

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF December 9, 2019**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on December 9, 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, Crew Lead Brett Barfuss, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Landfill Supervisor Jayson Lower, Indigent Director Donna Ledbetter, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Chief Deputy Matthew Galloway, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Building Inspector & Courthouse Maintenance Blake Poulsen, Planning & Zoning Administrator JoAnna Ashley, Jared Ricks, Shannon Schultz, Alan Skinner, Gregg Hardy, Mike Jenkins, Marc Gibbs, Dillon Liechty, and Randy Ledbetter.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Jared Ricks, Public Defense Commission:**

- They have received all of our annual county reports. Jared asked if we have received them. Denise said that we have not. He will ask them to be forwarded on to us this week. He will also remind the attorneys to send them to us as they become available.
- Jared also asked if we received our assistance checks that were sent out in October. Denise said that we did receive it. He explained that any funding over \$25,000 is to be paid to the attorneys and if we don't use it, he asked that the remaining portion be mailed back.
- Jared explained that they are trying to come up with a model contract for counties to use if they would like to. The models would only be used as a reference, they would not actually put together the contract for the counties.

**Randy Ledbetter, Bayer:**

- Randy explained that they finished removing dirt at Caldwell Canyon on Sunday.
- They have some drilling coming up mid-January. They would like to keep the Slug Creek Road open near the Dry Valley Road intersection for approximately 3.5 miles to allow the drillers access. Commissioner Somsen asked if they will be putting signs up for public awareness.
- Commissioner Mathews suggested that they put a sign up at the intersection indicating authorized vehicles only.

### **Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim presented a contract that needs signed by the Commissioners. It covers snow plowing for Simplot. In past years, the contract was a simple verbal contract. Kim will hand deliver the contract tomorrow.
- The City of Grace would like to purchase the grader that was previously discussed. They can pay half of the cost now, and the other half in the Spring. Commissioner Mathews said if we can help another governmental entity, then we should sell it to them rather than accepting bids for it.
- Kim said that Banks family is willing to purchase a cattle guard next Spring. Kim said he has no problem leaving the gate standing for now.

### **Dwight Lloyd, Weed:**

- Dwight has found out that he is eligible to apply for more grant funding. It is through a new CWMA that covers the western part of the county. The area covered comes south off of the Bingham County line and covers Government Dam Road, Ivins Road, Ten Mile Pass Cutoff Road, and crosses Highway 34 basically to the Franklin County line. The main targets are dyer's woad, leafy spurge, white top, and scotch thistle.
- The dues are \$300 a year, but it will allow us to apply for up to an additional \$50,000 of grant funds.
- The memorandum of understanding will need to have one of the Commissioners signature stamps. Dwight will bring it in to the courthouse tomorrow. They said to use Mark or Phil's stamp.
- We do have to match \$50,000; however, man hours and equipment used counts towards the match.
- Commissioner Somsen asked what other counties are already part of this CWMA. Dwight said Bannock, Oneida, and Franklin are all signed up.
- Denise Horsley asked if the work days will count towards the match. Dwight said that they would also count towards the match.
- Dwight said he has been told that the program is very successful and he has heard positive feedback.
- Dwight said we need to be looking towards the future with our GIS system. We are behind in the times on that aspect. He will possibly look into that when he is budgeting for the next fiscal year.

### **Jayson Lower, Landfill:**

- Jayson presented the tonnage figures for November. The numbers keep gradually increasing from year to year.
- All the landfill employees completed their annual training last week in Pocatello.
- The IDAWY meeting that was scheduled for this week has been moved to next week.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 9:57 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(c). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested that the Commissioners reconvene to regular session at 10:03 A.M. No decisions were made.

**Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:**

- Donna presented four standard release of liens. She has post-dated the releases to allow for the appeal period since the Commissioners will not meet again this month. The case numbers are 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-3, and 2020-4. The Commissioners signed all 4 releases.

**Kelly Wells, Sheriff and Matthew Galloway, Chief Deputy:**

- They are making progress with the Spillman project. We have entered into an agreement with the Montpelier Police Department, Bear Lake County and Oneida County to allow them to piggyback off of our Spillman server. This will lower our maintenance costs by approximately 50%. The other counties will also benefit from the agreement. The project has kept Matt Galloway very busy.

