

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF April 11, 2022

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on April 11, 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 Dept.
Molly Beseris, 4CASI
Eric Hobson, Public Safety

Katy Bergholm, IDEQ
Rowdy Larking, Building Dept.
Jackie Barthlome, City of Grace
JoAnna Ashley, Planning & Zoning
Judge Mitchell W. Brown
Thane Bowman
Shari Bowman

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

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim informed the commissioners that the blading work to open the county roads for spring is completed.
- He has been in contact with the Western Contractors, contractor regarding the upcoming jobs on the state highways, and will be able to purchase the millings from those projects. The project from Soda to the Conda Junction will be at \$8.00 per ton plus freight. We do have the opportunity to reduce that price by hauling as much as possible with the county trucks. Kim stated that they will be able to keep up with the haul from Conda. The Nounan to Bennington project is offered at the same price, but will require some freight charges in because of the increased distance to haul. Kim informed them that he willing to use funds from Road & Bridge trust if needed.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchase of approximately 40,000 ton of millings from Western Construction at a price of \$8.00 per ton. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Discussion was held on the Mill Canyon Road to the forest line. Contact will be made with the HOA and landowner before any decisions are made.
- Hacks Road in the Beaver Dam area was also discussed. Kim let the commissioners know that the state has given permission for the landowner to gate and lock the road. The commissioners discussed access to the forest and where the appropriate place would be to install a gate.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Eric discussed the drought conditions with the board. He stated that at the present, we are at 72% and the National Weather Services is predicting a low water year. We are currently 5 to 8% lower than last year on water equivalences.
- The SCBA's are now in stock that the commissioners approved purchasing with ARPA funds. Eric wanted to advise the board that the bill will be coming in soon.
- Eric stated that he spoke with the City of Soda Springs officials and they have figured out the M.O.U. with the fire department. A previous recension had not been handled correctly and there is no need to redraw the agreement.

Molly Beseris, 4CASI:

- Molly Beseris spoke briefly with the board to introduce herself as the new executive director for the Four County Alliance of Southeast Idaho. She gave a short work history, contact information, and explained a few upcoming grant opportunities.

Katy Bergholm, IDEQ:

- Katy Bergholm came to introduce herself as the Regional Administrator for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality based in Pocatello, ID. Bruce Olenik retired and Katy filled that role beginning in August of this last year. She would like to continue meeting with the board on a regular schedule in the spring and fall and stated that she is also available as needed.
- The informed the commissioners of some grant opportunities available through ARPA funding specifically having to do with groundwater. She stated that Soda Springs and Grace have requests already submitted, and she has meet with Jayson Lower at IDAWY on landfill funds available.
- Discussion was held on the responsibilities of the IDEQ and the Health Department and their different roles in issuing permits and monitoring ground water contamination. She was able to clarify some questions regarding some upcoming development in the county.

Rowdy Larkins, Building Department:

- Rowdy presented the commissioners with an updated report on the county building permits. The past quarter has been slow due to weather and Rowdy is already seeing an uptick of building applications in the month of April. He stated that he also anticipates several applications from the local mining industry.

- He has spoken with a local supplier and they suggested purchasing a 6-month supply of paper goods due to an anticipated increase in cost. Rowdy has placed that order.
- Rowdy has meet with ABC Roofing about the problems with the roof at the SEICAA building. They suggested several options and has bids coming. Discussion was held suggesting the possible use of ARPA funds to cover the repairs.
- Shannon Schulz has been to inspect the problems with the surface on the outside of the jail with Rowdy. He has a siding sub-contractor that will be coming to inspect and offer suggestions. Rowdy did state that the previous installation was better that originally thought and they will give bids on several suggested repairs.

City/County Meeting:

- Discussion was held on the recent ITD meeting. A big project on the Flying Y near Pocatello and Chubbuck will begin soon. Sign repairs on Highway 34 north will take place this year. LTAC has some federal funds available for bridges and discussion was held on priorities for bridge repairs needed in the county.
- Jackie Barthlome stated that the sewer projects planned for fall in Grace would most likely be postponed because of a rapid increase in construction costs. They have installed a new aerator to keep in compliance at their lift station. They are also looking at a bridge on Center Street that may need some attention with the two new subdivisions in the area.
- The landfill is offering a free garbage week May 2nd through the 7th.
- A Five County meeting is also scheduled on July 28th.

