

COMMISSIONER MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2015

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on January 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Commissioner Chairman Earl Somsen, Phil Christensen Commissioners and Mark Mathews Commissioner. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Caribou County Prosecutor Doug Wood, Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadmen Greg Gibson, Brett Barfuss, Caribou County Sheriff Ric Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor Randy Stephens, Indigent Director Wendy Rasmussen, Weed Supervisor Scott Shuler, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Louis Berg, Robert Lau, Alan Skinner, Public Safety Director Dennis Godfrey, Fireman Brad Hemmert, and Kip Allan, City of Soda Springs, Councilman Robert Lau, Alan Skinner and Mayor Jim Smith .

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:

- **Chips are ordered for coming paving season. Kim asked if the commissioners have any specific roads they would like to have chipped.**
- **The Penstock Bridge was discussed. Looking at July to start construction waiting for the state to open bids. County has met the match of 28.2%.**
- **Kim stated that the Tin Cup Enterprises has ordered the Davis Bridge.**

Randy Stephens Courthouse Maintenance:

- **The generator is fixed at a cost of \$2,200.00. Perk's electric is looking for a UPS which will hold the power if there is a power surge.**
- **Next phase for the remodel will be the steps, painting of the trim work sand blasting and cleaning the bricks and if any money is left over start on the windows.**
- **Commissioner Somsen inquired about past commissioner picture board and when Randy would be able to have it up in the foyer. Commissioners would like Randy to have it up as soon as possible.**

Wendy Rasmussen Indigent Director:

- Commissioner Mathews moved to approve application 2015-06. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen=yes, Mathews=yes. Commissioner Christensen abstained because of conflict.

Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:

- Landfill Restroom update. Footings and floor have been poured. They have had a number of positive comments on the restroom from the public.
- Bulk trailer discussion. Jason is working on available options for purchase.
- Cat 963 discussion, our current cost per hour thru 12/31/14 \$36.36/hours w/o oil change expense factored in, cost benefit of purchase vs lease option-fixed cost of \$34.15/hours vs \$37.36/hours current ownership of existing machine-no surprises in regards to maintenance, machine covered for 5 years. Cost of the machine would be \$294,604 with a trade in of \$45,000, and a buyback of \$100,000 will make the cost \$149,604 . Jason has \$30,000 in the budget for this machine. Once the order is made it will take 6 months to receive the. The lease can only be used 1000 hours a year. Commissioners wanted Jason to know how much they appreciate all his research; it helps the commissioners make an informed decision machine. Commissioner Christensen made a motion to lease Cat 963 second by Commissioner Mathews. The vote was Somsen=yes, Christensen=yes, Mathews=yes.
- Fuel prices seem to be more than market rate. Jason said he would like to get other bids.
- SCCC training for landfill employees went well.
- Simplot regional landfill opportunity-still in progress of R&D. Commissioner Somsen has talked with Mr. Phillips with Simplot and the Lincoln County Commissioner all are on board.
- 2014 the landfill employees were accident free.
- Jason wanted to thank Veda for all her hard work, thanks to Wendy & Donna for a great job, and looking forward to working with Denise and a special thanks to the commissioners for all of their service.

- Commissioner Somsen made motion to add Weed Supervisor Scott Shuler, Fair Board and City/County Meeting that was left off the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mathews. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes.
- Swearing in of the New Elected Officials was officiated by Judge David R. Kress.

Scott Shuler, Weed Supervisor:

- Weed Department took delivery of the new 2015 5500 Dodge truck. Will start installing the instruments, hoses, etc. on January 13, 2015. They will be using the Road & Bridge shop with the part time weed employee doing the work on the truck. Road & Bridge will purchase the old truck for \$2000.00 which was the price that the dealership would give for a trade in.
- Plowing the dike for the month of Dec had 11.5 hours it takes about 3.5 to 4 hours to plow. Have talked to landowners about diking. Most of them said yes and one said in case of emergency it would be ok. Some farmers have winter wheat and requested they will be careful when diking. Commissioner Somsen stated that if the wheat was damaged the county would make restitution.
- Scott will be attending the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference and weed Superintend Meeting in Boise February 2-5.
- Cloud seeding has been slow, small storms. We're about 65% average of Bear River Drainage. We're still seeding the good news we still have a couple of months.
- Scott has been on the RAC committee for 5 years; this is my last year. Scott believes there is a benefit to the county to be involved and said they should think about someone to replace him. The committee has an estimate of about \$449,000 to award for 2015. This money will benefit forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintains roads, trails and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds. Commissioners thanked him for his service on the committee.

