

Custer County  
Commissioner Proceedings  
January 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chairman Butts, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk T. Hawkins in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge Superintendent also attended. Commissioner Wayne Butts thanked everyone for the opportunity he has had to serve as chairman over the years. Commissioner Butts then made a motion for Steve Smith to become the 2020 Chairman of the Custer County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Chairman Smith then brought the appointment of Risk Manager for 2020 forward and asked who was the best qualified. Clerk Lura Baker suggested Christy Foster, who has completed the PRIMA trainings. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that Christy Foster be the 2020 Risk Manager for Custer County, with Lura Baker as backup. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

**Road & Bridge:** Melvin inquired about trading the truck he has been driving as it is nearing the 100,000-mile cutoff. The board agreed that it should be traded soon. Road & Bridge is applying for a Safety Grant on Morgan Cr. Road. It is eligible for funds, due to the number of accidents and the fatality last summer. The "No Daily Maintenance or Snow Removal" signs and "Not recommended for oversize vehicles" signs have been ordered for Custer Co. roads, and they will be installed when they arrive. Installation locations were also discussed. Double Springs, Bayhorse, Motorway & Spar Canyon were suggested. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested that Melvin share our signing ideas with Lost River Highway District. J. Davis has been working with Mel to assist the rural counties such as Lemhi, Custer and Idaho with setting up a state level plan (MOU) for dealing with "agency" paperwork as a group rather than individually. They are working on an agreement with Corp. of Engineers, IDWR, BLM, USFS, NOHA, Marine Fisheries & DEQ to set the sideboards for quick repairs of road washouts, before they become a major problem. Currently IDWR requires a permit for the Road & Bridge to fill a water truck. Melvin will need to provide them a map of every place they will fill a truck during the year. LTHAC is working on the Bayhorse Bridge Project, and there are matching funds required. Melvin is planning to do in kind work (Rip-rap rock) to cover the match if possible. Commissioner Smith inquired about the snow plowing in the Pahisimeroi Valley. Melvin reported the drifting is getting worse along Hatch Lane and McCoy Lane. Cody Spencer is the property manager and is working with the R&B to help get the drifting cleared. They are routinely plowing on Monday and Thursday, with additional plowing as needed. Forming the 2020 Transportation Committee is in process. The blade work that has been requested at the Challis Solid Waste site was brought up. Commissioner Butts knows the location of survey pins and requested Melvin to connect with him before the blading begins so none are hit. Commissioner Butts requested a letter of confirmation be sent to LHTAC on the Bayhorse Bridge FLAP Grant that verifies the adjoining landowners offer to assist. Commissioner Butts moved that the FLAP Grant/Bayhorse Bridge be accepted with the landowner offer letter attached. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Butts made a motion for executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel with at 8:55, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:03. The contract labor proposal that was tabled at the last meeting was reviewed and the board stood by their decision. A flagging class is being offered in Salmon on January 16th in conjunction with Lemhi Co. The board agreed that training is necessary for the safety of the crew and public.

**Solid Waste:** Wendell Gohn attended and the 5-Year Regular Operating Contract was discussed. This time the contract needs to go out to bid, rather than being rolled over, and will require bid bonds and performance bonds. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Solid Waste Contract be put out for bid as required by law, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker will place the advertisement for bids in the paper for the required 2-weeks. All changes will be reviewed with the Prosecutor, and any updates will be included in the bid paperwork

Discussion was held on legal assistance for the Board on personnel issues. Commissioner Butts made a motion that Chairman Steve Smith be the key commissioner contact for Melvin Lanier and the Road & Bridge Department. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

