

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF July 11, 2016

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on July 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance for the first hour were Earl Somsen, Commission Chair, Phil Christensen, Commissioner, and Mark Mathews, Commissioner. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Caribou County Attorney Doug Wood, Road & Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Maintenance Supervisor Randy Stephens, Building Inspector Ralph Hopkins, Caribou County Sheriff Michael Haderlie, Landfill Supervisor Jayson Lower, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, IT Supervisor Terri Stephens, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Alan Skinner, Jackie Barthlome, Wayne Bredohoft, Stacie Watkins, Judge Brown, Justin Steel, Mike , Judge Kress, Jon Goode, Chris Guedes, Jim Wrigley, Bruce Allred, Dave Orchard, Bryan Fuell .

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Commissioner Mathews made the motion to add Lanes Creek Road, and TV Translator Board to the agenda. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kim Spencer, Brett Barfuss, Road and Bridge:

- Kim informed the Commissioners that the oiling of the County Roads will be done next week, but they will still have 2 days in Tyhee. They will be oiling this road later in August.
- Kim said that a Dave Orchard will be coming in to discuss snow removal in Swenson Canyon. Kim wanted to let the Commissioners know that the cost of snow removal is \$1,830 per mile. Kim said that there will be a couple of other landowners that will want to have snow removal done also.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Kim the size of gravel that is being crushed for the gravel to be used on the road. Kim told him they are now crushing down to 1-inch gravel instead of 1 ¼ inch. Commissioner Mathews asked about chip sealing China Cap Road. Kim said that there are still some issues with pot holes down the center of the road so he would like to wait one more year before they chip seal to get a better base. The Commissioners are in agreement.
- Kim said that they are planning on chip sealing the Courthouse, EMS, Fire Station, and the Senior Center parking lots. Kim will get with Denise to schedule the Courthouse.
- The Commissioners wanted to know what Kim wanted to discuss with them about Larsen Road. Kim said he wanted to make it clear that the County does maintain 1.7 miles of Larsen Road, and the portion of the road the Commissioners did not validate as a public road to Rasmussen's.

Randy Stephens, Courthouse Maintenance:

- Randy talked to the Commissioners about the air conditioning system being repaired at a cost of \$5,000. He worked with a company out of Pocatello called Louis Corporation. Randy told the Commissioners that the fittings had all came lose and it was losing Freon. They tightened all the

fittings and recharged the Freon. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know if this was going to be ongoing. Randy said that Louis Corporation feels it should not be a problem anymore.

- Commissioner Christensen made the motion to accept the bid from Microfiber Maid for cleaning the Courthouse, Annex Building, EMS, and the Attorney's office. They will be working 5 hours a day for 5 days a week. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Randy asked the Commissioners if they wanted to do in the next phase of the remodel of the Courthouse. There were a lot of ideas that were brought up. The Commissioners want Randy to check into different options, and get back to them.

Ralph Hopkins, Building Inspector:

- Ralph presented the permits issued from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 to the Commissioners. Ralph has issued 8 residences, 5 Restoration, 4 garage permits, 5 storage permits, 3 ag exempt permits, 5 zoning permits, 2 variance permits, 2 Conditional use, and 1 house moving permit for a total of 35 permits. The valuation of the permits is \$2,439,840 and the permit fees were \$19,231.20. Ralph performed 44 inspections.
- One Residential permit is on a stop work order issued for construction of a residence without a permit at Lot 14, Block 2 Aftons Subdivision. The stop work order was placed on Gate City Builders for the placement of concrete footings and foundation wall without a permit being issued or calling for an inspection. The stop work order was also violated by the concrete contractor by not obeying the stop work order. Ralph talked to the Commissioners about his resolution to this issue. He will be doubling the permit fee per Zoning Ordinance number 12.2 when it is issued. The permit fee would be increased to \$3,850. The Commissioners agreed with doubling the permit. Ralph told the Commissioners he has a concern on issuing a certificate occupancy without doing all the inspections. Ralph said that in the certificate occupancy he could add a section that states the foundation and footings may or may not meet current code. The only other way would be to jack hammer and start over. Commissioner Mathews said that the Contractor called him and told him he had pictures and video of the insulation of the footings and foundation. Ralph told the Commissioners that the Contractor sent pictures of the foundation and he could see an infraction and that the pictures were bad. Ralph said that Contractor should have all of the Building Departments phone numbers to contact him. The Contractor did not provide the Deed, and septic system to the property to get building permit. The Commissioners would like Ralph to try and work with the Contractor to see if any of the issues can be taken care of.

