

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF October 14, 2019

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on October 14, 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, Planning & Zoning JoAnna Ashley, Building Inspector Blake Poulsen, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Caribou County Extension Lisa Barfuss, Jackie Barthlome, Wayne Bredehoft, Alan Skinner, Karen Crane, Keller Crane, Lori Anne Lau, Paul Gritton, Laura Johnson, Nick Johnson, Norm Johnson, Christine Gilbert, Terri Stephens, Cindy Bunderson, Wendy Rasmussen, Bonneville County Commissioner Dave Radford, Bonneville County Commissioner Bryon Reed by tel-conference.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The Diamond Creek Bridge was completed on October 12. They ended up using 4 feet of fill.
- Slug Creek Road to Caldwell Canyon will be maintained by Bayer through November. They will not be needing any snow removal after November.
- They put a cattle guard on Gilbert Road and will be putting two cattle guards on Ivins Road tomorrow.

Blake Poulsen, Building Inspector:

- The sewer line at the SEICAA building was having some issues. Blake explained that the line has several 45-degree angles. He had to call a few different plumbers because a couple of them didn't have snakes long enough to reach the clogs. Blake said this will continue to be a problem since the angles do not have clean outs. The problem has been fixed for the time being.
- Blake met with Ted with Booth Architecture and Shannon with Construction Services last week regarding the courthouse remodel. They would like to get going on the basement floor in December.
- Commissioner Somsen asked how they are planning to handle the sewer issues in the basement of the courthouse. Blake suggested that we put in an additional pump.

- Blake explained that water is building up in the probation room under the stairs. He asked the Commissioners if they would like to get this fixed. Commissioner Mathews suggested that the slope be fixed rather than tearing the stairs out.
- Blake reported building permits issued since July 22, 2019. He has issued 26 permits. Permit fees totaled \$31,969.00 with property valuation of \$6,009,160.00.

Kelly Wells, Sheriff:

- Kelly explained that the cooperative agreement with the Forest Service was increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000. This pays the salary for county officers to patrol on federal land.
- They are considering purchasing a Yamaha Grizzly with tracks for Search and Rescue. They have the funds available. The total cost from Outback Motor Sports is \$5830.00. Commissioner Somsen said that sounds like a great price.
- The fire hydrant will be getting installed soon.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchase of a 2019 Yamaha Grizzly for \$5,830.00 from Outback Motor Sports. \$4,000 of the cost will come from the county budget and \$1,830 will come from the Search and Rescue budget. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene to executive session @ 9:53 A.M pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews requested to reconvene to regular session at 10:02 A.M. No decisions were made.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to accept the cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to change the reimbursement from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for patrol purposes. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Department:

- Dwight and Kelly Swensen have been working on the new truck. He has made several purchases to get the truck ready for next year.

- Commissioner Somsen asked when Dwight would like the grader to be delivered to Grays Lake. Dwight said right away would be best.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if Dwight has heard any feedback on his noxious weed ad that he put in the Caribou County Sun. Dwight said not much yet. He also added that the State of Idaho is considering adding Russian Olives to the list.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Eric explained that many years ago the county purchased a tan bus. The brakes have always been a concern and the engine is blown. He doesn't see that it benefits the county to keep it and it would be costly to get it repaired. He asked if he could have it hauled away for scrap metal.
- The Commissioners suggested that Eric contact Kim Spencer to see if the Road and Bridge Department would haul it to Preston to Idaho Salvage.
- Eric explained that he only has two people interested in taking the EMT class at this point. This is concerning since only four completed the last class and we recently lost nine volunteers.

Jacob Farnes/Denise Horsley:

- Jacob received a phone bid from Advantage Phone Systems. Jacob said he has a few concerns.
- He realizes that the cost looks appealing; however, it would create extra work for the IT Department and he believes this change could potentially create ongoing issues.
- Jacob recommends that we purchase all new equipment. Refurbished equipment is typically problematic.
- Denise Horsley has big concerns if our phones would be down if the internet goes down.
- The Commissioners agreed to put this idea on hold for now.

