

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF October 10, 2022

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on October 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Mark Mathews, Commissioner
Bryce Somsen, Commissioner
Marty McCullough, Commissioner
Denise Horsley, Clerk
Jill Stoor, Deputy Clerk
Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control
Justin Hatch, Extension Office
Aaron Cook, Assessor

JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning
Nellie Askew, Planning & Zoning
Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS
Rowdy Larkins, Building Department
Myrna Eddins
Jackie Barthlome, City of Grace
Adam Mabey, Sheriff

The meeting opened with Marty McCullough leading the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:

- Dwight stated that he has some Canadian Thistle and Hounds Tongue project to still complete and the 2022 weed season will be wrapped up in the next few weeks.
- The BLM grant is ready to be signed; that will provide \$50,000 per year for the next 4 or 5 years. The first year's funds will go toward a Leafy Spurge project up Stump Creek. He feels that it will be a great benefit to the county.
- Dwight has done some research and is not having luck on the water project. He stated that Gil Wright has decent water at the state shed, but not good enough for weed spraying. There is no water across the road to the north near the granaries. He was told there were 2 troughs south but he was unable to locate those. He asked for a bid from Independent Drilling but has not received a response yet. He expressed his frustration and discussion was held about drilling lower using the existing well. Dwight will contact the drilling company again about an additional quote to drill deeper.
- He is working with Jacob on an addressing computer system for the weed department.
- He has made recent purchases for a 2-way radio for one truck and new tires for another which came in over the \$1000 limit before approval.
- There is some body damage to the W1 Dodge pickup due to a jackknifed trailer that caused damage to the bed, tailgate and bumper. He received a quote but felt that it was too high. Dwight

stated that rather than fix the damage, he would like to get a flatbed put on that vehicle along with a 250-gallon tank.

- Dwight stated that he still has homework to do but is considering a fund raiser from the Cedar View Subdivision Road to Whiskey Mikes to gather up all the old snow fence and barb wired fence. They will potentially have to do some of the railroad right of way spraying and he would like to have that hazard cleaned up. He thought they might be able to benefit a scouting program or mutual group and in turn get help cleaning up the area. He will speak with Gil Wright and the railroad and report back to the board.
- Discussion was held on arranging to have gravel delivered to the Lane's Creek site. MD Landscaping on Chub Flats has also agreed to donate some big rock to help keep the cattle from rubbing the signs.
- Commissioner Somsen has spoken with Commissioner John Walker from Bonneville County and they have agreed to pay for snow removal and half of Dwight's overtime for the upcoming snow season. Discussion was held on which fund to deposit the funds received from Bonneville County. The board instructed Dwight to turn in actual hours worked; he will be paid for his overtime worked.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Eric stated that they have been way down on fires this year. Last year they reported 58 fires and this year 23 have been reported with only 1 involving a structure. Burn permits are required year-round in Caribou County.
- 7 of the 8 students from the EMT class have passed their test. They however are still hurting for volunteers. Over 22 hours were worked by county staff this weekend on the ambulance. Pricing was high, but they have restocked their shirts, hats and coats for the EMS department.
- Traveling will increase this upcoming year unlike the last 2 years with COVID. He will leave for Boise today and be in Coeur d'Alene next week for meetings.

Rowdy Larkins, Building Dept.:

- Rowdy presented his building permit report from 7/12/22 to 10/10/22 noting that residential is a little down right now. He has a few more in process but only listed the ones that have paid. The mines will show in the next quarter.
- He is still waiting on the third bid from Sims for replacing the SEICCA building roof. He did get quotes however for repairs on the EMS, prosecutor, and SEICCA buildings. The EMS quote came in at \$11,200 including sealing the flashing as well as replacing screws and sealing around them,

the prosecutor building bid is at \$960 for repairs around the heating unit, and \$1650 for the SEICCA building to replace screws and end patches to prevent leaks. Discussion was held to consider patching things for now until we can get solid quotes for full repair. They will go ahead with repairs to the SEICCA and prosecutor buildings and push for the full quotes on the EMS building.

- Repairs are in process at the jail and they have decided to install gutters on the corners to prevent further damage. They are drilling into the stucco panels and installing hold downs and then repairing stucco and painting the full panel. It was determined that installation caused the issue.
- Rowdy has completed his certification for the Building Inspector position. He brought documentation for his employee file including residential and commercial inspections.
- He is waiting for delivery on the new flag pole and has requested payment for a portion of the expense from the FY2023 budget.

