision Phase I. The auction will be held in August.

**Jacob Farnes, IT & GIS:**

- Jacob has had some requests for a conference phone. This is similar to what they have upstairs in the courtroom. He was quoted \$871.00 for the equipment.

- He has been looking around for another TV for the Commissioners Chambers. He is estimating \$1,000 or less should cover the cost. The electrical labor will come with some additional costs.
- To finish the data wiring at the courthouse, Twisted Technologies gave an estimate of \$10,000. Jacob received another quote from a different vendor and they were substantially higher. He doesn't have enough in his budget to cover this. Denise has some extra in her budget that has not been used.
- Commissioner Mathews asked what the \$3000 invoice from Computer Arts was paying for. Terri explained that it is a monthly software contract invoice. They also have been told that we should be expecting a 3% increase for the next budget year.

**Terri Stephens:**

- The Project Warmth Golf Tournament is coming up on July 27. Terri asked if the Commissioners would be willing to make a donation or sponsor a team.
- Terri said to her knowledge the county is not going to have a team this year. Denise thought that we had a designated spot and we should ask around to see if anyone would like to golf in the tournament if the Commissioners are willing to sponsor the team.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to donate \$300 to sponsor a team and \$250 for a donation to Project Warmth. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:**

- On Case Number 2019-17, Donna has found out that the individual has Medicare so we are not the last resource. She asked the Commissioners to deny this case.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to deny Case Number 2019-17 since the county was not the last resource. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Also, Donna requested that the Commissioners sign the standard liens for this case. She will have them released after the appeal period has expired.

**Other:**

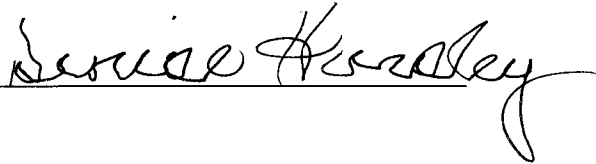
- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$415,215.27 and payroll claims in the amount of \$178,329.75 and to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019 as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit were presented to the Commissioners for Approval. The following students are taking course through Idaho Jr. Colleges. Post High School, Hugo Plancarte, and Charlotte Barger. Commissioner Somsen made the motion to approve the Certificate of Residency/Affidavit. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 01:30 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet June 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley

  
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Approved Payment of Bills		
28-May-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 15,461.29	
Indigent	\$ 9,495.56	
Road & Bridge	\$ 33,760.83	
Special Highway	\$ 14,824.37	
Justice	\$ 21,285.39	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 24,143.17	
Solid Waste	\$ 3,511.18	
Reappraisal	\$ 8,949.27	
Health	\$ 851.13	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 998.54	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 13,422.36	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 527.16	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 232.25	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 5,347.65	
Idaho State Treasurer	\$ 30.00	
School District #148	\$ 30,315.18	
Central Cemetery	\$ 320.76	
Fairview Cemetery	\$ 6,703.57	
Freedom Cemetery	\$ 85.77	
Grace Cemetery	\$ 1,327.00	
Lago Cemetery	\$ 204.72	
Lund Cemetery	\$ 82.58	
Thatcher Cemetery	\$ 155.40	
Turner Cemetery	\$ 190.61	
School District #149	\$ 11,175.37	
School District #150	\$ 113,238.82	
School District #21		
City of Soda Springs	\$ 42,251.24	
City of Bancroft	\$ 9,294.35	
City of Grace	\$ 12,737.97	
Bancroft Cemetery	\$ 550.13	
Lava Cemetery	\$ 3.97	
Grace Free Library	\$ 3,290.97	
TV Translator	\$ 773.80	
Caribou County Solid Waste	\$ 3,702.95	
Bailey Creek Fire District	\$ 82.41	
Freedom Fire District	\$ 199.32	
Waterways		
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust	\$ 200.00	
Road & Bridge Trust		
Odyssey Court Payments		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Water District		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 24,080.00	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 15.75	
911 Trust	\$ 758.00	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 634.48	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds		
Vessel Account		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 415,215.27</b>	<b>\$ 178,329.75</b>

# CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 5/13/2019

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 & Fire
9:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Dept
10:00 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill
10:15 AM	Craig Shuler / Historical Society	Vinyl pictures for businesses
10:30 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	Jackie Lester	Air Methods
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	JoAnna Ashley - Planning & Zoning	Employment - Executive Session 74-206a
11:45 AM	Angie Mendenhall	Pending Issue - Tax Deeds
NOON	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Jacob Farnes	Remodel data wiring
1:15 PM	Terri Stephens	Project Warmth Donation
1:30 PM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. 74-206

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Certificate of Residency approvals

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