City/County Meeting:

- Jackie Barthlome said nothing to discuss in Grace. They are just getting ready for winter.
- Alan Skinner with the City of Soda Springs said he didn't bring anything to discuss today. Commissioner Somsen asked Alan to discuss the proposed recreation district.
- Jackie Barthlome asked if the recreational district passed would it involve all of Caribou County or just the City of Soda Springs. Alan said it could involve all of Caribou County.

- Alan explained that he has just begun looking at all of the details involved when creating a recreational district. He is not aware where the city council members stand on this idea.
- Alan has briefly looked at how Cascade has put theirs together. They have a flat fee for lots with homes.
- Jackie Barthlome said that she spoke with the mayor of Cascade at a meeting and she explained to her that she is not happy with the results.
- Jackie Barthlome asked Eric if the ambulance can work out of the hospital. Eric explained that this can be done; however, a dedicated staff is still needed. Eric also explained that hiring a contractor has been discussed, but he hasn't heard positive feedback on that either.

Lisa Barfuss, Extension Office:

- Lisa has a trip scheduled in West Virginia for November 2 through November 8. She applied for and received a \$750 scholarship to go towards the cost of the trip.
- She asked if the Commissioners have any concerns with her leaving the state to attend the seminar. They said no concerns and they appreciated her applying for the scholarship.

Lori Anne Lau, Keller Crane, Karen Crane:

- Lori Anne said she has been told that our Commissioners are in support of the Bear River Heritage Area designation.
- She explained that this designation has been proven to have negative impacts on private and federal lands. She would like them to reconsider their position.
- Lori Anne referenced a letter from 2007 that was written by the National Center for Public Policy Research to congressional leaders and pertinent committee members. The letter asks to halt the creation of heritage areas.
- The creation of heritage areas creates confusion and creates another layer of bureaucracy per Lori Anne. They influence individuals with city and county planning and zoning with all of the money that they have.
- Karen Crane explained that she serves on the Board of the Caribou County Farm Bureau. They had a meeting in September and discussed heritage areas.
- In 2017, many farmers and ranchers faced a battle over installing power lines. In Karen's opinion, several citizens weren't prepared for this and were fairly naive with this process.

- She believes that once the federal government gets ahold of our private property, the landowner loses control.
- Keller Crane disagrees with the basic premise on this whole idea. He believes that they want access to private ground because they can't get access to federal ground.
- Commissioner Mathews explained that they have an upcoming 4-county meeting and they will discuss this with other County Commissioners.

JoAnna Ashley, Public Hearing:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing to discuss a variance at the request of Christine Gilbert. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna explained that Christine Gilbert has applied for a 12-foot variance on the 20-foot setback requirement. Their garage burned down in June and they would like to place a new one in the same place, but the new one would be deeper than the previous one.
- Their neighbor, Pat Lozier, has no issues with the variance request and JoAnna has received no negative feedback regarding their request.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission was in favor of Christine Gilbert's request per JoAnna.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the 12-foot setback variance request for Christine Gilbert. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- No opposition was present for today's public hearing.

JoAnna Ashley, Public Hearing:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing to discuss a variance at the request of Johnson Farms. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna Ashley explained that is a variance of 33 feet in an agricultural zone.
- JoAnna presented some pictures of the foundation. The pictures were taken from several angles of the road to show how it could be problematic once the building is standing.
- JoAnna explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission was in favor of the variance.
- JoAnna has received several unanimous notes concerning the safety of the building placement. She has also received two verbal complaints also concerning safety.

