

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF November 12 2019

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on November 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, 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, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Landfill Supervisor Jayson Lower, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, EMS Director Larry Weaver, MaLissa Barfuss, Dave Radford, Roger Christensen, Bryon Reed, and Lance Bates via phone, Kerry Hong, Rob Naftz, Mitch Brown, and, JoAnn Martinez.

Commissioner Mathews was not in attendance.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer with Road and Bridge, Bonneville County Commissioners and Lance Bates via phone:

- Commissioner Radford said the Jack Knife agreement needs renewed. The current one expired in 2018. Kim Spencer agreed that it is a year-to-year agreement.
- Kim Spencer explained that the arrangement in the past was Caribou would plow Jack Knife and Bonneville would plow our portion in Grays Lake. The scenario has changed since they no longer have an employee in Bonneville County.
- Kim further explained that the standing agreement is different for summer maintenance and winter maintenance. The agreement has been, during the summer, Bonneville will maintain Bridge Creek and we will maintain Jack Knife.
- Lance Bates asked if the 17.3 miles includes Jack Knife. Kim said it does include Grays Lake and Jack Knife.
- Kim explained that the Tri-County agreement is also with Lincoln County and includes winter and summer maintenance.
- Bonneville County would like to separate the winter and summer agreements. It gets too confusing when trying to combine all of them into one agreement.
- Commissioner Somsen said if they are more comfortable with doing them as separate agreements, we will work with them on that.
- Bonneville County will look over the winter agreement that we sent them and sign it today if they agree to the terms.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- The Commissioners said that we should do it for the cost savings. They also agreed that employees that refuse to do the training will be forfeiting their Christmas bonus next year. They asked Eric to keep track of those employees that do not complete the training.
- The EMT class starts this Thursday, November 14. They have 20 individuals signed up for the class. 7 individuals are from Grace, 1 from Bancroft and the remaining are from the Soda Springs area.
- Hobson explained that two of the A/C units at the Rabbit Hill site had mechanical issues. One of the units was repaired by a simple recharge, but the other unit had to be replaced. The total cost for both is approximately \$6700.
- They also had a pump that broke during the house fire in Grays Lake. He is still waiting to find out what the total cost is going to be have it repaired. The pump is 29 years old.

Canvass Votes:

- MaLissa Barfuss was present while the Commissioners canvassed the votes.
- The Commissioners canvassed the votes from the November 5 elections.

Kerry Hong, Judge Naftz, and JoAnn Martinez:

- Kerry introduced Judge Naftz to the Commissioners as the new ADJ for District 6 and JoAnn Martinez as the Sixth Judicial District Problem-Solving Court Coordinator. Kerry explained to the Commissioners the duties of the ADJ and touched on how the judicial chain of command works.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene to executive session @ 1:45 P.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a) Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen requested to reconvene to regular session at 3:00 P.M. No decisions were made.

Other:

- Commissioner Bryce Somsen moved to pay the claims for FY 2019 & 2020 in the amount of \$227,014.32 and payroll claims in the amount of \$321,018.59 and to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019 as amended. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners signed the Quit Claim Deed that conveys property to the Church of Latter Day Saints due to the road realignment by the Caribou Memorial Hospital.

- Kim was planning on trading in a grader, but has discovered that we could get more for it if we take bids for it.
- We received one bid for the truck that was discussed in a previous meeting. A public notice was also placed in the local newspaper.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept the bid from Laef Wallin for \$2550 for the truck bed with the hoist and \$2050 without the hoist and the drop axle for \$1050 all in as-is condition. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- There is a mobile home that sits close to the railroad tracks in Bancroft. Angie had it on a list for a Sheriff's sale due to unpaid taxes.
- The individual that had resided in the mobile home has passed away. The family has informed the county that the railroad had a standing agreement that the occupant could reside in the home and pay the taxes, but the deed would remain in the Union Pacific Rail Road's name.
- Aaron doesn't believe that Union Pacific has been receiving the tax notices.
- Doug Wood suggested that the Commissioners forgive any penalties and interest. The taxes owed are approximately \$100.00. Aaron will make sure future correspondence is sent to Union Pacific.
- The Commissioners agreed to wait to do a formal motion until Angie Mendenhall is present.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Supervisor:

- Jayson Lower will oversee the water shed for the winter months.
- Dwight would like to tear out the snow fence that runs along Valley View Road to Chesterfield. He thinks it would be a good community service project for a group of individuals. The fence is unsightly and could be considered a public hazard. Their side by sides got tangled up in it this summer when they were spraying weeds. Dwight will do some further research and report back to the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Somsen informed Dwight that the grader was delivered to Dwight's house this morning.