Jayson Lower, Landfill Supervisor:

- Jayson wanted to know if the Commissioners had RSVP to the invitation to tour the Western States. Jayson will call and RSVP for Commissioner Somsen and Commissioner Christensen.

- Jayson informed the Commissioners the landfill received the two bills for the tongue on the pup at a cost of \$2,956, and the cost to repair the Belly Dumb crack was \$3,050. They are now up to code and running great.
- Jayson wanted to get some direction from the Commissioners on how they would like to proceed with Simplot for the new landfill. If things do not go with Simplot would they have another site in mind or do, they want to hold off for now until our landfill is closer to closing. The Commissioners have concerns about the site of the Simplot pit during the winter, and about getting the pit lined. Jayson and the Commissioners discussed several different options, but no decisions were made.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Supervisor:

- Dwight informed the Commissioners that all of the roadside spraying is done. The Weed Department has started on hitting the troubled areas. Some of the problems are the White Top throughout the County and Dyers Woad. Dwight felt that the Dyers Woad program was very successful this year, but we still need to keep on top of it. Dwight said that one of the other big problems is all the excavation that is being done, that is disturbing of the soil. Dwight showed the Commissioners a letter he received in regards to the weeds inside the city limits in Soda Springs. There are some problems with Goat Grass in Commissioner Mathews area. The Weed Department started spraying the problem areas. There was a great turn out for the work day in Grayslake for the Leafy Spurge.
- Dwight has looked in to purchasing side by side, and the chemical tanks. This would be purchased in next year's budget. There was a lot of discussions about what type and size that would be the best purchase. Dwight will do more research into this for the Commissioners.
- Dwight let the Commissioners know that Eric did a 4x4 safety training on July 5th. Dwight has purchased helmets for the Weed Department. He asked the Commissioners about purchasing hand held radios for the Weed Department so they can stay in contact with each other. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to purchase 3 hand held radios at a cost of \$900. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michael Haderlie, Caribou County Sheriff:

- Mike informed the Commissioners that Alan Smith with JG resurfaced the parking lot, and Alan said that the parking lot is in great shape.
- Commissioner Somsen told Mike that he was approached by the manager of Lava Ranch that is up Smith Canyon. He wanted to know if the Sheriff's Office had any officers that would like to do Security on their days off. This will be for the weekends of 4th and 24th of July. Mike will let the officers know and leave it up to them.

Denise Horsley, Indigent:

- Commissioners signed lines case #2016-20, and releases 2016-16.
- Commissioners signed orders of reimbursements on case #2016-11, and 2016-14

City/County:

