

## COMMISSIONER MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2009

The Caribou County Commissioners met in regular session on June 22, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Lloyd Rasmussen, Commissioner Chairman, Earl Somsen, and Phil Christensen Commissioners. Also in attendance were Clerk of the Board, Veda Mascarenas, Kim Spencer Road and Bridge Supervisor, Ralph Hopkins Planning and Zoning, Sheldon Mansfield, Gregg Haney, Caribou County Attorney, Rick Anderson, Caribou County Sheriff, Craig Shuler, Tony Varilone, Duayne Sims, Caribou County Coroner, Mitch Hart, Linda Lee, Randy Prescott, Allan Skinner, Jody Reeves and Roger Cheramie.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Kim Spencer, Road and Bridge** reported the U. S. Forest Service has informed Kim not to rent equipment with the stimulus money. The county road and bridge department was going to rent a minnie track hoe and a big track hoe for boring rock on the Winchell Dug-way project. Road and bridge department will take a cat, if needed. Kim will meet with the forest service concerning the Diamond Creek project on June 29, 2009. The forest service has not secured the permits for the Sulfur Canyon project yet.

There will be an increased cost for a special cattle guard on Smith's Road. The last one had a 78" frame with cement. The new one will have a 5" x 21' long pipe with an 11" rail underneath. Guard rail for the crusher was repaired and reinstalled.

Oiling will start June 23, 2009, to do Tyhee, Hegstrom Road, and Stateline.

Commissioner Christensen requested a section on the road just before Poison Creek needs some more gravel.

**Ralph Hopkins, Plan and Zoning** no new subdivisions or developments are in the forecast for Caribou County.

The five day work week was discussed. Both Ralph and Sheldon held exception to the five day work week stating they have a second job on Friday. Ralph stated he would have to make some different arrangements. Sheldon stated he wasn't hired to work 5 days. It is the decision of the board of commissioners to have the clerk's office and the building and GPS department keep a log of the telephone calls and walk-ins on Fridays.

Commissioners Christensen requested that Ralph not do inspections by himself. He should take another employee with him for safety issues.

**Craig Shuler and Tony Varilone** discussed the trail from the Trail Guard Station to Dry Valley. This trail is still in existence and has been on the map since 1860. It has been shown on the county maps in 1920 and

1922 and has never been abandoned. There is no recording that shows that the county has abandoned the trail. Craig requested that Caribou County claim the trail. Greg Haney will research this matter.

**Duayne Sims, Coroner**, discussed the Caribou County Indigent Burial Agreement. This needs to be revised. Veda will work on this agreement.

**Rick Anderson, Sheriff**, reported that Mullen Crane moved the fuel tank without cost.

Ron Meyers with R & L Communications has requested to purchase the county communication building on top of Soda Point. Commissioner Rasmussen suggested that Mr. Meyers get on the agenda for TV Translator meeting on July 7, 2009.

The \$5000.00 certificate of deposit for Caribou County or Department of State Lands or (Caribou County Sheriff's Office) was discussed. Rick will contact Pat Brown with the Department of State Lands to find out how this certificate was started 11 years ago.

An update for the State prisoner housing was given. The latest statement from the Department of Corrections is that a percentage of the State prisoners will be cut from the jail housing list. Mr. Anderson stated that he anticipation half of the prisoners will be cut from our jail which is approximately an \$80,000.00 a year loss. This is a conservative number and could only be one-third. This will present a problem for budgeting and revenue. Rick will work at cutting cost of the jail budget where he can and get with Veda.

The jail charges jail fees for inmates that are incarcerated by the court whether with or without work released. The only recourse the jail has to collect these fees is through a collection agency. This is an ongoing problem. The collection agency mostly has a problem finding the person after the released from incarceration.

**City/County Meeting:** The City of Soda Springs discussed the decreasing number of State prisoners and the increasing costs. Mitch Hart has contacted Senator Geddes for help and explanation. The landfill fee ordinance was discussed. Randy Prescott discussed the Census issue, the need to encourage people to complete the census for tax revenue purposes, and the legislative boundaries. There is a real need to educate the public about the census. Randy Prescott discussed the possible motorcycle track that a motor cross club wants to build. The board of commissioners suggested that planning and zoning be contacted.

**Roger Chermie, CHAT TV** has requested a TV channel from the TV Translator board and has been turned down. He requested help from the board of commissioners to get a channel. CHAT TV presents services for local communities by filming library days, chamber days and many others.

**Jodi Reeves, Courthouse and Grounds** discussed the tree trimming in the front of the courthouse because the grass is poor shape. Two options were presented (1) to trim the trees and (2) to fertilize the ground so the grass can grow. The high levels of nitrogen from the pine needles that fall every year causes the grass to not grow. Commissioner Somsen suggested that Jodi trim the trees himself and use a county

vehicle to haul off the limbs. The bids for tree trimming are higher than the county is willing to pay at this time.

