

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF August 26, 2019

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on August 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commissioner Chairman Phil Christensen, Mark Mathews and Bryce Somsen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Deputy Clerk Jessica Zander, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Public Safety Director Eric Hobson, Planning & Zoning Secretary JoAnna Ashley, Building Inspector Blake Poulsen, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Chief Deputy Matthew Galloway, Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall, Donna Ledbetter Indigent Director, GIS & IT Director Jacob Farnes, Jared Ricks, Raleigh Scott, Dennis J Haderlie, Caroline Haderlie and Steve Liechty.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to executive session at 9:09 A.M. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Somsen motioned to reconvene to regular session at 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners made a unanimous decision to write a letter of termination effective today to Kelly Christensen. Commissioner Somsen motioned to terminate Mr. Christensen based on the refusal to comply with Caribou County's drug test policy. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eric Hobson, EMS & Fire:

- Hobson explained that he has funds left in the current budget that he would like to use. The fire station is 20 years old and is in need of new carpet and paint. He has only received one bid back from EZ2 Plez for approximately \$5,000 for the carpet including installation. The Commissioners asked Eric to also check with Sanders for a carpet bid. Eric is estimating the cost of painting to be \$1200.
- Hobson was awarded a \$25,000 grant for a new cot. They cost approximately \$35,000. He also has funds available in capital outlay that he would like to purchase two or three Lucas CPR Devices. The Commissioners approved his purchase request.
- They are planning on scheduling a CPR class to be held sometime this winter. They will have to purchase new books. The books are approximately \$700 each. They have a new edition every

year. He is hoping to get at least 10 people to sign up. The Commissioners suggested that he order 7 or 8 books for now and order more later if needed.

Public Hearing/Planning & Zoning:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to convene to a public hearing for a variance request. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Attorney Criss James presented some pictures for his clients. Dennis J and Caroline Haderlie own 5.7 acres of property on Highway 34 close to the Wyoming border. Half of the acreage is pine trees and the other half is bare ground. The property already has electricity and sewer services. The property also borders the Grouse Creek Subdivision. Mr. James further explained that the owners would like to either build a home or sell the property.
- JoAnna Ashley presented the official motion from Planning and Zoning. She explained that they were in favor as long as the septic system will be sufficient for the home. JoAnna explained that the land use surrounding the property falls in line with the variance request. JoAnna is also in favor of the variance.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the variance request made by Dennis J. and Caroline Haderlie for a low-density residential zone to meet the best land use. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to conclude with the public hearing. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dwight Lloyd, Weed Supervisor:

- Dwight has found a 2019 Chevy Duramax Cab Over 2-Wheel Drive truck. He thinks it would work great for weed spraying. He was quoted approximately \$46,000 when he spoke with a sales man a while ago. The Commissioners said to inquire about it again and make the purchase if the truck is still available at close to the same price.
- Dwight explained that he would like to work on customizing the truck this winter and be a backup on snowplowing. He would like to keep Kelly Swensen working until October to help finish out fall weed spraying and start working on the truck.
- Dwight further explained that the Grays Lake snowplowing route is 54.7 miles and six-tenths of it is in Bonneville County. He would like to eliminate the Bonneville County portion of the route.

- Commissioner Mathews explained that all the surrounding counties have the weed personnel help with snowplowing during the winter. Commissioner Mathews said we can talk to Bonneville County and make a plan after a decision is made.

Kelly Wells, Sheriff

- Sheriff Wells explained that communications going north has been problematic for a while. An opportunity has come along to add a repeater. They have the funds available in the current budget.
- Chief Deputy Galloway explained that there is currently a UHF repeater on Black Mountain and they would like to upgrade to a VHF repeater. The best option would be to keep the infrastructure in place per Galloway. Eric Hobson has two available registered emergency communication frequencies available. This will save a lot of time and registration fees. \$28,000 is the approximate cost for the upgrade. The lifespan will be 10 to 15 years.
- Would Bonneville or Lincoln county benefit from this upgrade asked Commissioner Somsen. Sheriff Wells explained that they use a different radio system so they would not benefit.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to put a new VHF repeater on Black Mountain for an approximate cost of \$28,000. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing/Planning & Zoning:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing at 10:46 A.M. to discuss the zone change request and conditional use permit made by P4 Productions/Bayer. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- JoAnna Ashley explained that Jason Maughan is not able to attend today. JoAnna also explained that the zone change request is for the other part of the groundwater treatment system. This portion includes only 66 acres not the entire 270 acres.
- Raleigh Scott with the Fish and Game explained that P4 Productions is making good efforts on Highway 34 in the mule deer migratory area. P4 recognizes that there is an issue considering the amount of deer that cross the highway near the Bayer Plant on Highway 34.
- JoAnna Ashley said Planning and Zoning is in support of the zone change.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the zone change for 66 acres from Agricultural 2 to Manufacturing 1 Light Industrial. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- JoAnna Ashley explained that the next part of the application is for the conditional use permit. The summary of the conditional use is to expand the use of the pond to accommodate for the output of up to 4,000 gallons a day. The small facility is not capable of handling that large of an amount yet. Some citizens that attended the Planning and Zoning meeting asked that a defined buffer be established. The request was made that the southern boundary line have a measurement that ends on East 4th North. All the land within this defined buffer zone cannot be developed. Under CERCLA P4 Productions cannot sell the land per JoAnna.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the conditional use permit for P4 Productions to include the surveyed buffer zone as recommended by Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Angie Mendenhall, Treasurer:

