

**COMMISSIONER MEETING OF May 8, 2017**

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on May 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance, Commission 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, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Randy Stephens, Weed Supervisor Dwight Lloyd, Caribou County Sheriff Kelly Wells, Caribou County Treasurer Angie Mendenhall, Leslie Talbot, Cheryl Rasmussen, Donna Ledbetter, Dean Stutzman, Maggie Mann, Kathy Puckett.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge:**

- Commissioner Somsen went down Lanes Creek and was concerned about the condition of the road for about ½ mile. There was quite a few soft spots that need to be fixed. Kim said he will talk to Jon at Agrium and let him know.
- Kim would like to reject both of the crusher bids. He can rent a crusher for a couple a months for substantially cheaper.
- Commissioner Somsen has received some complaints about the red gravel on some of the roads. Denise mentioned that the rocks on the Wood Canyon Rd are very large. Kim said they are fixing Wood Canyon Rd today.
- Commissioner Christensen asked if we would have the option to buy on the rented crusher. Kim will find out if that is an option or not. He will also find out how much we can get if we traded ours in.
- Commissioner Mathews asked Kim what his opinion is on the intersection at Bailey Creek. Kim likes the idea of a 3 way stop. He is not in favor of a roundabout. Commissioner Mathews said they will discuss this with the Sheriff as well.
- Commissioner Mathews moved to convene to executive session at 9:20 a.m. pursuant to I.C. 74-206(f). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Mathews moved to reconvene to regular session at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Randy Stephens, Courthouse Maintenance:**

- They are working on some blueprints for the remodel. He is looking into all the details of converting the break room into an office for the public defender.
- He thinks we should be able to stay within budget for the breakroom remodel.
- Commissioner Somsen told Randy he would like the parking lot swept and painted. He asked that Randy organize all the details to get that done.

**SE Idaho Public Health:**

- Leslie presented their quarterly report. In March, they visited the Grace High School and Soda Springs High School to get the individuals between the ages of 16-18 up to date on their immunizations.

**Dwight Lloyd, Weed Department:**

- Things with the 2 seasonal hires are going good.
- Dwight asked if Kim is still planning on building a new shop. Commissioner Christensen said that is being put off for now. Dwight would like permission to insulate the weed shop as the budget allows. It wouldn't have to be done all at once.
- Dwight also has a propane heater that was donated years ago that he could use. Commissioner Christensen suggested that he purchase a new one, the old one is more than likely not very efficient.
- Dwight said his side by side should be ready to go this afternoon.
- Dwight said he noticed a water leak by the shop in town. He bought some parts and repaired the leak. He wondered who is actually responsible for this building? Commissioner Christensen suggested that Dwight ask the City of Soda Springs who is responsible for the building. Dwight said it gets damaged all the time. Commissioner Somsen said we may need to consider locking it if this continues to be a problem and the building is ours.

**Kelly Wells, Sheriff:**

- Everything with the new hires is going good. They had someone put in notice for resignation so they will be doing some more hiring.
- Sheriff Wells felt like the medical services transition went well.

- Commissioner Mathews asked Wells for his input on the Bailey Creek stop sign. Wells likes the idea of 2 stops and he would like to have a public hearing.
- Commissioner Somsen said signs would be the least expensive way to resolve the problem.

**Donna Ledbetter, Indigent:**

- Commissioner Somsen made the motion to deny application for case 2017-08. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lien signed for case 2017-08. Releases for cases 2017-5 and 2017-6 both signed as appeal period has expired on both.

**Dean Stutzman, Business Phone Specialists:**

- He is a sub-agent for Century Link.
- He was the individual that sold the county the phone system approximately 6 years ago. The contract is up again. He is proposing a 36-month contract.
- Commissioner Mathews asked if the phones are leased. Dean said they are county owned phones. The cost we pay is for the actual line and they provide the technical support for us.
- Commissioner Mathews asked him why our current billing is so much more than the contract states. Dean is going to do some research and come back for the next meeting. He will get things reviewed before the commissioners are expected to sign a new contract.

