

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF August 23, 2021**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on August 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Mark Mathews, Commissioner	Kelly Holt
Bryce Somsen, Commissioner	Lucetta Holt
Marty McCullough, Commissioner	Mike Farnworth
Denise Horsley, Clerk	Teresa Farnworth
Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge	Mark Gilmore
Brett Barfuss, Road & Bridge	Chris Gonzalez
Eric Hobson, Public Safety	Mitzi Gonzalez
Russ Roper, Sheriff's Office	Larry G. Allen
JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning	Ryan Holt
Ally Schwulst, GIS	Wendy Holt
Lindsay Gardner	David Orchard
Eric Gardner	David Pristupa
Ryan Rasmussen	Sheri Davis
Meloney Rasmussen	Rudy Tolbert
Ken Rasmussen	Mark Blanscet, SICOG

The meeting opened with Denise Horsley giving the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim informed the commissioners that the CRP land is opened up for grazing in the county. He has some local farmers wanting to fence off county roads to graze the CRP ground. He asked if we will allow that or if we abide by county laws and keep the roads open. All agreed that they will need to fence off the fields for grazing.
- Keller Straus has been bought out by Rinehart Oil and will no longer carry the Chevron oil that we have been using. They have the ability to get the same product in, but it will take more time and come with a price increase. Commissioners suggested looking for other bids and other company prices, but are not opposed to moving to the Mobile product that the new company will provide. Kim will explore options and pricing for future purchases.
- Kim brought forms for the weed supervisor to sign in regard to the Henry Pit and Summit View gravel pits.

**Eric Hobson, Public Safety:**

- Drought update: We have received rains recently, but Eric has not seen updated ERC report of fuel moistures on the fire side. Farmers are in full harvest and unfortunately it appears the drought damage is severe. We are still under a disaster declaration into October which could potentially help farmers if any programs become available. He is aware that CRP ground is being used to graze cattle and he will watch to see if it is necessary to extend the declaration to allow the ground to continue being utilized. He will continue to monitor the situation.
- COVID update: The numbers from last week were low, but he is aware that the next week numbers will be on the rise. Mask are again required at the local hospital. He will continue to watch and re-evaluate if we need to establish another emergency disaster. Marty stated that at the Health District meeting they anticipate the highest surge in October. Commissioners suggested posting a notice on the doors to highly recommend mask, but are not willing to mandate mask at this time.
- Eric informed the commissioners that on October 11th through the 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a Preparedness Conference in Boise. The state will pay for him and one commissioner to attend. He asked if they commissioners would look and scheduling and let him know if anyone will be attending.
- The fire department ordered new elastic for the current SCBA units that we have in service since 1994. While attempting to replace the head straps, learned that they did not fit and the correct strap was discontinued in 2016. Eric requested that they purchase new AV3000 models at a cost of approximately \$6300. He has the funds available in his capital outlay budge line item. The commissioners suggesting using the anticipated funds from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund. Discussion was also held on using some of those funds to give our emergency providers a bonus, a remodel on the Health Department annex, as well as needed repairs on the EMS building,
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchase of 20 new AV3000HT Kevlar facemasks in the amount of \$6,460 to be paid out of the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Russ Roper, Sheriff's Office:**

- Chief Roper came to represent the Sheriff who is at the Travel and Safety Summit in Boise. Commissioners questioned some expenses and asked that they question the price on some recent repairs. Russ will look into the billing and future choices for repairs. They asked that the deputies use the available resources at the Road and Bridge fueling station to help cut down on costs.

- Chief Roper reported that crime numbers are down, but problems with speeding have risen dramatically. Doug also mentioned that he asked the local agencies not to refer people with citations to his office for amendments. They are giving 4 verbal warnings to every 1 citation, and both feel that that is a good ratio. Citations are only being issued when warranted.
- Discussion was held on the Blackfoot River Road and the excessive speeds. They are looking at road improvement and are concerned with safety issues.
- Commissioner inquired on numbers of prisoners at the jail. Chief Roper said that numbers are currently down and they do anticipate the number of IDOC inmates to increase.

