

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF July 13, 2015**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on July 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance for the first hour were Earl Somsen, Commission Chair, and Commissioner Phil Christensen. Also in attendance were Caribou County Clerk Denise Horsley, Caribou County Road and Bridge Supervisor Kim Spencer, Leadman Brett Barfuss, Indigent Director Wendy Rasmussen, Deputy Eric Hobson Public Safety Director Dennis Godfrey, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Landfill Supervisor Jason Lower, Jackie Barthlome, Wayne Breadehaulf, Alan Skinner, Lynda Lee, Building Maintenance Supervisor Randy Stephens, Pete Anderson, Ben Ledford, IT Supervisor Terri Stephens, Veda Mascarenas, Rick Phillips, Chad Gentry, and Lori Hamann, Caribou County Assessor Aaron Cook, Stacie Watkins, Bruce Lind.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Kim informed the Commissioners that we could piggy back off Ada County Highway District for 2015 3000 Gallon Etnyre Oil Distributor mounted on a new KWT-800 Auto with Fuller Drop box for \$232,440. Kim told the Commissioners if they ordered now it would be about 8 months out which would put it being delivered in April of 2016. Commissioner Christensen made the motion to purchase of 2015 3000 Gallon Etnyre Oil Distributor for \$232,440. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote Somsen-yes, Christensen-yes.
- Kim got two bids one from Bassett Building & Supply, and the other from Lott Builders/Glass for damage caused by a woodpecker on the outside of the office at the County Shop on Highway 30. The bids are for Steel Siding, Skirting and Installation. Bassett Building had the lowest bid of \$9,000. The Commissioners gave Kim permission to have the repairs done before winter.
- Kim updated the Commissioners on the projects that the Road and Bridge has been doing this summer. The cinders on Dyke Road should be complete on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Road and Bridge has been leaving the road passable on nights and weekends, but have it closed during working hours. The R&B Crew has been starting their work day at 5:30 to do the Crack Sealing before it gets too hot. Kim said they should be done this week and then will return to their regular schedule. Kim feels that they should get the roads in the County done and be ready for winter.
- Commissioner Somsen wanted to know how the new crusher is working. Kim told him that they are some small issues but it is crushing about a 2 foot rock. Kim has been very pleased with the purchase.

**Randy Stephens, Courthouse Maintenance/Pete Anderson Meyers & Anderson:**

- Pete informed the Commissioners that there was a \$29,000 over bid error was made by the sub-contractor concerning the extent of the replacement in the bid for the windows, this price included all of the windows. Commissioner Christensen made the motion to accept a change order on the sole

bid to replace courthouse windows, and the change order was deemed acceptable by the Commission and they approved the increased cost. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes.

- Pete talked to the Commissioners about bid package #2 painting all exterior trim, stairway, and existing painted surfaces and clean and repoint all existing exterior brick. Pete suggested to the Commissioners to rebid package #2 as separate projects. The painting could be done as an informal bid because the amount is under \$100,000. The brick work would have to be done as a formal bid because it would be over \$100,000, but have a masonry contractor bid on the project and do not use a general. This would save the County about 18% of the total bid. Meyers & Anderson would help Randy in the bid process. Pete thinks if the County would consider this option they would be able to have the work done before the end of the year. This would allow all expenses to come out of next year's budget. The Commissioners wanted Meyers and Anderson to start the process.

**Jason Lower, Landfill Supervisor:**

- Jason wanted to publicly show his appreciation towards Ric. He feels that Ric has done a great job for Caribou County and he has been great to work with.
- The metal has been picked up and paid for. The landfill made about \$10,000 extra by waiting to sell the metal. The Angel Tree will be receiving some of the metal money the rest will be going back into the landfill budget.
- Jason has done more research into having a fuel tank system and he feels like it would be a benefit to the landfill in purchasing a containment system. Jason has checked into two systems one would be Dura Life vertical containment system and the second one would be a cement containment system. Jason thinks to get a fuel system set up at the landfill would be around \$25,000. Jason said that the County should be receiving the state price on their fuel prices.

