

## **COMMISSIONER MEETING OF November 14, 2022**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on November 14, 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  
Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge  
Brett Barfuss, Road & Bridge  
Nellie Askew, Planning & Zoning  
Jacob Farnes, IT

Ally Schwulst, GIS  
Rowdy Larkins, Building Department  
Eric Hobson, Public Safety  
Jon Godfrey  
Jeff Godfrey  
Jayson Lower, IDAWY  
Allyne Betancourt  
Kerry Hong, TCA  
Mitchell W. Brown, District Judge

The meeting opened with Mark Mathews leading the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

### **Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge Dept.:**

- **Commissioner Somsen made a motion to convene an executive session pursuant to I.C.74-206(b) at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 9:16 a.m. No decisions were made.**

- They are currently down to one grader; Kim anticipates the repairs on another to be completed late this afternoon. One has been delivered to Henry where Walt Engler will be taking over for Sid Thompson who is retiring. The issue with completing repairs has been the delay on parts. They have the parts for the final plow repair and should have it up and running by Wednesday.
- The cows are out of Chesterfield today and Cow Camp tomorrow. The cattle on Chub Flats, Gentile Cattle and Bosen's should all out next week.
- Discussion was held on the early snow fall and the soft ground underneath. Kim stated that he believed diking will be nearly impossible this year. The cost of moving snow including damages to equipment was also discussed.

### **Eric Hobson, Public Safety.:**

- When the budget was approved, it included a new truck and passing down Eric's current vehicle. He has been working on bids and running into roadblocks. The Chevrolet bid came in \$10,000 high, Dodge states that they will not longer do government bids., and Ford is not taking bids for 2023. He worked with Chad at the local dealership and they found 2 holdovers from 2022 and are working to make the best deal possible. Eric is asking for approval in order to be able to move quickly while the vehicle is still available. He has the funds budgeted in his capital outlay line item. He anticipates a year for delivery.

**Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the 2022 Ford purchase up to \$49,233. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

- Eric gave an update on the 208 Project in the county which includes using GMRS and getting handheld radios in use for emergencies. He stated that Degerstrom has donated a repeater and Ron Meyers has volunteered the installation of that repeater on Soda Point after working with the TV Translator Board. This will link the 3 communities together for public access to channel 6 in the event of an emergency and covers approximately 90 percent of the population. Eric showed the type of hand-held radio that the public can purchase for approximately \$35. They have delivered one to each city and he presented one to the county for use. This will be a good easy option for community communication.
- Eric stated that he is the flood plain manager for the county. He attended a school recently and has been working to facilitate a map for the county. We now have a base level elevation map to begin that process. He has communicated with Nellie Askew and she is willing to take over that responsibility. Both feel that is a better fit with her Planning and Zoning position however Eric will still need to be involved due to the program being a FEMA based program for the permitting process.
- Discussion was also held on providing Lallatin's gift cards again this year for the EMT's and firefighters. The board approved \$50 per volunteer.

### **Rowdy Larkins, Building Dept.:**

- The work on the exterior walls at the jail has been completed. Rowdy needs to make sure the punch list was completed and Shannon has work change order that will need to be signed and then they will make payment. The final cost did come in less than anticipated.
- A main water valve was run over by the annex building. The city has completed that repair and has left it open for the weekend to make sure there are no other issues.



- He is still waiting for a timeframe for the SEICCA building roof. Rowdy asked about putting money down on the project and the boards concern is completing it in a timely matter.
- Rowdy has met with engineers at the fairground buildings and is waiting now for plans and cost estimates. His biggest concern is running water and sewer to the art building and the board encouraged him to add that cost in the bidding process. He will meet with the fair board the end of this month.

#### **Jill Stoor, Elections – Canvass of Vote:**

- Jill presented the results of the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election including the Cumulative and Precinct Result reports along with the Canvass spreadsheet. Discussion was held on the emergency change of polling place required the day before the election as well as the need for a new ballot printer.

**Commissioner Somsen made a motion to certify the 2022 General Election Results as presented. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed and the Canvass Certification was signed.**

#### **Jeff Godfrey & Jon Godfrey:**

- Jeff and Jonathan spoke with the board concerning issues they saw over the last year at the county campground at China Hat. Jeff stated that they have seen vandalism, extended camping, hunting camps, and even a log splitting business. They do know the county had to replace the door and do other repairs on the building this last year. Where they both live so close, they offered their services to help watch the property and install cameras to assist. If given the authority, they would help to maintain the 10-day rule and act as somewhat of a camp host. Discussion was held on the possibility of a registration box to help control limits. All agreed that the rules needed to be revised and clearly posted. It was discussed that Tony from Parks and Recreation should be included in the plans and we would meet again with all parties closer to spring.