#### **JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning / Public Hearing:**

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene a public hearing to hear the application of Lindsay and Eric Gardner on the Conditional Use Permit for a Campground. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The original application has been revised and scaled back from commercial to invitational use only. The size has also been scaled back to six 400-foot cabins, 2 pavilions, 15 tent sites, and 10 R.V. spots.
- One concern raised at the public hearing was an increase of traffic. The Planning and Zoning commission determined that it would not create an extraordinary increase of traffic in the vicinity of the proposed area. Questions about waste management were addressed. The Planning and Zoning Board recommends approval of the permit with the following recommendations: 1) a waste management plan, 2) completion within 4 years of the approval, 3) limiting the application to the southern parcel, 4) allowing 5 600-foot cabins, 2 pavilions, 15 tent site, and 10, R.V. spots according the revised site map, 5) use by invitation only, and 6) limiting the site to 2 fire pits with water storage available.
- Public Input: David Anderson spoke in opposition to the original application, but is neutral on the scaled down proposition. His biggest concerns with the project come with the public interface with his small cattle operation. He is also concerned with emergency response timeline and the remote location. He suggested that the permit only be issued to the current owners and not attached to the property after a sale.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit 2021-8a for Lindsay and Eric Gardner for a campground on Crow Creek Road with the following conditions attached: there is a waste management program, the project must be completed within 4 years of approval, the

application is for the proposed southern campground and would include the addition of six 400-foot cabins, 2 pavilions that are 16 by 24, 15 tent sites, 10 R.V. sites, the campground would be by invitation only and not open to the public, limited to 2 fire rings with metal rings around surrounded by 10-foot space around the ring for foliage, water tanks with accessibility in the event of a fire, and in the event the parcel is sold the C.U.P. would be terminated, and the C.U.P. would be attached to the actual deed of the property. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to end the public hearing. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning / Public Hearing:**

- Commissioner McCullough motioned to convene a public hearing to hear the application of KMR Construction on the proposed Highline View subdivision. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- KMR Construction is proposing a 10 lot subdivision on a 50-acre tract directly south of the City of Grace, in the county, and the impact area of the City of Grace. The proposed subdivision would have 4 2½-acre lots, 4 5-acre lots, 1 8.8-acre lot, and 1 9.1-acre lot. The lots would have nitrate reducing systems, with individual wells and septic systems.
- The Planning and Zoning board recommended the application for the subdivision be approved as long as the five items in the Comprehensive Plan that do not support the application are addressed with the Grace City Council to see if there is another way to have the subdivision connect to the City's sewer system. The Grace City Council discussed costs associated with hooking up to the city sewer system with the contractor and both felt the price was not feasible. The city made a formal decision to approve the subdivision with individual wells and septic systems with nitrate reducing systems if it meets the county requirements.
- Letters were received from IDEQ that advised connecting to the community system. SEIPH's letter states that the subdivision evaluation report must be complete, must be compliant with the individual sub-surface rules, have an engineer study, and water source stated on the plat. The owners of the subdivision own 2 water rights and will sublease to the land owner for animal watering and irrigation. The health certificate must also be on the plat.
- Public Input: Lucetta Holt stated that she was not opposed to the subdivision, but had serious concerns about the potential of water problems in the impact area. Several other gave public input at the Planning and Zoning public hearing and are on record in those minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the subdivision application #2021-8b for the Highline View Subdivision in Grace by KMR Construction because they have met all five items of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:**

- JoAnna presented the iWorQ Systems agreement. She stated that if we could sign the agreement now and pay the \$3000 setup fee, they would post invoicing at the beginning of the next fiscal year where we have already accounted for the expense in the FY 2022 budget. Commissioners agreed and signed the contract.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to pay the setup fee of \$3000 from the PILT fund. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed

- The contract with JUB was also presented for work on the Comprehensive Plan agreement. Doug has been in contact with JUB and reviewed the contract. He has some concerns and would like it clarified with more specifications in an attachment.