- The following bidders were in attendance for the tax deed auction. Rudy Tolbert, Lance Dilworth, Ryan Day, Ralph Woolsey, Doug Taylor, Pat Johnson, Eric Hobson, Jim Murdoch, Chad Harding, Jack Newsom, and Mike Newsom.
- First parcel up for auction was bare ground in Caribou Village Phase I. The actual legal description is Lot 25 Block 2 Caribou Village Phase I. Parcel # 0055007002250. The opening bid was \$1,030.23. 9 bids were made by several individuals and the winning bid was \$5800 made by Eric Hobson.
- Second parcel up for auction was bare ground in the Squaw Creek Ranchettes. The actual legal description is Lot 15 Squaw Creek Ranchettes Phase I. Parcel # 005522000150. The opening bid was \$2,153.35. 34 bids were made by several individuals and the winning bid was \$24,000 made by Rudy Tolbert.

Public Hearing for Budget FY2020:

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to enter into a public hearing to discuss the proposed FY2020 budget. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners asked that in the Parks and Recreation Budget that the special projects line item be decreased to \$15,000 instead of \$20,000.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the 2019/2020 county budget as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to open the 2018/2019 budget to move \$350,000 from operation in funds mineral leasing to the mineral leasing trust. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion Motion carried.

Jared Ricks, Public Defense Commission:

- Jared wanted to come today to provide an update on the Public Defense Commission activities. They are working on negotiating two rules this year. The independence of the defense function and standards related to resource equity.
- The Public Defense Commission will not to be trying to get a written rule in front of the legislation this year. They want to compile more information before they take this step.
- Jared explained that the Executive Director would like to come meet the Commissioners face to face at some point to get their feedback before anything is finalized.

Steve Liechty, Rocky Mountain Power:

- Mr. Liechty provided an update on how Rocky Mountain Power is functioning in the community and the State of Idaho.
- Locally they contributed to the new playground located in the city park and the Soda Spring Library.
- They have the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation that allows individuals to apply for grants. The grant that is currently being offered is for cultural purposes and the deadline is September 15. Health, safety and awareness is the next cycle.
- They donate to rodeos in Idaho. They have also donated between \$50,000 to \$60,000 to the food bank over the last 5 or 6 years
- They employ approximately 168 employees in the State of Idaho.
- They are still heavy in the natural gas and coal industry. However, the hope is by 2030 to dramatically change this and be more reliant on solar and wind energy. They are proud that they have been able to keep their rates down for their customer base.

Donna Ledbetter, Indigent Director:

- Donna asked the Commissioners to sign the standard liens on Case Number 2019-22 to allow time for the appeal period. Donna interviewed the applicant and has determined that she is not medically indigent.

- Commissioner Mathews motioned to deny Case Number 2019-22 as the applicant is not medically indigent. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Donna further explained that the same applicant that was previously mentioned has another case. The amount was substantially more, but Donna still found her not medically indigent. She asked the Commissioners to sign the standard liens on this case as well.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to deny case 2019-23 as the applicant is not medically indigent. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JoAnna Ashley, P&Z Secretary:

- JoAnna has been working on updating the code enforcement policy for the county. She is attempting to make the policy less vague so that everyone will understand.
- The county will need to follow through with their part. For example, the \$100 fine per day that the individual is not complying will need to be enforced.
- She would like the Commissioners input and she encourages them to change anything that they feel needs to be changed before it is finalized. She asked them to review the policy and they will need to adopt the code enforcement policy as a resolution on a later date.
- JoAnna would also like the Commissioners to do an amendment to the ordinance that deals with road definitions. The roadways are not clearly defined in the old ordinance.

Blake Poulsen, Building Inspector:

- A Caribou County resident has recently poured a foundation for an agricultural building that is too close to the road. Blake said they are at least 10 feet into the set back.
- Blake is needing advice from the Commissioners on what to tell the landowners.
- Blake asked Kim Spencer if the building could pose a traffic issue and Kim did not think it would be a problem.
- The decision was made that the landowners need to cease any further activity until the Commissioners can speak with Doug Wood about the situation. Blake will call Doug when he gets out of court today.

Jacob Farnes, GIS & IT:

- Jacob provided an update on the server issues that we have been having at the courthouse. He has pinpointed the problems and is working on getting the issues resolved.
- The pricing on the server was originally quoted as \$20,000. It actually ended up being \$10,000 which allowed Jacob to add some additional features for storage. We should have quadruple the storage capacity.

Other:

- Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims and remittances in the amount of \$423,391.12 and payroll claims in the amount of \$189,240.45 and to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to add Blake Poulsen to the agenda. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to certify the budget requests for the taxing districts. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-05 to allow employees the ability to sign up for the State of Idaho 457 Retirement Plan. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to approve the certificates of residency applications for Braxten L. Jacobsen, Jacob Lish, and Allyson Schwulst. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- MR&E has sent invoices for the roll offs for the Senior Citizens building. Denise asked the Commissioners if they are willing to pay the entire amount of \$463.00. They agreed that the county will pay the entire amount.
- Denise Horsley suggested that the new meal reimbursement starting in October be \$12 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$23 for dinner rather than what was previously discussed. The Commissioners agreed with the new amounts.
- The meeting adjourned at 03:05 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet September 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

Phil Christensen

Attested: Denise Horsley

Denise Horsley

Approved Payment of Bills		
26-Aug-19	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 24,404.79	
Indigent	\$ 6,302.03	
Road & Bridge	\$ 30,502.38	
Special Highway	\$ 102,132.11	
Justice	\$ 80,341.24	
Consolidated Election	\$ 27.78	
Weed Control	\$ 6,454.47	
Solid Waste	\$ 18,621.87	
Reappraisal	\$ 6,912.64	
Health	\$ 789.79	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 1,799.78	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,175.73	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 84.99	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 247.63	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing	\$ 39,591.18	
PILT	\$ 936.25	
Idaho State Treasurer	\$ 45.00	
School District #148	\$ 8,499.90	
Central Cemetery	\$ 331.62	
Fairview Cemetery	\$ 3,207.39	
Freedom Cemetery	\$ 109.79	
Grace Cemetery	\$ 1,754.34	
Lago Cemetery	\$ 245.04	
Lund Cemetery	\$ 87.16	
Thatcher Cemetery	\$ 205.89	
Turner Cemetery	\$ 178.06	
School District #149	\$ 4,051.38	
School District #150	\$ 5,004.42	
School District #21		
City of Soda Springs	\$ 47,302.51	
City of Bancroft	\$ 7,567.67	
City of Grace	\$ 12,110.47	
Bancroft Cemetery	\$ 646.60	
Lava Cemetery	\$ 1.99	
Grace Free Library	\$ 4,128.28	
TV Translator	\$ 590.20	
Caribou County Solid Waste	\$ 3,229.96	
Bailey Creek Fire District	\$ 128.73	
Freedom Fire District	\$ 262.66	
Waterways	\$ 626.48	
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Road & Bridge Trust		
Odyssey Court Payments		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Water District		
Court Trust		
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 780.67	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust	\$ 566.50	
Motor Vehicle Trust		
911 Trust	\$ 1,403.75	
Public Safety Trust		
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Sheriff's Sale Excess Funds		
Soft Cost & Video Arraignment		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 423,391.12	\$ 189,240.45

CARIBOU COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

Date: 8/26/2019

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)
9:30 AM	Eric Hobson/Larry Weaver	EMS & Fire
9:45 AM	Public Hearing/Planning & Zoning / JoAnna	Variance request for Dennis Haderlie
10:00 AM	Jayson Lower	Landfill
10:15 AM	Dwight Lloyd	Weed Control
10:30 AM	Kelly Wells	Sheriff
10:45 AM	Public Hearing/Planning & Zoning / JoAnna	P4 Production/Bayer for rezone - Cond. Use Permit
11:00 AM	Angie Mendenhall	Tax Deed Property Auction
11:15 AM		
11:30 AM	Public Hearing	Budget 2019-2020
11:45 AM		
NOON	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Jared Ricks	Public Defense Commission
1:15 PM	Steve Liechty / Rocky Mountain Power	RMP Updates & Grants
1:30 PM		
1:45 PM	Donna Ledbetter	Indigent
2:00 PM	JoAnna Ashley	Code Enforcement Proposal
2:15 PM		Proposed Subdivision Ordinance
2:30 PM	Jacob Farnes	Information Technology
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5:30 PM	FAIR BOARD MEETING	

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

BOE

Adopt resolution for the State of Idaho 457 Plan

Adopt ordinance for Neibaur & P4 Production Zone Amendment (No public hearing required)

PD Financial Agreement

Approve Certificate of Residency Forms

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