- City of Grace's Mayor Jackie Barthlome thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to have 2-weeks of garbage clean up, and the City of Grace would like to continue with the 2-weeks if that would be possible in May. The upcoming events in Grace starting Friday July 15th are a Jr. Rodeo, concert in the park, and then a movie at dark. The Fire Department will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for a donation. Then on July 20-23 there will be a stock dog competition, and then the following week the County Fair.
- The City of Grace was called out on a County Fire on 5/27 on Thatcher Cemetery Road a tractor was burning. The County did show up after the fire was out. Eric said that the City could respond faster than the County so they used the Mutual Aid Agreement they have with the City of Grace. Eric feels that the County will show up no matter what. Mayor Barthlome gave the Commissioners an incident report. Mayor Barthlome feels that the County and the City of Grace does not have a valid Mutual Aid Agreement in place, because Veda signed as the County Clerk. The new mutual aid agreement was not accepted by the City of Grace, and Jackie thinks that this is something that should be reviewed every year.
- Alan Skinner told the Commissioners that the Road & Bridge crew will be helping the City of Soda Chip Seal some of the City's streets.
- Commissioner Somsen asked where we were with the City Impact Area. Alan presented the Commissioners with copies of the Ordinance 657 and 658 that the City will be adopting. The City and County Planning and Zoning Boards held a Public Hearing on June 29, 2016 for the purpose of considering an agreement and adoption of ordinances between the City of Soda Springs and the County of Caribou to redefine and adopt the area of city impact, adopting the city zones for the impact area. Alan said that both P&Z did recommend the City Council, and County Commissioners approve the Ordinances. Alan also presented the Commissioners with City Ordinance 412 and 413, and County Ordinance 78-1 and 78-2 from 1978. Commissioner Somsen asked the County Attorney Doug Wood if there has been a legal agreement in the impact area in place. Doug said that both the City and County had Ordinances in place since 1978. Doug said they have been fully executed, approved, and the County's Ordinances was recorded. Alan said that the only changes that were done was to correct acres that were in the impact area that should have been in the city limits. Other than these changes there were no changes made in the City impact area mapping, or zoning. Alan said that the majority of the County is zoned Agricultural. The area West of town needs to be resolved before the Impact Ordinance is approved. The City and County Attorney need to discuss this matter and advise both the City Council and County Commissioners before they can move forward. The Commissioners will review all the information that was provided by Alan in regards to the City Impact area.

- Alan asked if the Deed was signed by the Commissioners for the property by the Geyser that the County owns. The Clerk checked in to see if the Quit Claim Deed was signed and it has not. Commissioner Somsen signed the Quit Claim Deed and it was recorded.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety Director:

- Eric let the Commissioners know that there will be a lot of bills for repairs on the Fire Trucks.
- Eric informed the Commissioners that the Fire Department received a VFA Grant for \$7500 from the Department of Lands to upgrade all the wild land PPE the County match will be \$500. Eric said that all the turnout gear (PPE) that the Fire Department has are wearing out. He said that they need to purchase 13 new suites at a cost of \$1,200 per suite Commissioner Mathews made the motion to purchase 13 new PPE gear for the Fire Department. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Erick asked about increasing the pay for the EMT's about \$4,000. The Commissioners agreed with the pay increase.

Stacie Watkins, Senior Citizens Center:

- Stacie presented the Commissioners with the Quarterly Report. They made about \$7,500 in the Golf Scramble. Stacie told the Commissioners that the Senior Citizens Center will have two upcoming fund raisers a Gun Raffle and the Craft Fair.

Terri Stephens, IT Supervisor:

- Terri and asked the Commissioners for a donation for the Project Warmth of \$500. This would be the sponsor fee and pay for a team. Commissioners Mathews made motion to make a \$500 donation to Project Warmth. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Brown:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 01:19 p.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carries Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 01:55 p.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agrium:

- Jon Goode presented to the Commissioners Agrium's request for a Conditional Use Permit to develop the new Rasmussen Valley Mine for the recovery of phosphate ore reserves contained within Federal Phosphate Lease I-05975. Agrium started the permitting process for the Rasmussen Valley Mine in 2010, and will cost about \$40,000,000. The application was approved by Planning