The tree on the north end of lot doesn't look healthy. Commissioner Somsen suggested having Jack Isaacs with the forest service to look at the tree to see if the tree is sick or bug infested.

**Tony Varilone, Oregon Trail Bear Lake Scenic Byway Grant**, provided a letter from Idaho Fish and Game indicating that \$51,000.00 has been budgeted for the \$44,250.00 sponsor (Caribou County) match. Tony will make contact with Gary Young verifying the money from Idaho Fish and Game.

#### **Other**

Commissioner Somsen moved to pay the claims ending June 19, 2009, in the amount of \$213,803.56 and payroll claims for June 17, 2009, in the amount of \$135,563.47 and to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009, as amended. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Somsen moved to donate \$150.00 to the Project Warmth Project. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Somsen moved to pay Mitch Hart \$200.00 for professional services to Caribou County. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The matter of Caribou County joining the Western States Alliance that was discussed last meeting was brought up by Commissioner Somsen. It is the decision of the board of commissioners not to partner with Western State Alliance.

Commissioner Somsen moved to accept the revision of Caribou County Ordinance #09-03 concerning the snow load ordinance. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion. The definition of a manufactured home according to the Universal Building Code has been added. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Christensen moved to go into executive session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(1)(b). Commissioner Somsen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Somsen moved to reconvene to regular session. Commissioner Christensen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The board of commissioners decided to not treat this matter as an oral or written warning and will have the employee meet with the board of commissioners once a month on the regular commissioner meeting to discuss any issues and upcoming matters in his department.

The board of commissioners suggested that Tom Seamons, the county insurance broker, visit with the board of commissioners at the next meeting to discuss options of affordable medical insurance plans.

The board of commissioners agreed to have government identification cards for county employees. This is an extra benefit for our employees. The cost to the county would \$5.00 per card for each employee. The

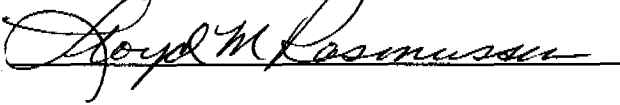
card would have an expiration date which would be the election date of the elected official in charge of the department.

The board of commissioners agreed to close the courthouse one hour for 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. the month of July, August, and possibly September for courthouse security and emergency training. The day will be posted in plenty of time for the general public to make arrangements.

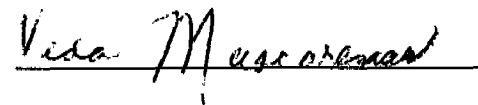
The board of commissioners discussed the ordinance for the landfill fees. Commissioner Somsen suggested a letter of explanation be published in the local paper. Greg suggested a press release be done.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The Caribou County Board of Commissioners will meet July 13, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. for regular meeting.

Signed: Lloyd Rasmussen, Commissioner Chairman

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Attested: Veda Mascarenas

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**Approved Payment of Bills**

<b>June 1-15 2009</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Payroll</b>
Current Expense	\$ 20,071.88	\$ 27,330.12
Indigent	\$ 481.86	\$ 1,266.92
Road & Bridge	\$ 73,978.80	\$ 35,530.16
Special Highway		
Justice	\$ 22,487.52	\$ 44,303.63
Weed Control	\$ 4.13	\$ 3,604.36
Solid Waste	\$ 380.33	\$ 6,783.44
Reappraisal		\$ 3,063.84
Health		
Hospital M&O		
Ambulance	\$ 4,570.79	\$ 3,282.03
Parks & Recreation	\$ 10,702.60	
Tort		
County Fair		
County Court Facility		
District Court	\$ 5,952.22	\$ 7,362.18
Court Services		\$ 1,151.29
Juvenile Justice	\$ 29.82	\$ 1,885.50
Veteran's Memorial		
Mineral Leasing		
PILT	\$ 2,510.15	
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		
Water District		
TV Translator		
Landfill		
Bailey Creek Fire District		
Freedom Fire District		
Auditor's Trust		
Adult Probation Fee		
Diversion Education Trust		
Juvenile Housing Trust	\$ 11,448.00	
Range Improvement Trust		
Court Trust	\$ 829.94	
Centennial Trust		
College Trust		
Treasurer's Trust	\$ 53,679.55	\$ -
ID Trust		
Concealed Weapon's Trust		
Motor Vehicle Trust	\$ 5,953.00	
911 Trust		
Public Safety Trust	\$ 456.00	
Historical Society Trust	\$ 82.84	
Weed Control Trust		
Drug Court Trust		
Youth Court Trust		
Vessel Account	\$ 184.13	
Cobra Trust		\$ -
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 213,803.56</b>	<b>\$ 135,563.47</b>