**Eric Hobson, Public Safety:**

- Eric would like to give \$30 gift certificates for Lallatins to the EMT's and firefighters for Christmas. This has been common practice in previous years. He has the funds in his budget. The Commissioners said that would be great.
- The repeater on Sedgwick Peak failed on Thanksgiving. The equipment is 17 years old. Eric has received a bid of approximately \$8,000 for a new replacement. A red warning light appeared on the repeater so Eric is being told the equipment is beyond repair.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to accept the bid for \$8,475 from Day Wireless for a new repeater. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 10:41 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Somsen suggested that the Commissioners reconvene to regular session at 10:43 A.M.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to pay out 25 hours of unused vacation to Eric Hobson and leave the remaining 15 hours on his accruals to be used as soon as possible. Eric was unable to use his vacation hours due to meetings out of state and grant deadlines. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Air Idaho:**

- Commissioner Christensen said that we have heard that Air Idaho is no longer going to have a base in Soda Springs.
- Gregg Hardy replied saying that the rumors are true. After the new year, they will be leaving. He explained that they are not happy about the decision, but on the business side of things they had no choice. He further explained that the volume in this area wasn't what they were expecting.
- EIRMC has reached out to them mainly for NICU purposes and they have accepted their offer.
- Mike Jenkins said he really appreciates the relationships that they have formed with Caribou Memorial Hospital. Gregg also recognized Eric Hobson for helping them with snowplowing. He also said the flight crew has formed several bonds with Caribou County and they will miss this community.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if EIRMC recently lost a helicopter. Greg explained that they have been without one for several years.
- Mike explained that he realizes that this news is disheartening, but Air Idaho can be requested by the patient to come to this area. Flight time from Idaho Falls to Soda Springs is only 28 minutes.

#### **Blake Poulsen, Courthouse Maintenance and Shannon Schultz, Construction Services:**

- Shannon explained that the basement will be done in 2 different phases taking 2 months per phase. They are planning to basically split the hallway in half.
- Shannon also explained that they are planning on installing a grinder pump. They have installed them in other locations and they seem to fix the issues. The pump will also have an alarm system that will remain on until someone turns it off. Shannon also reassured the Commissioners that if the project is over estimated, we will receive a refund for the difference.
- Blake explained that a heater in the restroom is not included in the bid, but he would like to add one if possible.

- The Commissioners said that they would also like all the remaining stairs re-carpeted in the courthouse during this phase as well.
- Blake also presented an invoice from Ted Booth for the architectural planning.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to pay Ted Booth for the amount of \$11,329. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the building remodel upfront cost of \$379,398.00. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:**

- JoAnna has noticed that the comprehensive plan was not adopted correctly and it will need to be re-adopted.
- Doug Wood suggested that we hold a public meeting in January to formally adopt the new comprehensive plan. Planning and Zoning will also hold their meeting in January.
- JoAnna also explained that the wind energy ordinance only explains the guidelines for small use. The definition is unclear. She would like to provide a better definition and provide a better explanation as to what is allowed.
- Commissioner Mathews said he was under the impression that large wind systems are prohibited as things stand currently. JoAnna explained that the most recent ordinance does not indicate that they are prohibited. The Commissioners all agreed that they would like large wind systems to be prohibited.

**Other:**

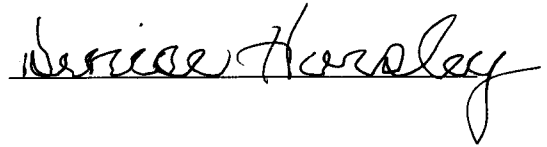
- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$524,065.78 and payroll claims in the amount of \$430,330.63 and to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:56 A.M. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet January 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman



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Attested: Denise Horsley



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Approved Payment of Bills			
	9-Dec-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$	22,209.99	
Indigent	\$	5,521.79	
Road & Bridge	\$	42,013.95	
Special Highway			
Justice	\$	21,421.26	
Consolidated Election			
Weed Control	\$	34.11	
Solid Waste	\$	626.52	
Reappraisal	\$	50.64	
Health	\$	1,138.83	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance	\$	3,182.37	
Parks & Recreation	\$	16.36	
Tort			
County Fair	\$	40,000.00	
County Court Facility			
District Court	\$	1,206.42	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice	\$	792.41	
Veteran's Memorial	\$	8,500.00	
Mineral Leasing	\$	354,974.16	
PILT	\$	14,338.95	
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/Landfill			
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			
Road & Bridge Trust			
Odyssey Court Payments	\$	2,825.19	
Adult Probation Fee			
Diversion Education Trust			
Juvenile Housing Trust			
Water District			
Court Trust			
Centennial Trust			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust	\$	4,174.03	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust			
Motor Vehicle Trust			
911 Trust			
Range Improvement			
Public Safety Trust	\$	1,038.80	
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Youth Court Trust			
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds			
Soft Cost & Video Arraignment			
Vessel Account			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>524,065.78</b>	<b>\$ 430,330.63</b>

**CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA**

**Date: 12/9/2019**

**ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name of Person/Party</b>	<b>Concerning</b>
9:00 AM	Jared Ricks	Public Defender
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge / Slug Creek Road / Grader
9:30 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:00 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill
10:15 AM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
10:30 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:45 AM	Eric Hobson	Executive Session I.C.(74-206b)
11:00 AM	Air Idaho	Soda Springs Base
11:15 AM	Blake Poulsen	CSI bid for remodel
11:30 AM	Jacob Farnes	Public Records of Social Media Accounts
11:45 AM	Planning & Zoning - JoAnna Ashley	Zoning Ord ammendments, merging ordinances
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**OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)**

**Bank's gate at Chesterfield Reservoir**

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