

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF May 9, 2022

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on May 9, 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.
Brett Barfuss, Road & Bridge Dept.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Dept.
Maggie Mann, SIPH
Tyler Butler, SIPH
Eric Hobson, Public Safety
Chris Thomas, Caribou Medical Center
Dillon Liechty, Caribou Medical Center
Eric Christensen, Bancroft City

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

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Kim received a call from the Montpelier Forest Ranger informing him that the Crow Creek Project with the natural gas pipeline is on hold for 3 to 5 years. They have been holding off on work to the road because of the project. With the project on hold, they will add it to the summer schedule and see what they are able to get done. Kim will have the crews work a modified schedule of 2 13-hour days and 1 14-hour day to accommodate for the travel.
- The Lundgren culverts are installed and the commissioners should see the billing soon for approximately \$9,200. Two of the culverts also went to the Baker Road extension.
- The new loader is in Pocatello and they plan to deliver it this week. The skid steer has not arrived yet; it is held up waiting for installation of a screen.
- Commissioner Somsen informed Kim of comments about the roads at the Comprehensive Plan meeting in Freedom. The Bridge Creek Road and Enoch Valley portion of the Long Valley Road need to be addressed. Kim stated that they have a blade headed there this morning. A new culvert and gravel have also been installed on the Henry Cutoff Road where a cabin is soon to be constructed.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control:

- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene and executive session pursuant to I.C.74-206(b) at 9:16 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 9:21 a.m. All agreed and regular session resumed. No decisions were made.

Maggie Mann, Tyler Butler, Southeast Idaho Public Health:

- Maggie Mann presented the FY2023 Budget Request as approved by SIPH Board of Health on April 16, 2022. She explained changes by the legislature eliminating the medical indigency fund, as well as eliminating the state general fund appropriation to the health department. She further explained the changes made by House Bill 316 and how that would directly affect Caribou County. The funding request would have been \$91,260 and after implementing the new law, the funding request is now at \$121,208 for an increase of 32.8%.

Their budget hearing will be at the Southeastern Idaho Public Health office in Pocatello on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. and informed them that if the board chairman is not able to attend, they must send a written proxy with another board member.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Control Dept.:

- A reporting of Giant Hogweed has been found in Caribou County and reported to the state. They will monitor it closely to make sure it is not a hybrid. Giant hogweed is on the EDDR list and this is the first reported case in Idaho. Ant Canyon is also being monitored for a potential sighting.
- Dwight wanted to make the board aware of that the state may require the removal of Russian Olive in the future. He would like the county to be proactive in encouraging the removal those trees. The trees are great pheasant habitat and smell really good, but they are a problem because of the water they require. If left unattended they can become a problem especially during drought years.
- They have been working on the bare ground truck and are stalled due to a lack of available parts. He is unable to find the tank he wants so they will postpone finishing that work.
- Susan Gentry will start working in the office on May 31st and will be taking care of the office work including the Dyers Woad program.
- If the weather permits, they will have a weed spray day down in Thatcher this coming Thursday, May 12th. They will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the old church site and spray for Whitetop.

- Chesterfield spray day is tentatively set for June 23rd and they will be specifically spraying for Houndstongue and Musk Thistle.

Eric Hobson, Public Safety:

- Eric stated that it looks like we are headed into a drought similar to last year. The governor has already signed a drought disaster emergency declaration for all 34 counties below the Salmon River. Eric has prepared a declaration for the county if the board wishes to sign it as a supporting document to the state.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-05 declaring an Emergency / Disaster Declaration. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed and the resolution was signed