Myrna Eddins:

- Myrna Eddins stated that she has lived in Caribou County since 2008 and have put their home in Bancroft on the market with the intention of downsizing. They have purchased a manufactured home with the intention to live on their son's property in Grace. She has worked with P&Z and the Building inspector and is here to ask for some mercy and leniency as far as the problems that they have faced to get the home ready. They have been told they need to build a ramada over the home because of the snow load limits but cannot get the measurements without placing the home. The county codes say that they need the ramada plans before the home is placed. There is another issue with the addressing and roads. The property is behind the dam and she stated that there is an agreement with the power company and a local landowner to cross their ground for access. She is asking permission to put the home together first and start digging lines for the septic tank, power and water. She stated that they won't move in but want to get started.
- JoAnna Ashley with Planning and Zoning stated that last fall they did a land split however there is an issue with easement that has not been resolved. Currently there is not a legal access without the easement and that is what is holding up the address. The agreements have not been completed and recorded. It is considered a minor land division but the holdup is that there is not a right of access. Where it is servicing 2 residents, it also needs to become a private not and not a driveway.
- Rowdy brought up another issue concerning the foundation for the home. He stated that the pad looks like it has good compaction. He spoke with them to clarify that the grade has to be 5% away

from the pad and he is concerned with setting the home before that is done. He also answered questions on the need for the ramada.

- After discussion, the board informed Ms. Eddins that as soon as they have resolved the access issues and that work is recorded, they would agree to go ahead with work. They advised her to work closely with Rowdy to make sure the grading is done and the snow load is completed to county standards. That same documentation will also take care of the addressing issues.

JoAnna Ashley and Nellie Askew, Planning & Zoning:

- JoAnna presented proposed changes to the county ordinances that she has also been discussing with the Planning and Zoning Board. They included changes to the setback for the agricultural zone, low density, high-density, commercial and industrial zone. Discussion was also held on the code for short-term rental policy. The changes need to be reviewed and if they wish to go forward consider amendments to the county code.
- The board has also been informed of the resignations of Nolan Koller and Wendy Pelayo from the Planning and Zoning Board. Several replacements were mentioned as possibilities and the board will work to find replacements.

City / County Meeting:

- Discussion was held on the possibility of holding the City/County meeting annually in April and scheduling any other needs on the regular agenda.
- The board informed Jackie Barthlome that they are exploring the idea of some remodeling at the fairgrounds and moving the extension office in one of the buildings in Grace and remodeling the bigger building for year-round use. Things are still in the planning phase and all options are being considered. Jackie expressed concerns about the water and it was stated that they intend to hook up to city services.

Justin Hatch, Extension Office:

- They have issues with the truck at the extension office. The vehicle has been pulling to the right and they took it in to find out that the ball joints are bad along with some of the tie rods. He presented a quote from Point S Tire for \$1551. The board asked if he had sought out a second quote and after discussion decided to have Point S do the work.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to spend \$1551 for front end repairs to the 06 Ford F150 at Point S Tire. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed without further discussion.

- Justin reported that they have numbers in from the Market Animal Sale at the fair. In 2020 they brought in \$70,000 and in 2022 the number was up to \$215,000. The total number of animals is up however the average price is up significantly. A donation animal was also sold for \$7900 to help benefit the program.

Aaron Cook, Assessor:

- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene an executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a) at 11:44 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

The executive session ended at 12:00 p.m. No decision was made.

Adam Mabey, Sheriff:

- A concern has been brought to the Sheriff of long-term camping at the Blackfoot River Park. He recommends improving the signs at the location that clearly state the overnight camping limit of 10 days. Many of the vehicles are also not registered and finding ownership has been a problem. The prosecutor suggested citing for failure to register annually. The board suggested getting with the Parks & Recreation Director to update the signage to make the established rules clearer.
- The Sheriff presented the new medical contract with Sawtooth Medical that has been reviewed by Doug.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the contract with Sawtooth Medical to cover medical services at the Caribou County Jail for \$174,000 annually. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed and the contract was signed.