Paul Gritton, 208 Project:

- Paul Gritton appeared before the board to update them on the 208 Project that has begun in the county. He stated that the purpose was to provide another means of communication if the power grid were to shut down. The purpose is not to replace the 911 system; it is only an alternative form communication. They are hoping to find people in other communities in the county to join in their efforts. The program works in conjunction with ham radio operators using the GRMS frequency tone 8. They have tested at the south end of Bailey Creek at Bob Monk's home and have good communication there and would like to investigate making it available as far as the Wayan area. Their next goal is to install repeaters to link all of the communities in the county. They have been working with Ron Myers to tune and make updates. They have identified Soda Point as the best option and have requested a meeting with the TV translator board. The commissioners stated that they thought it was a good idea and would support the effort.

The group meets every Wednesday night for an on-air meeting and have created a Facebook page for the project called "208 Communicate". They will meet in person on April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the EMS Building.

Denise Horsley / Judge Brown:

- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session at 11:04 a.m. pursuant to codes 74-206(a) and (b). Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motioned passed.**

Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 11:32 a.m.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to offer full-time employment to Sharlene Simons in the Clerk's office. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

JoAnna Ashely, Planning & Zoning:

- JoAnna gave an overview of a variance application for Thane & Shari Bowman on Lake Le Barge Circle in the Pebble Creek Subdivision.
- Thane and Shari Bowman presented a variance to the board that would allow the road to be constructed to the private land standard instead of the subdivision road standard due to the other property owner's fences encroaching on the right-of-way. Those fences do not allow construction to the subdivision standard. They have trimmed tree branches and mowed to widen the areas on Yukon Dr. in order to get a camper to their property. After doing that work, more fences have been installed making it more difficult to keep the roads at the higher standard. They requested a variance to the private lane standard in order for them to apply for a building permit.
- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to grant a variance to private lane standards for Lake Le Barge Circle in the Pebble Creek subdivision as requested by Shari Bowman. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session pursuant to code 74-206(a) at 11:49 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Commissioner Somsen suggested returning to regular session at 12:08 p.m.
No decisions were made.

Other:

- Commissioner McCullough moved to approve the claims for FY 2022 in the amount 333,723.06 and payroll claims in the amount of \$300,688.81 and to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept a 75% payoff of the current balance for indigent case number 2004-69. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to pay Judy Ambrosek on a one-day voucher for a consultation on the part-time job at the extension office. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed

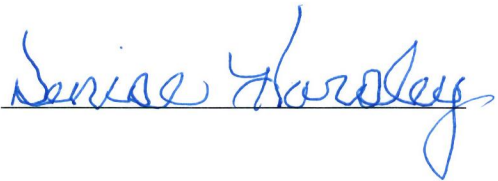
Commissioner Somsen motioned to offer the part-time position at the Extension office to Sara Smith. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on April 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Denise Horsley, Clerk



CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 4/11/2022

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge Mill Paving
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Fire / Ambulance
9:45 AM	Kathryn Bergholm	DEQ update
10:00 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:15 AM	Rowdy Larkins	Building Dept/Maintenance
10:30 AM	City/County Meeting	
10:45 AM		
11:00 AM	Denise/Judge Brown	74-206 (a) 74-206 (b)
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Thane & Shari Bowman	Variance to Road Standards for Lake LeBarge Pebble Creek Subdivision
11:45 AM	JoAnna Ashley	74-206 (a)
12:00 PM	Paul Gritton	208 Project
12:15 PM	Lunch Meeting with Elected Officials	Discuss HR
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206) Sign contract for Copier Lease for Clerk

NDA Agreements with Williams Northwest Pipeline & Intermountain Gas for GIS Maps

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

Approved Payment of Bills

Apr-22	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 12,941.74	
Indigent	\$ 37,000.94	
Road & Bridge	\$ 130,301.33	
Special Highway	\$ 11,464.01	
Justice	\$ 33,138.57	
Consolidated Election	\$ 564.68	
Weed Control	\$ 865.33	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal		
Health	\$ 5,124.90	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 4,688.07	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 18.41	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 956.04	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 171.47	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 1,800.80	
Water District		
Sheriff's Vessel Fund	\$ 398.55	
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	\$ 5,130.01	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 399.75	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 70,187.26	
911 Trust Fund	\$ 7,135.67	
Public Safety Fund	\$ 6,615.65	
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 4,819.88	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		\$ 300,688.81
Grand Total	\$ 333,723.06	\$ 300,688.81