

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF March 23, 2015**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on March 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Earl Somsen by phone, Commissioner, Phil Christensen, acting Chairman and Mark Mathews Commissioner. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Lead men Brett Barfuss, Indigent Director, Wendy Rasmussen, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Building Department, Ralph Hopkins, Weed Supervisor, Scott Shuler, IT Director Terri Stephens, Sheriff Ric Anderson Jim Porter-JUB, Grace Mayor Jackie Barthlome, City of Grace Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Bredehoft, City of Soda Councilperson Lynda Lee, Mitch Hart, Soda's City Director Alan Skinner, Soda Springs Airport Advisory Board, Rodger Sorensen, City of Bancroft Maintenance Supervisor Gary Sevier.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim discussed the purchase of a crusher with the Commissioners that he has found for sale through Kimball Equipment Company. There is a used crusher for \$390,000, and a new crusher for \$641,000. The Commissioners wanted to know how many hours the used crusher had. Kim told them that it had about 2100 hours on it. The Commissioners wanted Kim to check to see if Kimball will take the old crusher as a trade in. Kim reported back to the Commissioners that Kimball would come and look at the old crusher, and Kim would get back with the Commissioners on their discession. The Commissioners wanted Kim to check with Doug about the proper bid process.
- Commissioner Mathews had a question about the cost of cinders at the State Pit and why they were so much cheaper than the other pits. Kim told Commissioner Mathews that the other pits were already crushed, but if they got the new crusher they would be able to crush the cinders from the state pit.
- Kim talked to the Commissioners about the Forest Service FLAP Grant for the road work to be done on the Narrows. The County would have to get their own engineer for the project so they could not make the request in time for the 2018-2019 budget year. Kim said that if the Commissioners were serious about the project he would check with JUB and start the process for 2019-2020 budget year. The Commissioners wanted to know what the cost would be for an engineering firm. Kim will do some investigation on the cost and let the Commissioners know at the next meeting.
- Kim told the Commissioners that all the back roads are open except Diamond Creek.
- Kim wanted to know if they could buy three or four loads of Mag Chloride and do just the Hills and Corners in each Commissioners District. This will help hold the road so the Road & Bridge will not have to blade them as much.
- Kim wanted to know about putting a wing on the 10 wheeler in Bancroft like they did for the 10 wheeler in Grace. The Commissioners asked Kim if they had a chance to use the one in Grace. Kim

told the Commissioners that they never got to plow with it this winter. The Commissioners wanted Kim to wait until they found out how the one in Grace is going to work.

- The County will have to hire a Consultant for the Penstock Bridge to do the inspection on the building of the bridge because JUB is done with the County and cannot do the inspections. Kim has three names Keller's, Forgren and Associates, and Civil Science Inc. out of Twin Falls. This is a new project that the State Idaho started last year. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know if the consultant would have to bid on the project. Kim told the Commissioners yes they would have to bid on the project, and then they would have a consultant meeting with Ihtact and pick the bid at that time.

**Ralph Hopkins, Building Department:**

- Ralph stated that Randy wanted him to talk to the Commissioners about having permanent access to the roof because there is a lot of the mechanical equipment on the roof now. Ralph thought that they would be able to put a permanent ladder from the existing fire escape. Commissioner Mathews wanted to know about putting a cage around the ladder to eliminate access.

**Scott Shuler, Weed Supervisor:**

- Scott attended the Idaho Noxious Weed Free Hay and Straw Inspector training in Pocatello. Scott will be certified for inspecting Hay and Straw crops for 2015.
- Scott had some front end repairs done on the 1993 GMC. They also had to do some extra machine work which increases the cost by \$200 dollars.
- Scott reported that the chemical bid came in under what he was quoted \$28.94 per Gallon. The chemicals will be purchased through Wilbur-Ellis.
- Scott gave the Commissioners an updated weed list that he would like to have printed in the paper if it was ok with the Commissioners. The Commissioners gave their approval to have the list printed and Commissioner Christensen signed the letter for publication.
- Scott would like to bring back the summer help on April 13<sup>th</sup> if the weather permitted. The Commissioners told Scott that would be ok.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Scott about boat inspection for aquatic weeds and told him that Franklin County would be giving out citations for not having an inspection sticker. Scott told the Commissioners that signs have been posted at all the lakes and reservoirs in Caribou County in regards to inspections. There are places in Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake Counties that have boat inspections.