- Eric has been working on 2 grants this year. The first is the EMS grant that Eric will be completing to apply for another ambulance and gurney. The vendor states that they will be able to provide the ambulance within the required timeline. He requested that the board sign a letter of support as part of the grant application process. The commissioners agreed and signed the letter.
- The second grant is for the purchase of fire equipment through the RFC grant as part of the IDL program. The application is in process and they would like to purchase new fire shelter shovels with those grant funds. This grant does require a 10% match and has a cap of \$5000.
- They have a semi with a CAT on it that is overloaded at the fire department. Eric had an opportunity to obtain a 2001 Sterling with 100,000 miles on it through a swap with the McCammon fire department.
- Eric has done more research on purchasing a new portable back up generator as requested by the board. They are currently hard to purchase and most are out at least a year on delivery. Kim was able to obtain a bid at Bear River with an 8-month lead. Discussion was held on the power requirements needed in a county emergency and a decision was made to make the repairs on our current generator instead of the new purchase.
- As previously discussed, Eric has been pricing new heater and air conditioning units for the EMS building. He spoke with Brent Martinsen to receive bids and learned of a pending price increase on the Lennox system that would work best. He ordered the unit and asked for board approval. He has also worked with Rowdy and they will continue working on the best options for the roof repairs. The contractor stated that the tin looks good and they need to replace the ridge cap and work on sealing it.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to accept a bid of \$7,636 for a new HVAC system at the EMS building to be purchased from ARPA funds. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Eric has been looking to replace the cardiac monitors in the county ambulances and would like to use ARPA funds for that project. The current units are Lifepak 12 1993 models that technically reached end of life in 2002. We have 6 ambulances that are in need of the new units and would like to keep all the units with similar monitors for training purposes. He presented bids to the commissioners for new units at approximately \$170,000 as well as refurbished units at approximately \$130,000. The board suggested splitting the units across fiscal years for budgeting purposes.

Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the purchase of 3 FMP41 SOL X Model defibrillator units for the ambulances at a cost of \$21,495 each to be paid from ARPA funds. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris Thomas, Caribou Medical Center:

- Chris stated that after working with the bond council they have found some wording on the transfer agreement that needs to be amended. The first change is to include the bond council for any recorded notices. The second change was a revision to the wording regarding the tax exempt and non-profit status deadline with a tie in that they receive financing by September 30, 2022. They are asking for an extension of that date because of the current market conditions. A statement deleting 2.8 portion of the transfer agreements was requested and they also requested past county audits.

Discussion was held on the wording "reasonable assurance" and how that wording affects the county's position. The commissioners were also opposed to the deletion of 2.8 portion without more information. An attempt to contact one of the hospital attorneys to clarify questions was unsuccessful. The board and county legal counsel were uncomfortable signing the amended agreement without answers to their question. Doug will work with the hospital's attorney before the board agrees to the amendments.

Other:

- Commissioner McCullough moved to approve the minutes of the 4/25/2022 meeting as presented, the claims in the amount \$253,229.66, and payroll claims in the amount of \$307,336.63 for Fiscal Year 2022. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the liquor license application for Ritz Classic Soda Springs, LLC for the remainder of the calendar year. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to convene an executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(a) at 11:13 a.m. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

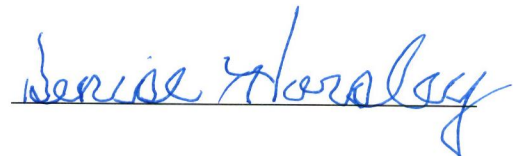
Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 11:15. No decisions were made.

- Commissioner McCullough motioned to approve the names as presented for the college Certificate of Residency forms. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on May 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Denise Horsley, Clerk



CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 5/9/2022

ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS

Time	Name of Person/Party	Concerning
9:00 AM	Bills & Minutes	
9:15 AM	Kim Spencer	Road & Bridge
9:30 AM	Southeast Public Health	Budget Tyler & Maggie
9:45 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:00 AM	Eric Hobson / Larry Weaver	Ambulance
10:15 AM	Denise Horsley	Executive Session 74-206 (a)
10:30 AM	Chris Thomas	Amendment Hospital Transfer Extend Date
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OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session I.C. (74-206)

B.O.E.

Sign Juv. Detention Facility Joint Powers Agreement

Approve Cert. of Residency Forms

Approve Liquor License

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

Approved Payment of Bills

May 09,2022	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 11,647.55	
Indigent	\$ 10,607.79	
Road & Bridge	\$ 59,738.00	
Special Highway	\$ 7,292.20	
Justice	\$ 21,501.85	
Weed Control	\$ 17,187.99	
Solid Waste		
Reappraisal	\$ 6,209.67	
Health	\$ 1,509.02	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 3,270.45	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 18.41	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 1,082.81	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 306.15	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 1,251.50	
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		
Odyssey Court Payments	\$ 18,652.00	
Cobra Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 531.11	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 439.75	
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 75,462.18	
911 Trust	\$ 1,737.31	
Public Safety Fund	\$ 14,783.92	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 253,229.66	\$ 307,336.63