#### **Nellie Askew, Planning & Zoning, Public Hearing:**

- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene a public hearing to hear the Conditional Use Permit application for IDAWY Solid Waste at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- IDAWY purchased roughly 1280 acres on the Caribou and Bear Lake County line. 297 acres are located in Caribou County and they are requesting approval of a conditional use permit that would permit them to utilize the ground which is zoned agricultural for an integrated solid waste landfill facility to provide services to residents and communities of southeastern Idaho and southwest

Wyoming. The farmers will continue to farm around the facility. The Planning and Zoning board gave a recommendation for approval.

Questions were addressed concerning water controls, linings, and Forest Service access roads. Jayson stated that all runoff will be controlled and cannot leave the facility; leech ponds will also be utilized. The public roads including #186 and #216 will remain available for public use. Jayson said the facility is a subtitle B landfill and will be controlled and treated per those standards.

- **Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve IDAWY's application for a Conditional Use Permit that will allow IDAWY to utilize the 297 acres in Caribou County for and integrated solid waste landfill facility to provide services to residents and communities of southeast Idaho and southwest Wyoming. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to close the public hearing at 10:34 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed and the hearing was concluded.**

**Nellie Askew, Planning & Zoning, Public Hearing:**

- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene a public hearing at 10:34 a.m. to hear the application of Raymond and Allyne Betancourt for a Conditional Use Permit to use an existing house for a short-term rental unit that would allow up to 6 occupants at a time. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- The property is located at 2776 Kelly Toponce Road in Bancroft. They utilize the second home on their property and the majority of the renters are families. She opens the rental to families who have children with mental and physical disabilities to provide them a low stimulation environment as well as a group of boys and counselors who are part of a troubled youth program. The received 2 public comments at the previous meeting which were both neighbors in support of the permit. The property is zoned agricultural. The Planning and Zoning Board recommends approval.
- Allyne appeared before the board to answer any questions and clarified who some of her closest neighbors are.
- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Betancourt's to use their existing second home as a short-term rental unit allowing up to 6 occupants at a time because it was found in compliance with the required standards. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to close the public hearing at 10:39 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed and the hearing was concluded.**



**Jacob Farnes, IT & Brooke Allen, Direct Communications:**

- Jacob introduced Brooke Allen with Direct Communications. He stated that there is a new round of infrastructure grants beginning at the federal level and Direct Communications would like to look at Caribou County to begin applications.
- Brooke spoke with the board to update their progress in the county. They are in the middle of a major upgrade in Soda Springs and it should be completed before the end of the year which will give the option on significant speed upgrades. The state has an upcoming 180 million in reserves to put toward infrastructure and they are asking them to begin submitting proposals as well as IJJ grants soon. He anticipates the first round being awarded in February or March. His purpose is to speak with the commission on recommendations on areas where the county could benefit. They are specifically looking at the Chesterfield area. The board also suggested they consider the 8 Mile area, Wayan Loop, and west of Grace through Turner and Central.

Discussion was held on the already completed work in the Thatcher area. The board requested numbers on the number of homes that were able to hook up to that new line. Brooke stated supply issues have been a terrible problem. He stated that current speeds are 250 down and 20 up and with the upgrade they will be a gigabit up and down.

Brooke also stated that they are an FCC provider and they can help qualified families help up to \$30 per month and they have just recently lowered their pricing. They also have a program that benefits the local schools based on new sign ups in the area.

- Jacob presented information from the Elections Security Office at the state looking for help with the email issues. There is a potential for grant funds and will need a signature from the board for and information agreement. The board agreed and signed.
- Jacob presented several quotes for the exchange server; the first at \$14,000 for the cloud email. The second quote would be all in with Microsoft Cloud and Multifactor implementation with the potential for grant funding as previously mentioned. He will continue to work on options for the county.

## **Ally Schwulst, GIS**

- Ally stated that Madison County has been able to help her as agreed on the addressing, but has only been available for about 1 ½ hours. She has had contact with JUB and they are willing to contract for a 6–8-hour session at a cost of \$1000 to help with the data and mapping.

**Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve a contract with JUB with GIS for addressing training for up to \$1500 upon legal approval. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

- Discussion was held on the addressing of the Barley Meadows Subdivision. The name on the plat has changed and the addresses already submitted will need to be updated. She consulted with Eric and he stated the current addresses would not work with the EMS system. She asked whether the plat needs to be corrected or if she is able to readdress as needed. After discussion, the board agreed that she has the authority to update the addressing without changing the plat.