**Wendy Rasmussen, Indigent Director:**

- Wendy talked the Commissioners about indigent case number 2001-10. She has passed away and would the Commissioner agree to reduce the pay back by 25%. The Commissioner agreed with the request and when the house is sold they will make the motion to accept the 75%.

- Case number 2013-20 & 2014-12 were discussed with the commissioners about the decision made by the County to pay the medical bills after the medical review stated the application should have been a 10 day prior. The Commissioner wanted the indigent department to notify the Program Director with the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program that the county wanted them to submit the application to their board.

**Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:**

- Jason thanked the Commissioners for letting him attend the ISWA training in Boise. Jason told the Commissioners that this was the first time someone from Caribou County attended the training. Jason said the training was very beneficial and would like to continue to attend the meeting yearly.
- The electrical work is being done on the restroom.
- The year to date numbers are up 5.5% at the landfill. Jason told the Commissioners that the Simplot Smoky Canyon has a big tear down project and it will be brought to the Landfill.
- Jason wanted to let the Commissioners know that there is a lot of support for the County to continue looking in to a regional landfill. Jason will also be doing research on the finances for the regional landfill. Jason will keep the Commissioners informed.

**Terri Stephens, IT Director:**

- Terri talked to the Commissioners about Integra transferring the microfilm records to digital records. There has been some issues arise with this process with Computer Arts as lot of the records are duplicated. When the old Bannock County records were transferred by Ikon an alpha charter was add before or after the instrument number so they would not duplicate the newer records in the microfilm or computer. Terri was concerned about adding an alpha charter on the newer instruments because it would change the instrument numbers. Computer Arts cannot put duplicated records in their system. Terri wanted to ask the Commissioners if we could still continue with the transferring of records with Integra. They would be transferred into Laserfiche not Computer Arts as was planned. Terri informed the Commissioners that the Title Companies would still be able to search the records. They would just have to look in both systems. Terri told the Commissioners that the County will have to make both systems available to the Title Companies to search on line once the agreement is signed by the County and Title Companies. Terri will be checking to see if there will be any additional cost associated with having to do a dual search. The Commissioners told Terri to proceed with transferring of the documents with Integra so they could be put on Laserfiche.

**Ric Anderson, Sheriff/ Eric Hobson:**

- Eric talked to the Commissioners about boat inspections. Eric stated that if the individuals are a resident of Caribou County or the State of Idaho they do not have to get a boat inspection unless they take the boat out of the state.

**Jim Porter, JUB:**

- The bid opening will be done on April 21, 2015 for the Penstock Bridge. The engineering estimate is within the budget. Lhtac has a construction make up of 32%. The makeup is to cover change orders, Construction engineering inspections, Lhtac cost and ITD cost this is what will be set aside for this project. Jim was part of the group that went to DC and met with the Federal Highways Department to ask why the design engineer could not do the construction engineering and the inspection. When they were done with the meeting the Federal Highways Department said that it would be allowable to let the design engineer be the construction engineer and be able to do the inspections. The only thing the Federal Highways Department would require is that the State has a policy in place for conflict of interest, but at this time the State is not interested in writing a policy. The one thing that Jim could not get out of Pacific Corp. was what they wanted for insurance. Jim put in specks for a 5 million insurance policy just for the Penstock. The pipe will be left charged, Pacific Corp will have an operator standing by and if the contractor damages the Penstock the contractor will immediately call the operator and Pacific Corp. will shut the water down. Then Pacific Corp. will do the repairs and the contractor will be billed for the repairs and a fee for \$36,000 dollars a day for being shut down for the repairs. The bids will be at ITD Head Quarters.