- In another issue, Sheriff again requested an increase in hourly wage for the dispatchers. He previously asked for an increase to \$21.50 and commented that Bear Lake County makes \$21 and Franklin County pays \$23. He respectfully asked that they approve the increase so that he can retain his current employees. Their hourly rate after the approved raise is \$20.41 per hour. The board stated that with the 5% salary increase and the 10% increase for benefits, that the 15% increase is all they will be able to cover in this fiscal year.
- The Idaho Sheriff's Association is concerned and has an issue involving ICRMP. ICRMP has an employee, Chad Sarmiento, Law Enforcement Risk Assessor has had his contract to teach with Idaho Post discontinued. He is not qualified to instruct under the Brady Rule rendering him ineffective as a law enforcement officer. Because he works for ICRMP and we are required to hold ICRMP classes, the Sheriff's Association does not want him teaching those classes. The problem is that if we do not take the courses or allow him to do an annual risk assessment, the county will not receive the 5% discount for attending trainings. Neighboring counties have notified ICRMP that

they are willing to have the risk analysis, but will not allow him on site for any trainings. He wanted the board to be aware of the situation and will monitor the progress.

- The jail population is high at an average of 45 inmates. They are working with Bear Lake and Oneida Counties to re-evaluate their 6 bed contracts since both have been steady at 10.
- Repairs and upgrades are in full swing at the Sheriff's Office. The exterior is coming along and the jail floors are being polished. The door and intercom system are being installed as well as new door locks and cameras also for the administration portion. The 911 refit project has started as well.
- They will be receiving 2 deputy vehicles soon; 2 Dodge trucks available for county use or trade-in if the board wishes. The board agreed to keep those trucks for county use.

Other:

- **Commissioner McCullough** motioned to approve the claims approval reports for FY2022 in the amount of \$309,976.07 and for FY2023 in the amount of \$951,907.75, the payroll claims approval report in the amount of \$343,432.85 for FY2023, and the minutes from the 9/26/2022 commissioner meeting as amended. **Commissioner Somsen** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sealed bids were opened for the 2006 Chevy Duramax from Road and Bridge with a minimum bid of \$8,500. The highest bid was received from Levi Spencer after approval from legal counsel.


Commissioner Somsen motioned to award to Levi Spencer the 2006 Chevy Duramax Diesel truck for the bid amount of \$12,010. **Commissioner McCullough** seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

- **Commissioner McCullough** motioned to approve the Certificate of Residency application for Sadie Worthington and Cade Smith. **Commissioner Somsen** seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The county has been informed that we are receiving more ARPA funding through the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. The amounts are being allocated to PILT counties and it is estimated to be \$1,430,072.12 for the county. Payments will be received in 2 halves with the first coming 4 to 5 days after the request is submitted.
- The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on October 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Denise Horsley, Clerk



CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 10/10/2022

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

VIEWER NEWS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	(Kim & Brett can not be there)	Road & Bridge - Open Truck Bids
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance
9:45 AM	Rowdy Larkins	Building Dept. / Maintenance
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Myrna Eddins	Building Permit Issues
10:30 AM	P & Z	Short-term Rentals/ Setback Amend. / Pebble Creek
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	City / County Meeting	
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Dow Barker	Variance to Sell 32 Acres Instead of 40 Acres
11:45 AM	Justin Hatch	Maintenance on Truck
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	J. Adam Mabey/ Sheriff	Medical Contract - Dispatch - Park
1:30 PM	Russ Justice	Forest Service Rd with Public Access Chocata Property
1:45 PM	Aaron Cook	Executive Session (74-206) (a)
2:00 PM		
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

Certificates of Residency Approved

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

Approved Payment of Bills

Oct. 10, 2022 FY 22	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$53,818.58	
Indigent	\$5,904.26	
Road & Bridge	\$28,660.07	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$76,269.24	
Weed Control	\$1,271.38	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal	\$8,475.97	
Health	\$1,456.29	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$1,748.84	
Parks & Recreation	\$2,018.41	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$1,797.21	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$698.36	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$8,894.62	
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		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$541.67	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund	\$306.25	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$53,341.96	
911 Trust Fund	\$6,235.46	
Public Safety Fund	\$376.62	
Odyssey Court Payments	\$12,945.26	
Farmer's Land & Irrigation LID	\$43,117.11	
Youth Court Trust		
Sheriff's Vessel Fund	\$2,098.51	
Grand Total	\$309,976.07	\$0.00

Approved Payment of Bills

OCT. 10, 2022 FY 23	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$2,671.42	
Indigent		
Road & Bridge	\$2,069.23	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$2,688.75	
Weed Control		
Solid Waste	\$845,767.85	
Reappraisal	\$3,275.00	
Health		
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance		
Parks & Recreation	\$210.00	
Tort	\$94,985.50	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court		
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice		
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT		
Water District		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust	\$240.00	
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund		
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust Trust		
Public Safety Fund		
Odyssey Court Payments		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Sheriff's Vessel Fund		
Grand Total	\$951,907.75	\$343,432.85