

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF July 26, 2021

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on July 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Mark Mathews, Commissioner
Bryce Somsen, Commissioner
Marty McCullough, Commissioner
Jill Stoor, Deputy Clerk
Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge
Brett Barfuss, Road & Bridge
Eric Hobson, Public Safety
Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning
J. Adam Mabey, Sheriff
Shalayne Bartschi, Senior Center
Ally Schwulst, GIS
Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS
Tisha Young, Payroll Clerk
Ben Sanberg, Engineer
Eric Franson, Franson Civil Engineering

The meeting opened with Commissioner Somsen giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Government Dam Road was oiled last week on Tuesday and Thursday. They were able to blade after the recent rainstorm and will apply chloride soon.
- Crews will be applying hot mix on the Eight Mile Road this week from Barkers to the south.
- Chipping will be concluded in the Grace area this week and that will finish chipping for the year.
- Crews are currently crushing gravel at the Henry Cutoff pit and will be moving in the next two weeks. They have applied gravel to the top and down past the Stoor home and will continue until meet up with the red gravel.
- They have lost bearings on the third arm of the D7H; it must be sent to Pocatello for repairs at an approximate cost of \$13,000.

Jacob Farnes & Ally Schwulst GIS:

- Ally Schwulst presented a draft of the new county road map that she has been working on. The commissioners along with Kim Spencer reviewed the map offered a few suggestions. Several options were explored regarding the legend, color coding, and additional roads. They encouraged Ally to continue her work and present the final project in August.

Nathan Sobers:

- Nathan Sobers introduced himself as the new pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Soda Springs. He comes here from Palm Springs and previous to that Seattle. He noted that he grew up in

Ogden, UT. He is partnering with Sheriff Mabey and would like to be part of create a volunteer chaplain program in the county to assist staff and inmates at the jail. He has been here just month and is really enjoying the area.

J. Adam Mabey, Sheriff:

- Sheriff presented the Idaho Public Safety Communication Grant for the commissioner's signature. This grant will allow for a 911 software systems upgrade. The monies will come from the state's dedicated 911 fund. It will allow them to upgrade to the best software available and allow us them to improve the recording capability. This new system will put us on a hub with Bonneville County; this will allow us to relocate 911 services in the case of an emergency. It will also increase mapping capabilities for our current text to 911 system. Extra features will now include video feed and pictures to get officers information quickly. The grant application is requesting \$230,547.63 and the state will also assist with the maintenance fees.
- The jail had their PREA audit on June 14th to the 17th. The report was just delivered the 130-page report to the Sheriff and they passed with flying colors. They were impressed with the facility and in many areas, they met or exceeded the requirement. The Sheriff noted that there are only around 400 facilities in the states that are PREA certified. He feels that it is a good reflection on Commander Bredehoft and the detention deputies that are running the facility.
- The Sheriff's Office is up to speed with the NARCAN nasal sprays that were received from the state. The non-prescription medication is given to individuals who have overdosed on opioids. With the new drug combinations in the local area, more than one kit is sometimes necessary.
- They are in the process of putting together a chaplain program for the county. He wants to include all denominations in the county, and would like to begin a program that would allow a religious leader to accompany the deputies when they are required to deliver a death notice.
- Sheriff encouraged the commissioners to look at a permit process for large events in the county. He spoke to the fireworks event on the 4th of July and some of the issues that were created. He feels that we need more than just a permit with the fire department to hold such and event. There were issues with parking, marine patrols, personal fireworks, just to mention a few. He felt it posed a safety issue that the county should consider evaluating.

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) at 9:57 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Mathews suggested ending the executive session at 10:04 a.m. There were no decisions made.

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:

- JoAnna presented side-by-side proposals from Idaho Smart Growth and J-U-B for provided services and deliverables on the Caribou County Comprehensive Plan. Both companies were then given the opportunity to present their proposals by Zoom meeting.
- Commissioner McCullough moved to formally accept the JUD proposal at the cost of \$38,814. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ShaLayne Bartschi, Caribou Senior Center:

- ShaLayne Bartschi presented the last quarter Income / Expense Report for the Caribou Senior Center. Expenses were down simply because the kitchen was down for the remodel.
- The golf scramble to benefit the senior center was smaller than normal, but raised approximately \$5800 compared to over \$7000 in 2019. It was a fun day and they are grateful for the funds raised.
- The garage for the thrift store is packed full; they made over \$5000 in the month of June. They are now open 4 days a week instead of previous 3 days a week.
- A new swamp cooler was purchased because the compressor went out in the old one. The dues were paid for the elevator license. They also had to put in a water pressure reducer to the sterilizer.
- They are considering a grand re-opening for the new kitchen.
- ShaLayne has hired Melissa McDowell as the new assistant director for the center.