Jayson Lower, Landfill:

- We have officially reached and exceeded the 20 tons per day maximum for the calendar year.
- One of the local contractors has asked for a key to the water shed. Jayson asked if he should provide him with one. Commissioner Somsen recommended that we keep things as they have been with a limited amount of keys available. Jayson agreed that this is the best option.

- The lease on the 963 loader comes up in August of next year. Jayson will make a decision about it in January. He doesn't believe the landfill can get by without a loader. He will keep the Commissioners updated.
- The Fall water testing is complete and everything turned out good.
- Commissioner Somsen asked why the recycling market is so up in the air right now. Jayson explained that due to some business changes the market has been fluctuating. Things are going well in the eastern part of the United States with the recycling market. It seems to be an issue within our region only.

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:

- Donna has been working on a new case. The applicant went to the hospital on August 20. She was told to go to the emergency room and she declined because she didn't have any health insurance.
- Donna requested that the Commissioners deny case 2020-01 because the application was not timely filed.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to deny application 2020-01 because it was not timely filed. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kelly Wells, Sheriff:

- Sheriff Wells asked the Commissioners to praise his detention staff when they see them. They have been working hard on getting their IPREA certification, which is the state standard. They are also on track to getting PREA certified by next October. PREA is recognized as the national standard. Wells further explained that it takes a lot of extra work and responsibility to reach this level. He is proud to see the staff making all the efforts to reach these two certifications.
- Commissioner Somsen asked what the benefits are to becoming PREA certified. Doug Wood said it makes us stand out and allows us to be more competitive. Sheriff Wells said it also reduces liability and puts our jail facility in the top tier.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- ICRMP sent out information on the discount program that we participated in last year. Eric asked if the Commissioners would like to participate again this year. It did save us approximately \$10,000 on our insurance premium last year.

- The Commissioners signed the letter of understanding with Searle and Hart that provides the county auditor services.
- The meeting adjourned at 03:00 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet November 25, 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			
	12-Nov-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 30,610.07	
Indigent		\$ 756.73	
Road & Bridge		\$ 38,683.47	
Special Highway		\$ 38,958.88	
Justice		\$ 16,218.60	
Consolidated Election		\$ 3,709.32	
Weed Control		\$ 10,050.73	
Solid Waste		\$ 910.93	
Reappraisal		\$ 1,445.24	
Health		\$ 1,133.54	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 2,026.14	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 109.23	
Tort			
County Fair			
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 624.45	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice		\$ 4,874.75	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing			
PILT		\$ 173.00	
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		\$ 3,033.58	
Bailey Creek Fire District			
Freedom Fire District			
Auditor's Trust		\$ 40.00	
Road & Bridge Trust			
Odyssey Court Payments		\$ 6,925.21	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Water District			
Court Trust			
Centennial Trust			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust		\$ 3,175.35	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 186.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust		\$ 3,898.25	
Range Improvement			
Public Safety Trust		\$ 275.85	
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds			
Soft Cost & Video Arraignment			
Vessel Account			
Grand Total		\$ 167,819.82	\$ 321,018.59

Approved Payment of Bills		
12-Nov-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 4,062.78	
Indigent		
Road & Bridge	\$ 426.95	
Special Highway		
Justice		
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 50,161.18	
Solid Waste	\$ 3,582.81	
Reappraisal	\$ 40.32	
Health		
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance		
Parks & Recreation		
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court		
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 920.46	
Veteran's Memorial		
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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	\$ 59,194.50	