- Nick Johnson explained that he reviewed the variance request. It states that they are asking for a special privilege. He took pictures and presented them showing that several buildings sit closer to a road than their building would be, so he does not understand how what they are asking for is a special privilege.
- JoAnna explained that she measured for the site triangle and the placement does not meet the requirements.
- Commissioner Christensen asked the Johnson's how they would feel about having the building put up in a different location if the county will cover the cost. Norm Johnson said that would be fine. He explained that they apologize for the misunderstanding, they never had any intentions to be out of compliance.
- Commissioner Somsen explained that if an accident occurred because of the placement of the equipment shed the county could be held liable.
- Norm explained that they have invested \$22,000 into the project so far and that would be a fair amount if the county is willing to pay that much towards the new foundation.
- Commissioner Mathews asked that the new foundation be flagged and have the county come measure before any concrete is poured.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to deny the variance request made by Johnson Farms and require the setbacks to follow the county standards. The county will pay \$22,000 towards the reconstruction of the foundation. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JoAnna Ashley, Public Hearing:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing to discuss adopting the new subdivision ordinance 2019-05. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission asked for Kootenai County to be replaced with Caribou County in the lot consolidation wording and also remove the line item 1.3.11 due to the fact that it conflicts with the minimum requirements in the agricultural zone. Commissioner Mathews agreed that we should keep things as short as possible.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to adopt Ordinance 2019-05 as the new subdivision ordinance with the 2 corrections previously described. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Terri Stephens:

- Terri asked why we deduct the counties portion from the \$6,000 that the county receives from the Supreme Court when figuring her yearly payout for her role as the drug court secretary.
- Terri has looked back at Commissioner minutes and can't find anything that indicates why it is handled this way.
- Denise Horsley said her understanding is Terri agreed to this when she took the position.
- Terri said other employees are doing additional duties and getting additional pay and they don't have to take a cut like this.
- Terri contacted Franklin County to see how they handle it. She was told that the individual gets paid \$230.77 each pay period, which equals the full \$6,000 for the year. Denise said their employee does not do drug court duties during regular business hours.
- Terri said if she is expected to do drug court duties out of regular business hours, she will resign from the drug court position.
- Doug Wood suggested that Terri call the Supreme Court to see if they will pay her directly if she isn't happy with this arrangement.
- Wendy Rasmussen said she is paid for court assistance under the same circumstances and she would also like to know why they are required to figure in the county portion of PERSI and taxes.
- Wendy asked the Commissioners to get back with them on their decision.

Bonneville County via phone:

- Commissioner Dave Radford and Commissioner Bryon Reed joined the meeting via phone.
- Dave explained that they found out that the postal service is also an issue with the snowplowing on Grays Lake Road. They deliver medications to residents on that road.
- Bonneville County contacted the homeowner that is the furthest out for our plow driver and explained the situation to her. They were told that she has nowhere else to live.
- The Bonneville County Commissioners are planning to make the homeowner aware that this will be the last year that plowing will be provided to her.
- They are willing to reimburse us at the overtime rate as discussed in the last meeting.

Caribou County Fair Board:

FY 2019

Approved Payment of Bills			
	4-Oct-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$	45,316.15	
Indigent	\$	6,335.72	
Road & Bridge	\$	30,734.04	
Special Highway			
Justice	\$	11,696.17	
Consolidated Election			
Weed Control	\$	1,401.32	
Solid Waste	\$	549.84	
Reappraisal	\$	14,307.64	
Health	\$	1,065.91	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance	\$	9,013.72	
Parks & Recreation	\$	93.60	
Tort			
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court	\$	5,079.14	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice	\$	359.39	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT	\$	5,561.89	
Idaho State Treasurer			
School District #148			
Central Cemetery			
Fairview Cemetery			
Freedom Cemetery			
Grace Cemetery			
Lago Cemetery			
Lund Cemetery			
Thatcher Cemetery			
Turner Cemetery			
School District #149			
School District #150			
School District #21			
City of Soda Springs			
City of Bancroft			
City of Grace			
Bancroft Cemetery			
Lava Cemetery			
Grace Free Library			
TV Translator			
Caribou County Solid Waste			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Waterways			
Tax Deed Excess Funds			
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID	\$	52,736.68	
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust			
Road & Bridge Trust			
Odyssey Court Payments	\$	51,606.54	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Water District			
Court Trust			
Centennial Trust			
College Trust	\$	500.00	
Treasurer's Trust	\$	105,462.05	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust			
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$	35,484.25	
911 Trust	\$	30,503.11	
Range Improvement			
Public Safety Trust	\$	422.34	
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds			
Soft Cost & Video Arraignment			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total	\$	408,229.50	