**Wendy Rasmussen, Indigent Director:**

- Wendy requested release on the following Liens on Cases # 2014-19, 2015-01, 2015-02, and 2015-3.

**Veda Mascarenas, Republican Central Committee Chairman:**

- Veda informed the Commissioners that the Republican Precinct Committee met on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and there were five individuals that interviewed for the appointment of the Caribou County Sheriff's vacancy. Veda presented the three names to the Commissioners. Philip Christensen, Gary Etchinson, and Michael Haderlie. Veda provided the Commissioners a copy of IC 59-906 for the Commissioners to follow. The Republican Party will be having their monthly meeting today.

### **City/County Meeting:**

- Alan Skinner, Soda City Director informed the Commissioners that the hiring of the Road and Bridge Crew to help the city crew with Chipping and Sealing on the city roads will be done the same way that it has been done for the last few years. The County will budget for wages in Fiscal Year 2016, and then the City of Soda will reimburse the County for the employees' wages, taxes and Persi. The City of Grace will still pay the employees directly.
- Commissioner Somsen told Alan and Lynda that he discussed with the mayor about the land the county owns around the Geyser that the city would like to make into a park. The Commissioners have been discussing just deeding the land to the city for the park, but would still be involved in the construction of the park to help the city out. Alan has a survey of the land and will get a copy to the County. The city will start the project this year but will complete it next year.
- City of Grace asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to increase the rent for the ambulance garage by \$200 to help cover the increase in utilities. Commissioner Christensen made the motion to increase the rent for the County Ambulance from \$1,800 to \$2,000 starting in fiscal year 2016. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes.
- Jackie asked about the Penstock Bridge updates. The Commissioners have not heard of any updates on the bridge, but will check with Kim.
- The City of Grace will be have be having a concert in the park on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. The Chamber will be hosting and the Fire Department will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for a donation. The time is starting at 6:00 p.m. Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August will be the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration for the City of Grace. They will be having food, games and just socializing. It will run from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the city park.

### **Aaron Cook, Caribou County Assessor:**

- Aaron informed the Commissioners that he had two parcels that the Homeowners Exemption was left off in error, parcel #MH91990 & parcel #015025002150. Aaron requested that the Commissioners give him permission to put the Homeowners back on the parcels. The Commissioners agreed with the request.
- Commissioners Christensen moved to convene to executive session at 1:25p.m. pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes. Commissioner Christensen moved to reconvene to regular session at 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes. The decision was to add a line item in the Assessors budgets for Leave Indebtedness.

**Terri Stephens, IT Supervisor:**

- Terri told the Commissioners that the Clerk had asked her to go over the revenue end of the budget with the Commissioners. Terri had copies for the Commissioners for the last several years that will show how much the County has brought in and what was expended. She explained with these reports it will help in process of levying for the individual funds. Terri feels that the County is in good shape going into next year's fiscal year

**Eric Hobson, Deputy/Dennis Godfrey, Public Safety Director:**

- Eric presented the Commissioners with bids for a new Ford Ambulance. Eric explained to the Commissioners that the bigger ambulance 450 that they were interested in has the same engine that is in the 350. The Commissioners wanted Eric to get some bids on other makes of ambulances to compare with the Ford pricing. They want bids on the 450's & 350's. Eric talked about refurbished ambulances they will have the same engine as our ambulances. The Commissioners said no on checking into the refurbished ambulances. Eric also talked to the Commissioners about the EMS grant. The State will pay about \$120,000 towards a new ambulance and the County would have to match 25% up to \$120,000. He said the only thing was the ambulance title would stay with the state. Commissioners Somsen felt that this would not be a problem, and would like him to start the process of applying for the grant. Eric told the Commissioners it would be for budget year 2017.
- Dennis informed the Commissioners that he would be retiring in August.