Ric Anderson, Sheriff

- Snow Removal at the jail was discussed with the Commissioners, Sheriff, Randy and Scott. The Commissioners would like to use in house first. If they can't make it then the Sheriff's office can call and get someone from the outside to plow. Need to have the public parking

cleaned out first. The removal of the snow will be done by the county, and be taken to the fields next to the jail.

- Ric asked about the purchase of a new patrol vehicle at a cost of \$35,000. Commissioners wanted Ric to check on other option with Ford dealership. Ford F150 and Ford Explorer and lifetime warranty. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to purchase a new vehicle, second by Commissioner Somsen. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes.

Louis Berg:

- Louis addressed the commissioners about concerns of noxious weeds, old vehicles, and dilapidated buildings on the properties adjacent to his property. He would like the commission to work together with the city to clear up enforcement responsibilities. City official also weighed in that they had reservation of enforcement responsibilities. Commissioner suggested that the weed supervisor contract property owners about noxious weeds and city and county should speak with their attorneys before proceeding with other enforcement issues.
- Louis wanted to discuss with the commissioners his plans for a Wildlife Park. Commissioners referred him to county Planning and Zoning to clarify permitting before bringing this to the commission. It would be a conflict with the commissioners if they have prior knowledge of the issue.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathew s-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 12:24 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes
- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b) at 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes.

City/County Meeting:

City of Soda Thanked the County Commissioners for filling holes behind the Senior Center. Also the City of Soda has plans in the near future to add a pavilion by the geyser for the public to have a picnic place there. They also are intending to add a boardwalk from the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum to the Geyser, to make visiting both places easier.

The City of Soda has a drainage problem by the dentist office on 4th South going to 1st Bridge and will need to cross County property to fix it. Earl said to please inform Kim Spencer as to the intention of the City.

Fire and Police departments are working together.

Discussion about how much the drug dogs were working in our Communities and our Schools. Doug Wood would like to see the drug dogs make a trip through the School parking lot.

Fair Board:

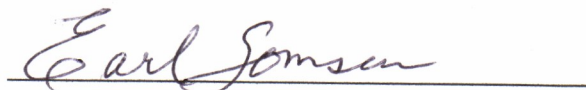
- After discussion, Mark made the motion to appoint Sterling Delbridge to the Caribou County Fair Board. Earl seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes. Discussion was also heard about finishing the 2nd phase of the restroom at the fairgrounds. It was decided that the refund from the State Insurance Fund for workman's comp refund check in the amount of \$10,224.00 is to be placed in PILT until a decision is made on what to do with the money.

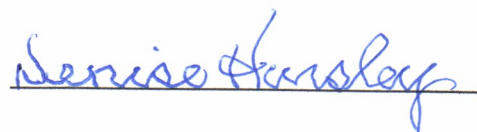
Other:

- Resolution 2015-01 was presented to the commission. Commissioner Christensen moved to retain Commissioner Somsen as the Commissioner Chairman for the 2015 year, and that commissioner assignments will remain the same. That the regularly scheduled meetings in May and October be move to Tuesday May 26, 2015 and Tuesay October 13, 2015 because meetings fall on a holiday. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes and Mathews-yes.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$317,546.03 and payroll claims in the amount of \$706,708.81, and to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, Mathews-yes.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet January 26, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley, Clerk





Approved Payment of Bills

1-12-15

	Claims	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 23,416.03	
Indigent	\$ 1,118.92	
Road & Bridge	\$ 78,163.17	
Special Highway	\$ 4,826.69	
Justice	\$ 37,193.70	
Consolidated Election	\$ -	
Weed Control	\$ 31,519.57	
Solid Waste	\$ 27,251.97	
Reappraisal	\$ 64.67	
Health	\$ 661.56	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 9,287.94	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 322.84	
Tort		
County Fair	\$ -	
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 9,268.13	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 3,301.81	
Veteran's Memorial	\$ -	
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 2,600.77	
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	\$ 341.60	
TV Translator		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee	\$ 87.00	
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust	\$ 361.22	
Court Trust	\$ 1,297.98	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 47,497.66	
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 26,887.11	
911 Trust	\$ 7,078.78	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 210.31	
Weed Control Trust	\$ 4,786.60	
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
Grand Total	\$ 317,546.03	\$ 706,708.81