Ally Schwulst, GIS – Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b) at 1:04 p.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner McCullough suggested ending the executive session at 1:53 p.m.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:

- Dwight is making a request for the county to help improve access to the Lane's Grave site located on his property. They would like to add gravel to the road and possibly put in a turn around at the gravesite. The Oregon-California Trails Association is asking for the assistant to make the site more assessable to the public. He showed mock ups for signage as well as discussed fencing, and would like to haul gravel with a county vehicle to make the improvements. The commissioners approved the use of a truck and the loader that is already in Grays Lake. He will haul the gravel from the Henry Cutoff Road pit where the crusher is currently located.

- The commissioners informed Dwight Lloyd and Kim Spencer that both employees involved in the spray day in Chesterfield would be paid from their normal budget line items as if they worked that day. They feel it is a benefit to the tax payers to make the employees available for that service.

Jill Stoor / Tisha Young, Clerks:

- The Clerk's Department presented a proposal to do a sick time payout for the few county employees that qualify. The commissioners discussed the option and asked for more information on the exact dollar amounts with PERSI and taxes be presented at the next meeting.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety/ Fire:

- The tank that was installed in the Polaris Ranger last year has proven to be too heavy for the vehicle to handle. After looking into several options, Eric would like to transfer that large tank into a truck and they will purchase a smaller slip unit. The price will be approximately \$3000 which he has available in his current budget.
- They received a top kit from Road & Bridge, but current prices are making it difficult to proceed. The flat bed is more than \$1000 over the anticipated price. They are still working on the unit, but pumps are also nearly double the price from the original estimates, up from \$3,000 - \$6,000 to nearly \$12,000. The reels are also higher than anticipated.
- The old helmets are from 1998 and Eric is wanting to upgrade those at a cost of \$3,000 each using his capital outlay funds.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchases of a 40-gallon slip tank for the UTV not to exceed \$3,000, and new helmets at a cost of \$3,000. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion passed.
- At the EMS building, the A/C unit keeps kicking off. The unit is around 33-years-old and needs replacement soon. The roof is becoming an issue and he wondered if using spray insulation would buy a little more time with the roof. The commissioners will look into using the ARPA funds to replace the unit and possibly replace the roof.

Eric Franson, Franson Civil Engineering:

- Eric Franson from Franson Civil Engineering presented a proposal for the county to be sponsor for a project he has been working on with Gentile Valley Irrigation Company. They are working with on a federal program through the NRCS where they are allocating funds for flood control projects, water conservation projects, and recreation projects within a watershed. The program has been successful and if the project includes flood control as well as water conservation, the project is

funded at 100%. He has been speaking with the Gentile Valley Irrigation Company regarding a project that includes the west side of Gentile Valley and Thatcher water systems. The program needs a project sponsor which must be a public entity, and they are asking the county to become a sponsor. Co-sponsors would then sign on to support the county. The immediate request would be for the county to partially fund or fully fund the application process. The application process is fairly intensive and Franson Civil Engineering would offer their services and a 50% discount with the understanding that they would do the environmental impact statement and the project. Estimated full cost for the application process would be at \$20,000, so the county would be asked to pay a portion of that sum. Eric will work with directly with Kim Spencer and local land owners to identify problem areas.

- Commissioner Somsen motion for Caribou County to become the sponsor on behalf of Gentile Valley Irrigation and to pay Franson Civil Engineering \$7,500 for the PL566 grant application process. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Other:

- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims, and remittances for FY 2021 in the amount of \$1,527,561.82 and payroll claims in the amount of \$188,564.70 and to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021 as presented. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on August 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman

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Attested: Jill Stoor, Deputy Clerk

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CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 8/9/2021

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer - Road & Bridge	Forest Agreement
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance
9:45 AM	Melanie Pitcher - MicroFiber Maids	Budget request
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Ally Schwulst	Executive Session I.C 74-206(a)
10:30 AM	Doug Wood	Budget request
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

Sick Payout Proposal

sign Indigent Liens

sign ARPA agreement

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

Approved Payment of Bills

9-Aug-21	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 17,680.45	
Indigent	\$ 6,161.50	
Road & Bridge	\$ 63,801.83	
Special Highway	\$ 62,250.08	
Justice	\$ 31,460.21	
Weed Control	\$ 1,842.99	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal	\$ 47.43	
Health	\$ 1,337.00	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 3,324.70	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 101.29	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 1,362.04	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 270.39	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing	\$ 34,734.60	
PILT	\$ 4,788.91	
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		
School District #149		
School District #150		
School District #21		
Grace Free Library		
Water District		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Odyssey Court Payments		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 1,207.66	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund	\$ 386.25	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 70,446.86	
911 Trust	\$ 1,742.51	
Public Safety Fund		
Sheriff's Vessel Fund	\$ 72.16	
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 303,018.86	\$ 174,399.85