and Zoning. With the following conditions: meet all the Caribou County Road and Bridge requirements and State and Federal requirements. Agrium will need to return each year to present their status to the Caribou County Planning and Zoning. Agrium is waiting on the Road Agreement with the Fish & Game for the 2 miles of realignment of the Lanes Creek Road. Commissioner Mathews asked what the time frame was to have the realignment of the Lanes Creek Road. Chris Guedes said that it will take about 2 years before they start construction. Commissioner Somsen said the County has some issues with the current Lanes Creek Road and the maintenance that was to be done by Agrium on the road. The road cannot be used for even truck traffic because of soft spots. Jon told the Commissioners that per the agreement on the Lanes Creek Mine Agrium has with the County it is Agrium's responsibility to keep the road up to the County standards. He apologized for the condition of the road, but told the Commissioners that Agrium would get with Kim and start working on the road. Commissioner Mathews asked if the realignment could be moved up he feels this would help with the issue of the County Road if Agrium was using the new road, Jon said that will be something that they will look into. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve Agrium's Conditional Use Permit number 2112. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jim Wrigley:

- Jim was here to present the Commissioners with a refunding opportunity on the original Jail Bond. Commissioner Somsen informed Jim that they have already done a refinance in 2012, and cannot refinance until the call date has been reached.

Dave Orchard:

- Dave wanted to discuss with the Commissioners about plowing to his property. Commissioner Somsen asked Dave if there were any private companies that could plow his road, because the County cannot compete with private companies. Kim will go out and check on the road and measure it, and will get back to the Commissioners on the next Commissioner meeting. The decision will be made at the time. Kim will get in touch with Mr. Orchard at that time with the Commissioners decision.

Bryan Fuell, Forest Service:

- Bryan wanted to introduce himself to the Commissioners, he is the new Forest Service District Ranger for Soda Springs District.
- Bryan wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were fully briefed on the Lanes Creek Fire. Bryan told the Commissioners that fire is not out, but has slowed down. They have a crew that is putting in a two-hundred-foot line of lowering the vegetation on the west side toward Wayan, and then east side of Lanes Creek Road. The fire has burned 11 acres. It is in a lot of green vegetation

but has a lot of dead downed timber and this is what is burning. The Forest Service is considering it a management fire and they will let it burn.

- Bryan informed the Commissioners that they will be closing the road in Browns Canyon, and Lanes Creek to replace a culvert with a bridge.

Aaron Cook, Caribou County Assessor:

- Aaron Cook talked to the Commissioners about DMV records retention. He gave a list to the Clerk and it will be added to the Resolution for the destruction of County records.

Other:

- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$343,609.47 and payroll claims in the amount of \$299,249.95, and to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016 as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 03:15 p.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f). Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carries Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 03:35 p.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews made the motion to sign the HAVA grant from the State to purchase the new Hart e-Slates. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners approved to pay the final bill to Bassett Building & Supply for the restroom at the County Fair Grounds.
- Commissioner Mathews informed the other Commissioners that Dewey Anderson will be done with the TV Translator Board. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to appoint Terry Anderson as the new board member. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 03:45 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet July 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley





Approved Payment of Bills

	11-Jul-16	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 8,688.18	
Indigent	\$ 1,122.50	
Road & Bridge	\$ 241,622.78	
Special Highway	\$ 990.00	
Justice	\$ 8,481.98	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 122.83	
Solid Waste	\$ 5.00	
Reappraisal	\$ 11,765.00	
Health	\$ 15,165.71	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 8,668.64	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 195.00	
Tort		
County Fair	\$ 35,000.00	
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 5,131.19	
Court Services	\$ 776.00	
Juvenile Justice	\$ 179.05	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 327.00	
City of Soda Springs		
City of Bancroft		
City of Grace		
Bancroft Cemetery		
Central Cemetery		
Fairview Cemetery		
Freedom Cemetery		
Grace Cemetery		
Lago Cemetery		
Lava Cemetery		
Lund Cemetery		
Thatcher Cemetery		
Turner Cemetery		
School District #148		
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School District #150		
School District #21		
Grace Free Library		
Waterways		
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
TV Translator		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust	\$ 120.00	
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust	\$ 4,494.83	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 391.83	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust		
Public Safety Trust	\$ 361.95	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 343,609.47	\$ 299,249.95