

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF October 23, 2023

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on October 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chairman
Bryce Somsen, Commissioner
Marty McCullough, Commissioner
Jill Stoor, Clerk
Sharlene Simons, Deputy Clerk
Kevin McLain, Road & Bridge
J Adam Mabey, Sheriff

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS
Nellie Askew, P&Z
Ally Schwulst, GIS
Dillon Leichtey, Caribou Medical Center
Shalayne Bartschi, CC Senior Citizens
Michelle Martin

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

Kevin McLain, Road & Bridge:

- Kevin went to meetings with Oneida, Franklin, Bonneville, Bingham, Bear Lake, Bannock and Caribou Counties and discussed purchasing Mag Chloride using government bids along with other concerns that counties face.
- #67 road grader is fixed. CAT met with Taylor and found that 2 road graders are having issues with the fuel pumps, those will be replaced and he requested a spare to have on hand. Diesel additives were discussed.
- Kevin mentioned that they are still crushing at Cow Camp.
- A crew is installing winter markers on the state line road to match the markers Lincoln County has installed.
- He will meet with Jordan Stoddard about a getting a permit to cut across the road on Two Mile /Cinder Pit Road. Stoddard's will need to purchase the culverts.
- Mark mentioned a cattle guard is needing fixed on the Lanes Creek cutoff road.
- Kevin stated that they are going to widen the corner by the Kiewit Shop by 8 inches.
- Dwight would like a turn around on Lanes Creek Cutoff Road.

J. Adam Mabey, Sheriff:

- Sheriff shared that there was water leak in the roof of the programs area but it is now fixed.
- A service vehicle hit the gate control & Sheriff said they are working with the insurance now to get that resolved.

- He is trying to find a transport van that was approved from ARPA Funds.
- Sawtooth Medical sent a signed contract for this year. It looks like prices may increase in the future.
- He shared that he has run into a problem on a road near Freedom. Sheriff shared maps showing differences in who owns the road. There is either a locked gate or a truck left in the road. Sheriff wanted to keep the Commissioners informed of the situation.
- Information Only: There was a complaint that in May of 2023 a slurry line burst and went into Diamond Creek. There are concerns about how it has impacted the cattle and the environment. Simplot has repaired the leak, but the spill went approx. 2.5 miles.

Jacob Farnes, IT/GIS:

- Jacob shared that the large format printer is continually causing issues along with having to replace expensive cartridges. He asked to purchase from Valley Office Systems, a printer with a maintenance contract of \$440.00 per year, in the amount of \$3925.
Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve the purchase of Sharp MX 5070 Color System for the total purchase price of \$3925.00 including trade-in. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jacob then requested a purchase from SHI of server units with capital outlay. The new unit will replace the older 2016 unit, but will keep the older unit for testing.
Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve the purchase of a Power Edge R750 for the purchase price of \$21,984.53. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Commissioner McCullough made a motion to convene an executive session pursuant to I.C.74-206(a) at 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the executive session convened.**
Commissioner Somsen suggested ending the executive session at 10:02 a.m. with no decision made.

Jill Stoor/Tisha Young, Health Insurance:

- Tisha shared the current contract with Gem Plan and the confusion of when employees and families will begin receiving insurance. She was asking for clarity to update the wording with Gem Plan.
Commissioner McCullough made a motion to change the wording for the contract with Gem Plan to state that new employees will receive insurance the 1st full month of employment and their dependents the 2nd full month of employment. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jill Stoor, Clerk:

- Jill shared the following important dates with the Commissioners:
11/08/2023 4-County Meeting in Franklin County @ 10:00 am.
11/09/2023 Judge Brower's investiture here @ 4:00 pm in the Courtroom.
11/16/2023 is the 5th District Elected Officials meeting in Pocatello @ 1:30 pm.
11/28/2023 County Official's Institute at the Bonneville County Elections office.
- An email from Henry Etcheverry concerning a resolution about lambs was received requesting a resolution of support for the sheep industry. Jill will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.
- Justin Steele dropped off the annual Juvenile Justice Report that needs a County Commissioner signature. and the document was signed.
- Jill received an invoice from IAC for the creation of the Center for Public Lands. This was going to come from the LATCF funds but those funds are tied up in a CD currently so she asked if it could be paid out of P.I.L.T. and offset it later. The amount on the invoice is \$14,300. 72.

Commissioner Somsen made a motion to take \$14,300.72 for the Center for Public Lands thru NACo out of P.I.L.T. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dillon Leichtey, Caribou Medical Center:

- Commissioner Somsen asked if Caribou Medical Center was interested in renewing the extension for the contract. Dillon responded with a yes and an update on where they are at currently. His report included the following:
Chris Thomas, the previous CEO left the 3rd of March and the Board put Dillon in as an interim CEO. He stated they are still an independent hospital that is run by a Board of Directors as promised.
A new EHR, (electronic health record)
Dr. Franson was replaced with Dr Hunter Goodenough
Surgery program has rebounded, and they have brought in robotic surgery
A provider will be retiring this next year and have an offer to a provider who does OB and C-sections
Renegotiation on construction
Hired a CEO Kent Loosley from Alpine, UT.
Dillon feels like people are in a good place with the hospital and commented the contract mentioned a build and that has been on hold temporarily due to new hires and building cost increases.
New Hire CFO Brian Speas previously was Alan Robinson who is retiring
COVID Funds were spent on operations
Community Health Needs Assessment which will be in November
- Prosecutor Wood asked about locals coming back to work and helping them with more funding for schooling. Dillon responded that their goal is to go out and find people who care about the community and maybe even grew up in the community and use those training places. He shared how they are doing this with current employees.

- 501-C3 is new so they are still learning about that.
- North Gem sent a group to get CPR Training from the hospital
- Charlene McCulloch in new hospital board member along with Stephanie Rindlisbaker, Craig Mansfield, Curtis Toone, Wes Brown, and Lorraine Myers.
- Commissioner Somsen asked about EMT classes being taught in the schools and does the hospital have anyone certified to teach that. Dillon will check into that.
- Prosecutor Wood commented that the hospital has been very good to work with the Sexual Assault Response Team (SAT).

Shalayne Bartschi, CC Sr. Citizens:

- Shalayne shared that the thrift store is continuing to do well and that there have been no big thefts. She mentioned she could use more volunteers to help sort.
- She shared an Income/Expense report 7/1/2023 – 9/30/2023 with the Commissioners.
- A new counter top is being installed with grant money. She shared that they may redo the bathrooms with money from funds from the Area Agency on Aging. This would need to be done by March to utilize those funds.
- Gus Green mentioned that he might need to be replaced during the winter to deliver meals.

Other:

- The Commissioners questioned the Animal Damage Control Bill for \$4500. Jill will ask for more information before the check is mailed.
- **Commissioner Somsen made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/09/2023 as presented, the claims approval report in the amount of \$149,453.73 for FY 23 and \$106,158.37 for FY 24 on 10/19/2023 and the payroll claims in the amount of \$194,401.90 on 10/18/2023. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet again on November 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Mark Mathews, Commissioner Chair

Attested: Jill Stoor, Clerk