## **Commissioner Angie Mendenhall, Treasurer:**

- Angie shows a parcel with 2019 taxes due. The building is the only portion of the property with taxes due and has since been sold. The parcels were combined in 2020 and those taxes were missed. When she starts the tax deed process in January, it will come up as delinquent. Angie requested the taxes be cancelled. The board agreed that the former owner of the property should be contacted and informed that the tax liability falls to him. Prosecutor Wood will draft that letter.
- Angie presented a list of Homeowner's Exemptions that have been cancelled because of the recent legislation allowing them to apply into December. The current total is at \$23,270.24 with two more being cancelled today. Three counties in the state submitted a negative subroll to the state in order to help offset the amount and Caribou is one of those. This was a move to try and help the local taxing districts from being shorted. Angie cannot cancel without approval from the board and is asking for that now and asked that they continue to encourage the legislators to change that law. Angie will report final totals to the board in January.

**Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve homeowner exemption tax cancellations up to December 31, 2022. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**



**Clerk's Office, Executive Session:**

- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene an executive session at 11:45 a.m. pursuant to I.C 74-206(b). Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 12:23 p.m. No decisions were made.**

**Other:**

- **Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the claims approval reports for FY2022 in the amount of \$368,766.34 and for FY2023 in the amount of \$376,277.70, the payroll claims approval report in the amount of \$338,809.81 for FY2023, and the minutes from the 10/24/2022 commissioner meeting as presented. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Denise presented the final paperwork for Juvenile Justice funding for the board's signature.
- Denise also presented a request for rental assistance for approximately \$700 from indigent funds.

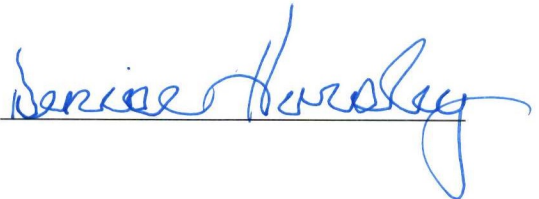
**Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve up to \$700 for rent assistance for an indigent individual. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. All voted aye.**

- The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on November 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman

  
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Attested: Denise Horsley, Clerk

  
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**CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA**

**Date: 11/14/2022**

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge Executive session (74-206 ) (b) Hiring Questions
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	Planning & Zoning	Public Hearing - Conditional Use: IDAWY Solid Waste District. New Landfill
10:30 AM	Planning & Zoning	Public Hearing - Conditional Use: Short-Term Rental Raymond & Allyne Betancourt
10:45 AM	Jeff & Jon Godfrey	Campground @ Blackfoot River
11:00 AM	Jacob Farnes/ Brooke Allen	Broadband Grants in Caribou
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Angie Mendenhall	Tax Cancellations
11:45 AM	Clerk's Office	Executive Session (74-206) (b)
Noon	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Ally Schwulst	Addressing
1:30 PM	Jacob Farnes	IT (Email) Agreements/CAI Payments
1:45 PM	Clerk/Elections	Canvass the Vote for November 8th Election
2:00 PM		
2:15 PM		
2:30 PM		
2:45 PM		
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4:45 PM		
5:00 PM		

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

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



**Approved Payment of Bills**

<b>Nov. 14, 2022 FY 2022</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense	\$8,054.62	
Indigent		
Road & Bridge		
Special Highway		
Justice	\$150,388.97	
Weed Control	\$8,727.96	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal	\$177.29	
Health		
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$409.18	
Parks & Recreation		
Tort	\$1,500.00	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court		
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$418.75	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT		
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		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund		
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust Trust		
Public Safety Fund	\$199,069.99	
Odyssey Court Payments		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Sheriff's Vessel Fund	\$19.58	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$368,766.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Approved Payment of Bills**

<b>Nov. 14, 2022 FY 2023</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense	\$56,862.01	
Indigent		
Road & Bridge	\$93,013.48	
Special Highway	\$28,421.63	
Justice	\$42,959.10	
Weed Control	\$714.27	
Consolidated Election	\$4,519.00	
Reappraisal	\$3,328.97	
Health	\$323.37	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$2,419.26	
Parks & Recreation	\$82.34	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$4,590.61	
Court Services	\$9,135.50	
Juvenile Justice	\$2,155.24	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$33,261.95	
Water District		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Probation Fund	\$500.00	
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust	\$500.00	
Treasurer's Trust	\$11,011.65	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund	\$499.25	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$68,463.28	
911 Trust Fund	\$1,995.43	
Public Safety Fund	\$4,666.68	
Odyssey Court Payments	\$6,176.48	
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Sheriff's Vessel Fund	\$678.20	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$376,277.70</b>	<b>\$338,809.81</b>