**Rick Phillips, Chad Gentry, Lori Hammon, Simplot:**

- Rick introduced Chad Gentry, Smoky Canyon Mine Manger and Lori Hammon, Permit Manger to the Commissioners. This was an informal meeting with the Commissioners so Simplot could update them about the new roads that they will be adding at Smokey Canyon Mine, and where they are mining. Simplot just wanted to let the Commissioners know in case they have any complaints they will be aware of what is being done in Smokey Canyon. The Commissioners were also informed that there is no ATV access across their haul road, but there is access across the public road. Simplot should have the road completed in about October. Lori talked to the Commissioners about the issues that they have had with roadless area. Lori said that there was some concerns because it interfered with the haul road. When they started doing the Idaho Roadless which includes North Fork of Deer Creek, Deer Creek Proper, are back country roadless, and Huckleberry Roadless. Commissioner Somsen wanted to know what the back country roadless means for Simplot. Lori informed the Commissioners that this is one of the most protected areas, there cannot be any roads or structures. The main concerns for Simplot is keeping people safe during the construction of the roads.
- Jason and Dave Lore wanted to meet with Rick Phillips about the Regional Landfill, and what Simplot is interested in. Dave wanted to let Rick know that it would be a benefit to Simplot and the County to

move forward with the Regional Landfill. Rick said that one of the main concerns is that all the agencies are working together. Rick will get with Jason and give him a contact person from the corporate office that he could work with. The Commissioners feel that having the Regional Landfill will be a good deal for all concerned.

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

- Stacie presented the Commissioners with the Quarterly Report for their review, and thanked them for their continued support. She told them that the golf scramble raised more money than they ever had in the past, and they are still doing the gun raffle.
- Stacie informed the Commissioners that they are having some leaking in the basement, because the asphalt in the parking lot has started to separate from the building. The Commissioners told her they would have Kim with the Road and Bridge get with her to see what could be done.

**BOE:**

- Commissioner Christensen made the motion to meet as a board of equalization. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes. Bruce E. Lind wanted the Commissioners to know that there is a problem with the noise at his property caused by a lumber mill opening up behind his property. He feels that this has made the resale value of his house worthless. Mr. Lind showed the Commissioners an appraisal done on his home when he purchased it in 2006 for \$150,000. He then showed the Commissioners three appraisals done this year and the appraisals came in at \$89,000. Aaron presented the Commissioners with comparable that have sold within the last year that back up the assessed value of Mr. Lind's property. Aaron also informed the Commissioners that the appraisals that Mr. Lind's appraiser used two of the three were on repossessions. Commissioner Christensen made the motion to drop the assessed value to \$112,000. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes.

**Other:**

- Commissioner Christensen made the motion to add Dave Lore to the agenda. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes.
- Commissioner Christensen moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$483,151.57 and payroll claims in the amount of \$440,336.12, and to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015, as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes.
- Commissioners Christensen moved to convene to executive session at 3:10 p.m. pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(a). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes. Commissioner Christensen moved to reconvene to regular session at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The vote was Somsen-yes, and Christensen-yes.

- The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet July 27, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Earl Somsen, Commissioner Chairman

Attested: Denise Horsley

Earl Somsen

Denise Horsley

**Approved Payment of Bills**

	13-Jul-15	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 17,189.96	
Indigent	\$ 1,370.49	
Road & Bridge	\$ 49,376.45	
Special Highway	\$ 139,655.10	
Justice	\$ 78,263.82	
Consolidated Election		
Weed Control	\$ 14,687.44	
Solid Waste	\$ 7,832.64	
Reappraisal	\$ 8,580.33	
Health	\$ 423.79	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 10,150.61	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,800.28	
Tort		
County Fair	\$ -	
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 8,382.72	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 993.04	
Veteran's Memorial	\$ 3,500.00	
Mineral Leasing	\$ 123,702.98	
PILT	\$ 2,000.00	
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	\$ 129.33	
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
TV Translator		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee	\$ 174.00	
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust	\$ 1,713.00	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust	\$ 6,300.00	
Treasurer's Trust		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 137.75	
911 Trust	\$ 5,771.27	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 16.57	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 483,151.57</b>	<b>\$ 440,336.12</b>