

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

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on March 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Mark Mathews, Commissioner  
Marty McCullough, Commissioner  
Denise Horsley, Clerk  
Jill Stoor, Deputy Clerk  
Kim Spencer, Road & Bridge  
Brett Barfuss, Road & Bridge  
Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control

Eric Hobson, Public Safety  
Ben Sanberg, Franson Civil Engineers  
John Lau, Caribou SCD  
Erin Appleby, Caribou SCD  
Pauline Bassett, Caribou SCD  
Gregg Haney, City of Soda Springs  
Mitch Hart, City of Soda Springs

The meeting opened with Jill Stoor leading the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

### **Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim informed the board of an employee resignation and asked for approval to move a seasonal worker to full-time status. Commissioners agreed.
- MSHA training will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. They will provide dinner for the crews as they have in the past.
- The work schedule will go back to full crews on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.
- They lost a turbo on one of the blades and have problems after the repair. Kim anticipates having it back in service in approximately a week. The blade being used in Grays Lake is also down with a blown transmission line and they are waiting on parts to get it repaired.
- Kim is concerned with the cost of road oil that is currently up \$142 per ton. He is prioritizing work for the summer based on the high price. The commissioners stated they want to complete the project at Government Dam Road as their priority and watch for unanticipated funds from the state to hopefully help with other projects.

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

- Eric presented the Southeastern Idaho Reciprocal Fire Fighting Assistance Agreement (RFFA) for a renewal of signatures. The INL manages the agreement and now would like to renew signatures every 5 years.

**Commissioner McCullough motioned to accept and sign the Reciprocal Fire Fighting Agreement for Southeastern Idaho. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

- Eric stated that we have hit the end of a curve in regards to COVID. The county is currently listed at low risk of transmission. The governor is expected to let the current emergency declaration expire at the beginning of April.
- The drought conditions are looking very similar to last year at this time. He stated that the numbers for our county are split between the Bear River and Portneuf Basin. We are currently listed as in a level 2 drought stage and expected to continue that status throughout the year. The snow load is currently at 76 to 86 percent of normal. He is expecting an official briefing for the summer outlook from the National Weather Service on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:**

- Dwight is anticipating a letter from PERSI that would allow him to hire seasonal help in the office. One seasonal worker has started this week and the other is expected after a doctor's release due to a surgery.
- Discussion was held on the blade that Dwight has been using to move snow in the Grays Lake area and repairs that are needed including a new sensor, work on the wing as well as pins and bushing. Although the piece of equipment has high hours, he requested the same blade for next year.
- Dwight inquired if the transfer had been completed on the skid loader. The board stated that it will be completed after the new one arrives for Road & Bridge.

**Ben Sanberg, Franson Civil Engineers:**

- Ben Sanberg updated the commissioners on the feasibility study for the Gentile Valley Canal PL566. He stated that the setup is going forward and the NRCS anticipated funding although it has not been officially confirmed. He still anticipates at least 3 years until construction would actually begin.
- They are working on a similar PL566 application for the Last Chance Canal Company to begin a feasibility study. The project would explore projects to help with flood control for the Gentile Valley area including re-routing water south to a possible dam on trout creek. The water would be diverted by the Last Chance diversion and the Bench B diversion and taken to a reservoir to be released throughout the summer. Improvements to Last Chance, Bench B and East Bench would be explored to prevent seepage for better water conservation measures. He is asking the board if

the county could be the governmental sponsor for the PL566 grant application. There would be less work than with the previous project because Last Chance has contributed more to the preparation.

**Commissioner McCullough motioned that Caribou County be the governmental sponsor for a PL566 grant for the Last Chance project and commit \$1500 toward the grant writing process. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Kim Holsten, Indigent:**

- Kim requested that the commissioners deny the county indigent application #2022-03 due to the applicant being approved for Medicaid.

**Commissioner McCullough motioned to deny indigent application 2022-03 as they qualified for Medicaid. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

- Commissioner Mathews also signed a release for application 2009-06 that previously been terminated. She also presented an assignment received from the Catastrophic Board on Case 3C-2021-7 for the chairman's signature.

**Jill Stoor, Elections:**

- Jill Stoor presented the voting statistics and results of the March 8<sup>th</sup> election for the board to canvass. All three county school levies passed with at least 70-percent approval.

**Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the election results of the March 8, 2022 School Election. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Caribou Soil Conservation:**

- John Lau, Erin Appleby, and Pauline Bassett with the Caribou Soil Conservation District appeared to give an update to the Board of Commissioners and request funding. John updated the board on the project on Blackfoot River where they put in 5 locations for off stream watering. They have upcoming projects this year at Chesterfield and South Caribou that include off stream watering, a pivot, drilling a well, irrigation, grazing management, and cover crop application. There are 7 landowners involved in Chesterfield and 4 at South Caribou. They have completed over 3.5 million dollars' worth of projects in the last 10 years and are requesting the board continue funding as in past years.

**Commissioner McCullough motioned to commit \$12,500 to the Caribou Soil Conservation District for Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.**



**City of Soda Springs:**

- Gregg Haney and Mitch Hart from the City of Soda Springs spoke with the board about the building that houses the city fire department. The records show that the county owns the 2 bays on the East side of the building and the city has been using those bays in exchange for maintaining the building and insurance coverage. There are serious repairs that need to be addressed; they are causing structural issues. ICRMP has agreed to assist with repairs. Discussion was held on the possibility of deeding the property to the city. The parties will meet again on March 28<sup>th</sup> during commissioner meeting to tour the site and continue the discussion.

**Other:**

- **Commissioner McCullough moved to pay the claims and remittances for FY 2022 in the amount of \$295,590.06 and payroll claims in the amount of \$309,848.24 and to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the Certificate of Residency forms as listed. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Commissioner signed the updated agreement with the state regarding use of the cinder pits that had been approved at a previous meeting.
- **Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve and sign the refinance paperwork for the Farmer's Land and Irrigation District to lower the interest rate on their bond. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on March 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Jill Stoor, Deputy Clerk



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**CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA**

**Date: 3/14/2022**

**ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name of Person/Party</b>	<b>Concerning</b>
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance
9:45 AM	Ben Sandberg	Last Chance Project
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Clerk - Elections	Canvass the Vote for March 8th Election
10:30 AM	Caribou Soil Conservation	Update & funds request Erin Appleby
10:45 AM	Greg Haney City	Fire Station
11:00 AM	Kim Holsten	Indigent
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

Sign Amendment Agreements for LID action

B.O.E.

Approve Certificat of Residency forms

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>14-Mar-22</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense	\$ 22,095.24	
Indigent	\$ 12,829.50	
Road & Bridge	\$ 64,471.52	
Special Highway	\$ 6,703.83	
Justice	\$ 26,583.33	
Weed Control	\$ 366.77	
Consolidated Election	\$ 534.04	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal	\$ 288.00	
Health	\$ 1,562.59	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 7,452.08	
Parks & Recreation		
Tort	\$ 91,532.00	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 2,117.88	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 131.11	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 5,085.90	
City of Soda Springs		
City of Bancroft		
City of Grace		
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	\$ 675.85	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust Fund	\$ 86.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 48,530.23	
911 Trust		
Public Safety Fund	\$ 273.33	
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 4,270.36	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		\$ 309,848.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 295,590.06</b>	<b>\$ 309,848.24</b>