**Maggie Mann, Kathy Puckett ,SEI Public Health:**

- Their budget hearing is June 1 in Bannock County at 12:30 with lunch being served before the meeting at Noon. She is requesting that at least one of our commissioners attend the hearing. Commissioner Christensen is planning on going.
- Personnel is the most significant expenditure. They are requesting an increase of 1.74 FTE's (full time equivalent employee) or 2.3%.
- They have accounted for a 3% merit increase for their employees and a healthcare premium increase.
- They had an extra pay period this fiscal year. They won't have to include this in their budget again for 11 years.
- Their board recommended an increase of 2.4% in funding resources.
- According to the latest census, Caribou County had a population increase of 1.7%
- Commissioner Somsen motioned to approve the Southeastern Idaho Health proposed budget for FY2018 for \$63,220.00. Commissioner Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Gregg Haney:**

- Gregg attended a meeting about 5 years ago that the ACLU put the state of Idaho on notice that public defenders need to be on the same resource footing as prosecuting attorneys.
- The ACLU want the public defenders to have proper offices, salary, benefits, and staff. They also do not like the idea of contract public defenders.
- Gregg thinks the \$25,000 grant should be used solely for setting up a public defender's office. He doesn't believe in Caribou County we would need a full time assistant; a part time would be sufficient.
- He said his main concerns in a public defender's office are everything must be kept confidential and their network has to be separate from the other departments.
- He would like to see a public defender's office open in Caribou County.
- He believes using some of the grant money for investigations is an unneeded expense. Expert witnesses are rarely needed.

**Bryce Somsen:**

- Commissioner Somsen and Commissioner Mathews had recently attended a meeting with the American Forest Resource Council. There were several well-known organizations in attendance.
- Commissioner Somsen and Commissioner Mathews would like to see a committee organized in Caribou County to help speed up forest projects. The committee would more than likely meet quarterly.
- This would be beneficial to the local businesses that make their living owning/operating sawmills. It would help fast forward forest harvesting.
- The membership fee is \$50 per month for Caribou County. The membership fee would help with the economic development for the forests. Commissioner Somsen suggested that we give this a try for a year and see what happens. Commissioner Christensen said he is all for it.
- The committee will be called the Caribou Forest Health Initiative.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to become a member of the American Forest Resource Council. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Somsen will be a

non-voting member and he will not be voting for the commissioners either due to the conflict of interest.

**Other:**

- Commissioner Mathews moved to pay the claims in the amount of \$127,260.76, and payroll claims for \$160,357.67 and to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Certificate of Residency/Affidavit were presented to the Commissioners for Approval. The following students are taking courses through Idaho Jr. Colleges. High School Juniors: Hunter Andersen, Sadie Jo Gough, Dallon Hulse, Garrett Kladis, Caitlyn Mickelson, Kresta Stoddard, Madison Straatman, Alyson Weaver, Chase Harris, Shae Donaldson. Commissioner Mathews made the motion to approve the Certificate of Residency/Affidavit. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to accept Bonneville Power Administration easement agreement for \$34,100. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Caribou County was the last to sign this agreement, all of the landowners involved had already signed.
- Commissioner Mathews motioned to add the hospital, fair, and TV translator boards to the agenda. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Mathews found out that these board members are not paid. The commissioners all agreed that the board members should be compensated for their time. Commissioner Mathews motioned to compensate the fair, hospital and TV translator board members at the same rate that the planning and zoning board members get. Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion was then amended to pay \$100 to the chairperson per month and \$75 per month to the members on the hospital board by Commissioner Mathews. Commissioner Somsen seconded the amendment made. Amendment carried. The hospital portion would have to be taken out of PILT. The other two could include this in their budget in the next fiscal year. Denise asked about mileage. Commissioner Mathews said to draft a letter stating what the reimbursement mileage rate is and mail it out to the secretaries.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet May 22, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Phil Christensen, Commissioner Chairman

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Attested: Denise Horsley

Denise Horsley

Approved Payment of Bills

	8-May-17	Payroll
Current Expense	\$ 16,691.37	
Indigent	\$ 11,287.78	
Road & Bridge	\$ 43,467.29	
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 12,765.32	
Consolidated Election	\$ 1,091.60	
Weed Control	\$ 28,023.16	
Solid Waste	\$ 1,436.18	
Reappraisal		
Health	\$ 1,264.84	
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 2,510.08	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 186.71	
Tort	\$ 1,000.00	
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 1,056.22	
Court Services		
Juvenile Justice	\$ 112.00	
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 609.22	
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		
Tax Deed Excess Funds		
Farmers Land & Irrigation LID		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust		
Water District		
Court Trust		
Range Improvement	\$ 428.77	
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust		
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 26.98	
911 Trust	\$ 1,721.55	
Public Safety Trust	\$ 348.18	
Soft Costs & Video Arraignment	\$ 3,233.51	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 127,260.76</b>	<b>\$ 160,357.67</b>