FY 2020

Approved Payment of Bills			
	4-Oct-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 16,931.69	
Indigent			
Road & Bridge		\$ 1,813.92	
Special Highway			
Justice			
Consolidated Election		\$ 6,193.00	
Weed Control			
Solid Waste			
Reappraisal			
Health		\$ 17,463.75	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 1,676.47	
Parks & Recreation			
Tort		\$ 83,148.50	
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 3,292.51	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice			
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT		\$ 18,452.86	
Idaho State Treasurer			
School District #148			
Central Cemetery			
Fairview Cemetery			
Freedom Cemetery			
Grace Cemetery			
Lago Cemetery			
Lund Cemetery			
Thatcher Cemetery			
Turner Cemetery			
School District #149			
School District #150			
School District #21			
City of Soda Springs			
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Caribou County Solid Waste			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Waterways			
Tax Deed Excess Funds			
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID			
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust		\$ 40.00	
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			
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust			
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust			
Range Improvement			
Public Safety Trust			
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds			
Soft Cost & Video Arraignment			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total		\$ 149,012.70	\$ 491,119.83

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 10/14/2019

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Blake Poulsen	Building Department/Maintenance
9:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed
10:00 AM	Eric Hobson	School Bus
10:15 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
10:30 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff / sign Forest Service Agreement/ Ex. Session 74-206a
10:45 AM	Jacob Farnes / Denise Horsley	Telecommunication Proposal
11:00 AM	City/County Meeting	
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Lisa Barfuss	Extension / out of state travel expense
11:45 AM	LoriAnne Lau	National Heritage Area - Bear River
NOON	LUNCH	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Planning & Zoning Public Hearing	Christine Gilbert - Variance
1:30 PM	Planning & Zoning Public Hearing	Johnson Farm - Variance
1:45 PM	Planning & Zoning Public Hearing	Subdivision Ordinance Adoption
2:00 PM	Terri Stephens	Drug Court Coordinator Salary
2:15 PM	Bonneville County	Snow Removal
2:30 PM		
2:45 PM		
3:00 PM		
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4:00 PM		
4:15 PM		
4:30 PM		
4:45 PM		
5:00 PM		

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

ACTION ITEMS:

B.O.E.

Re-sign Ada County Coroner Agreement

- Commissioner Mathews said he has been in contact with the Fair Board about purchasing a new tractor. They have been having some issues with their current one. They have found a newer one for \$38,000 and someone has said they would donate \$6,000 towards the purchase price. The Fair Board currently doesn't have the funds available. Commissioner Mathews asked the other two Commissioners if he should have a formal bid drawn up and the county could pay for the tractor. They both agreed that it sounds like a good idea to purchase a newer one.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to purchase a 2015 John Deere 5100M for the Caribou County Fair Board for \$32,000 from Stotz Equipment. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the claims approval report dated October 11, 2019 in the amount of \$557,242.20, the payroll claims approval report dated October 11, 2019 in the amount of \$491,119.83 and the Commissioner minutes from the September 23, 2019 meeting as presented.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 2:39 P.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen requested to reconvene to regular session at 3:14 P.M. The decision was made that no changes will be made when paying Terri Stephens and Wendy Rasmussen their yearly payout for additional duties.
- Denise Horsley asked the Commissioners to re-sign the agreement with Ada County for pathology services. They had added a wording change after the last version was already signed. The change did not involve costs associated with the agreement.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to add the Caribou County Fair Board to the agenda. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M. The next Commissioners meeting will be held on October 28, 2019 starting at 9 A.M.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley


