

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF JULY 11, 2014**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on July 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance for the first hour were Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman, Phil Christensen, Commissioner, and Mark Mathews, Commissioners. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Veda Mascarenas, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Weed Supervisor Scott Shuler, Indigent Director Denise Horsley, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, County Treasurer Diane Crawford, County Assessor Aaron Cook, Loren Smith, David Patterson, Stacie Watkins, Danny M Jones, Carl Toupin, Shannon Graham, Erich Orth, Luke Grebe, Jimmy Beker, John J. Williams, John Chatburn, Grant Simons, Rondo Perkins, Odell Perkins, Brantley Hatch, Glen White, Steve White, and Sherry White.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- The sign for the Blackfoot River Camp Ground is up. Kim will also put up a sign listing the rules of the camp ground.
- Smokey Canyon Road will be done in August.
- The Penstock Bridge is still a work in progress.
- There was discussion on the new fence line being built on County property and the City of Grace property. Doug will talk with the City of Grace and the people building the fence to try and resolve the issue.
- The Bancroft Rodeo has requested to use the county water truck for the rodeo on July 24, 2014. The board of commissioners agreed to the request.
- Kim will check on the closing of railroad crossings by the railroad without notice.

**Ralph Hopkins, Building Inspector:**

- Ralph requested the moratorium on the south canyon of Caribou Village be lifted and to waive the penalty on unpermitted construction. Commissioner Mathews moved to lift the moratorium on the south canyon of Caribou Village and to waive the penalty on unpermitted construction. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Ralph also reported as of June 30, 2014, 9 residence, 2 additions, 2 garages, 5 Ag. Ex, 2 carports, 2 zoning, 1 Ind. Building, 1 moving, and 1 variance permits have been issued for a total valuation of \$3,657,131.60 and a total Permit Fee of \$21,453.00

**Scott Shuler, Weed Control:**

- The bag of woad program is complete.
- Spraying is being done or will be completed on Stump Creek, Crow Creek, Freedom Park & Baseball diamond, County Gravel Pits, Grace Gravel Pits, and Soda Springs Gravel Pits.

Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular meeting. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.

**David Patterson:**

- Mr. Patterson requested from the board of commissioners to purchase property between the Caribou County Jail and the Caribou County Fire Station. The board of commissioners will review the lots. No decision was made.

**Stacie Watkins, Caribou County Senior Citizens:**

- Stacie Watkins presented the quarterly report of the Caribou Senior Citizens to the board of commissioners.

**Danny Jones:**

- Mr. Jones request that a speed limit sign be posted within the Blue Lake Landing subdivision.
- Kim Spencer will post a sign "Speed limit within the Subdivision is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted."

**Public Hearing:**

- A public hearing was held for the approval of Ordinance 2014-003 and 2014-004. There was no public present. Commissioner Mathews moved to approve ordinance 2014-003 "Speed Limit on Wood Canyon Road and Gunnell Road is 25 MPH"; and ordinance 2014-003 "Stop sign at the entrance of Bailey Creek Subdivision is now a Yield sign". Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.

**Carl Toupin:**

- The board of commissioners met with Carl to discuss the upcoming hunting season and getting the designated area for horses set up at the Blackfoot River Park. Kim will get a sign 10 x 18 that states "Horse Area".
- Carl reported that the camp host at the Blackfoot River Park is part time.
- Carl also reported that the China Hat Road and the Dike Road are in bad shape and requested that the county patch or chip the roads.

**John Williams, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)**

- Mr. Williams reviewed the project and answered question the board of commissioners had.
- The county renewed the permission for BPA to enter the county property.
- August 7, 2014 is the close of the comment period.
- Commissioner requested that underground cable be used on private property.

- Scott has done three certifications on hay in Grace and Bancroft
- There were work days in Grays Lake and Jensen Creek.
- The UPRR is almost complete.
- CD Ranchers will comply with the weed eradication per statute.
- Afton Way Subdivision has a problem with thistles. The subdivision will spray for the thistles.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to replace the truck during the next budget year. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.

**Denise Horsley, Indigent Director:**

- Liens were signed on 2014-14, 15, 16, 17, & 18.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to approve application No. 2014-16 because the applicant is indigent. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to deny application No. 2014-15 because the applicant failed to comply with the required information required by statute. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.

**Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:**

- A new computer will have to be purchased to apply the upgrade to the new system. The current system is outdated and will now allow the upgrade.

**Loran Smith, Planning and Zoning Commission:**

- Loren inquired about Forest Service Road #432 and the road leading to said road. Property has been purchased that could block the access to the Forest Service Road #432. Caribou County Attorney, Doug Wood will explore any easements that might be attached to the road leading to the forest service road. Loren stated that a decision by the planning and zoning commissioner would have to be made by August 2 and encouraged the board of commissioners to have an answer by that time.

**Diane Crawford, Caribou County Treasurer and Aaron Cook Caribou County Assessor:**

- Diane requested that taxes on Parcel #015001004016 be reduced \$652.42 for 2011, \$740.64 for 2012, and \$829.83 for 2013 for a total of \$2,222.89. Aaron will reduce the 2014 value to 43702. This will include the homeowner's exemption. Commissioner Mathews moved to reduce taxes on Parcel #015004016 - \$652.42 for 2011, \$740.64 for 2012, and \$829.83 for 2013 for a total of \$2,222.89. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to convene as a Board of Equalization. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes. Commissioner Christensen moved to change the value on Parcel 015001004016 to 43,702. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and

**Rhondo Perkins:**

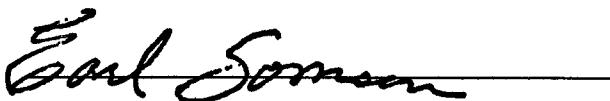
- Mr. Perkins stated that the there he believes there is coercion with the board of commissioners and the election process. He also believes that same exists in the clerk's office. He is concerned about the bond election for North Gem School District #149. He requested that an independent source conduct the next election in November.
- There was a request from Grant Simons that "zip ties" used to lock the ballot box be numbered so that a log could be kept whenever the box is opened. The clerk said that could be done and thanked Mr. Simons for his suggestion.

**Other:**

- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$645,151.73 and payroll claims in the amount of \$285,101.56, and to approve the minutes of June 22, 2014, as amended. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet July 28, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman



Attested: Veda Mascarenas



**Approved Payment of Bills**

	14-Jul-14	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense		\$ 27,862.14	
Indigent		\$ 8,146.76	
Road & Bridge		\$ 6,711.23	
Special Highway		\$ 119,872.69	
Justice		\$ 17,441.80	
Consolidated Election			
Weed Control		\$ 615.28	
Solid Waste		\$ 1,455.17	
Reappraisal		\$ 936.22	
Health		\$ 14,139.93	
Hospital M&O			
Ambulance		\$ 17,433.92	
Parks & Recreation		\$ 412.16	
County Fair		\$ 247.88	
County Court Facility			
District Court		\$ 9,701.59	
Court Services			
Juvenile Justice		\$ 639.90	
Veteran's Memorial			
Mineral Leasing		\$ 103,479.50	
PILT		\$ 9,632.50	
City of Soda Springs			
City of Bancroft			
City of Grace			
Bancroft Cemetery			
Central Cemetery			
Fairview Cemetery			
Freedom Cemetery			
Grace Cemetery			
Lago Cemetery			
Lava Cemetery			
Lund Cemetery			
Thatcher Cemetery			
Turner Cemetery			
School District #148			
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School District #150			
School District #21			
Grace Free Library			
Waterways		\$ 141.84	
County Judgement Trust		\$ 293,421.51	
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		\$ 1,206.50	
Centennial Trust			
College Trust			
Treasurer's Trust		\$ 595.73	
ID Trust			
Concealed Weapon's Trust		\$ 1,068.80	
Motor Vehicle Trust		\$ 53.50	
911 Trust		\$ 9,716.35	
Public Safety Trust		\$ 218.83	
Weed Control Trust			
Drug Court Trust			
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID			
Vessel Account			
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 645,151.73</b>	<b>\$ 285,101.56</b>