#### **Budget FY2022 / Public Hearing:**

- Commissioner Somsen made a motion to convene the public hearing for the FY2022 Budget and to re-open the FY2021 Budget for unanticipated changes. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- No public input was received.
- Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10 to adopt the Caribou County budget for FY2022 totaling \$15,388,117 in appropriations to include \$6,672,942 in property taxes and \$5,755,800 in other revenue. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve Resolution 2021-11 to open the FY2021 budget and because of unanticipated funds increase Special Highway Fund (4) by \$551,362.21 and Sheriff's Vessel Fund (135) by \$5000.00. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to end the public hearing. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Angie Mendenhall, Treasurer / Tax Deed Sale:**

- First Parcel was #025302003050. Legal Description: Lot 5, Block 3, Lloyd Plat, Grace Townsite.

The opening bid was at \$6344.50. The parcel was sold for \$21,500.00 to Tom and Elizabeth Burgard and recorded on instrument #207961.

- Second Parcel was #025301006160. Legal Description: Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 6, Citizens Addition to Grace.

The opening bid was \$3240.90. The parcel was sold for \$30,000.00 to Mike and Teresa Farnwoth and recorded on instrument #207964.

- Third Parcel was #0055190002010. Legal Description: Lot 8, Block 2, Pebble Creek Subdivision, 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition.

The opening bid was \$964.06. The parcel was sold for \$10,000.0 to Christopher and Mitzi Gonzalez and recorded on instrument #207963.

- Fourth Parcel was #005512000450. Legal Description: Lot 45, Great Columbia Subdivision, Phase I.

The opening bid was \$1284.66. The parcel was sold for \$9,500.00 to Government Land Sales, INC. and recorded on instrument #207962.

**Ally Schwulst, GIS:**

- Ally presented a second draft of the County Road Maintenance Map. Discussion was held on minor improvements and disclaimers were reviewed by the commissioners. A public hearing will be set for public input and a final approval.

**Mark Blanscet, SICO:**

- Mark Blanscet came to speak with the commissioners on a Brownfield Grant. SICO is in the process of applying for the grant which would help pay for testing and remediation at the old Grace Elementary School. He is not asking for money; instead asking for a letter of support from the board. The testing will look for issues like asbestos or lead paint and help inform the School District or future entities of the obligations they would be facing.
- Commissioners agreed to draft and sign a support letter.

**JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning:**

- Discussion was held on county road standards. There are several private roads in the county that do not meet minimum standards and there are complications with EMS and firefighting services being capable of accessing residents on those roads. The county standards limit roads to a 7 percent grade for private roads and limit 10 percent grade on driveways. Several private roads throughout the county were pointed out as examples having grades from 11 upward to 17 percent. Discussion was held on the possibility of allowing a variance for the maximum grade if agreed that emergency services not be provided. Another suggestion would be to change the road standard to 10 percent. Commissioners agreed to have JoAnna draft a change to the road standard ordinance to read that 7 percent grade is allowed and anything up to 10 percent grade would need to be engineered. That would match county standards with IDAPA rules. Anything over 10 percent would require a variance with engineering also required.

**Denise Horsley, Clerk – Executive Session:**

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a). Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Somsen suggested coming out of executive session at 2:15 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

**Other:**

- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims, and remittances for FY 2021 in the amount of \$294,518.66 and payroll claims in the amount of \$309,694.20 and to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021 as presented. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The commissioners signed the budget agreement with the University of Idaho for the Extension Office budget.
- The commissioners signed the Block Grant Request form #6 for work done on the Caribou Senior Center. The request came in at \$186,000 and the actual expenses are at \$189,000. The Senior center will cover the remaining balance.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on September 13, 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: 9/13/2021**

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance
9:45 AM	Blake Poulsen	Courthouse / Building Department - annex remodel
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Denise Horsley / Doug Wood	Executive Session 74-206(b)
10:30 AM	Todd Torgesen	variance on roadway
10:45 AM	JoAnna Ashely - Planning & Zoning	KMR Construction Final Plat - Highline View Subdivision
11:00 AM		
11:15 AM	Kim Holsten - Indigent	sign denial for Case #2021-7
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

sign ROW for Historic Trail signs

sign Forest Service road project agreement

sign Hart extended warranty agreement

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