**City/County:**

- Rodger Sorensen asked the Commissioner to budget \$50,000 dollars in their next year's budgets to help the City of Soda with their maintenance of the airport. The Commissioners told the city of Soda that they would take it under advisement. The Commissioners wanted to know if they could do some in-kind work with some crack sealing. The City of Soda said that would be great and would save them money because they have to hire it out. The State wanted the City to put a fence around the airport for security, but as of right now the City thinks that the presence of the local law enforcement is enough. They have never had any issues at the airport. Councilman Mitch Hart said that the city would like a partnership with the county and both parties would put in matching funds. It would be reevaluated each year and the funds would be appropriated accordingly. Commissioner Mathews wanted to know how the City gets their money for the airport. The City told the commissioners that

they levy the majority of the money which comes from the general fund. They also have money coming in from rent and fuel purchase.

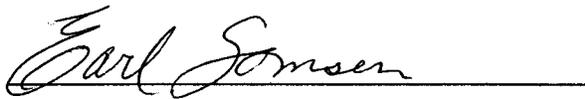
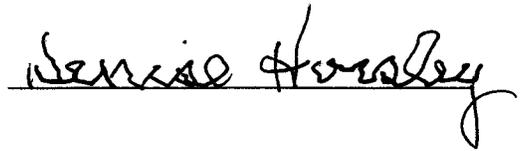
- The City of Soda has a project at the Intermountain Gas pump station on 4<sup>th</sup> South. The City would like to put in concrete curb and gutter. The City of Soda is requesting an agreement from the County to use their right of way. The Commissioners said that would be ok for the city to use the Counties right of way. North West Pipe Line will be putting in a Communications Tower on the northwest end of the property.
- Mayor Smith would like to put in a picnic area behind the Senior Center. The City of Soda would like to work with the County on shared land because the City does not have enough land to complete the project. The City has talked to the Railroad about putting a row of trees the City of Soda will get final approval from the railroad. The City feels that this area need to be cleaned up.
- The City wanted to know if the County wanted to do anything about the sign that was put up out west of town. Oregon Trail Wildlife Park was to get a conditional use permit. The City of Soda and the Commissioners want their attorneys together to advise them how to proceed.
- The Cities wanted to know when the landfill wanted to do the cleanup week. All parties agreed to have the cleanup week May 11<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Jason wanted to thank the cities and their crews for their cooperation.
- The City of Grace and Soda wanted to know if the Road & Bridge would be helping the cities with chip sealing the road inside the city limits this year. Kim told them that the County would be doing like they have in the past. The City of Soda told Kim and the Commissioners that they were advised by their auditor that they would have to pay the County not the employees like they have done in the past. The City of Soda will have to reimburse the County for the work and, the County would pay their employees. Kim is concerned that he would run his budget short because he cannot put the reimbursement back into the budget.
- The City of Grace wanted to know if the County has a junk ordinance. The commissioners are not aware of a junk ordinance. Some individuals are moving vehicles into the city impact area where the County ordinances are enforced not the cities. The City of Grace wanted to know if they could enforce their ordinances. The Commissioners said that would be a question for our attorney. The City of Soda stated that their attorney said that the only ordinance that the city can enforce are Subdivision & Comprehensive Plan in the impact area.
- The City of Grace wanted to know if the County was still planning on Quit Claiming their property that is adjacent to theirs that was discussed in the last Commissioner meeting. The Commissioners said that they would have Doug prepare a Quit Claim Deed to the City. The City of Grace told the Commissioners that they will sell the property in three separate parcels and would reimburse the County the agreed amount.
- The City of Bancroft: Wanted to know if they would be able to use the Road & Bridge Chip Sealer. Kim told them that it would not be a problem, just to let him know when they would like to use it.

Mathews made the motion to amend the claims to \$165,701.54. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote Christensen-yes, and Commissioner Mathews-yes.

- The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet April 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley, County Clerk

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