**Assessor:** Jacquell Bruno brought forward some computer problems she is having with the Solid Waste fees. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the \$90.65 tax cancellation for the cell tower shed be allowed, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion that the solid waste fee of \$25.00 on the RV Park storage trailer be dropped, as long as it is not lived in. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. A request for an exemption on a vacant property was reviewed and then denied. Commissioner Butts made a motion that the solid waste fee remain in place on Louise Loughrey's property, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The next tax issue was a duplicate charge. Commissioner Butts moved that the duplicate fee be removed for Alesia Hewitt, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion was approved. The final issue was a request for pro-rating of the solid waste fee on a residence that was moved into in Aug. The board agreed that there would be no pro-rating on solid waste fees.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn Latimer inquired about the list of approximately 50 duplicate charges that have arisen, and when a decision would be made. The Board has asked that it be on the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk Lura Baker explained the upcoming costs that will be involved in the court cases coming to trial. Treasurer Allicyn Latimer then reviewed the application process for a Custer County credit card. It will be kept within the Treasurer's office. The list of "key executives" for Custer County was unearthed during the credit card application and it needs to be updated. There are seven bank accounts and the current list of "key executives" was gone over. Commissioner Butts made a motion that Allicyn Latimer, Verla Harvie, Lura Baker, and Wayne Butts be added to the list of "key executives". The names to be removed as "key executives" are Linda Lumpkin, Stuart Lumpkin, Rebecca Larsen, Linda DuBiel, Sandi James, Ethel Peck, and Helen Malone. Commissioner Corgatelli second.

**NRAC:** Jim Hawkins attended and handed out his report. He asked where the County was with the Open Range Signs? It is understood that Road & Bridge has the signs, and the State Highway Dept. will install them once they get the mile marker locations. The status of the cattle guard and culverts on the lower portion of Morgan Cr. Road was then discussed. They will all be re-installed when the spring weather permits. Jim asked about the letter to the State concerning the Idaho Roadless Plan, and if the County has received any response. To date there has been no response. Jim then addressed the hauling of feral horses from Challis to Bruneau for processing and then hauling them back to Challis for possible adoption, and then hauling the unadopted horses back to Bruneau for storage. It is a very poor use of the taxpayer's funds. He then asked if the Forest Plan comment website was given to local government/commissioners before it was published for the public in the newspaper? Commissioner Smith updated those present on the Smith's letter to the Idaho Fish & Game concerning the wolf and elk situation is coming to fruition. Leon Smith will be attending the next F&G Commission meeting in Boise. The legal ramifications and requirement for the County need to be clarified ahead of time.

**Coroner:** Chad Workman reported that his fire proof file cabinets are ordered and should be delivered soon. He plans to put a full sheet of 3/4" plywood under the cabinets to distribute the weight and protect the floors in his office. He is turning the satellite phone back to Mike/Disaster Services due to the high cost of maintaining satellite service. He will utilize the Search & Rescue satellite phone if needed in the future.

**Committee Assignments:** The board reviewed the current committees they are on. Commissioner Wayne Butts is on the Magistrate Committee and the District 7 Health Committee. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that those assignments continue, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli is currently on the High Country RC&D Committee, and ECIPDA Committee. Commissioner Butts moved that those assignments continue, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith is currently on the Fair Committee, RDA Committee, LRED Committee, and the IAC Committee. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that those assignments continue, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Butts moved that Commissioner Smith remain as the main contact for the Weed Department, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli brought up the subject of Idaho Governor Little pushing for illegal residents to receive Idaho driver's licenses. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested that a letter be sent from the Board of Commissioners to Gov. Little asking that Idaho not accept any more refugees or immigrants. Commissioner Butts made a motion that Commissioner Smith be the board contact person for the Disaster Services Department/Mike Graham. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Commissioner Corgatelli be the Board contact for payroll issues.

Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Lura Baker will help Commissioner Corgatelli with computer connections to be able to do the payroll supervision that is needed. A schedule of payroll dates will be printed and given to Commissioner Corgatelli by the Clerk's office. Clerk Lura Baker reported on the "Tenex Election" transition from the Dept. of State. The change of election software has been delayed until after the Presidential Primary Election. Up coming personnel changes in the Clerk's department were also discussed. The Public Defender Contract was the next subject for discussion. Tammi White will be assisting the small counties with the formation of a regional group. An application for Weed Superintendent was received and looked over by the Board. The date of Feb. 17th was suggested for interviews. The applicant was contacted and it is scheduled for 1:00 PM. Commissioner Butts made a motion to appoint Commissioner Corgatelli as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. The meeting scheduled for January 22 for the Custer Co. Waterways Committee was discussed. It was agreed that our Waterways Law Enforcement Deputy needs to attend as he has the first hand knowledge of events and issues. John Haugh will be contacted and invited to attend.

**Election:** Clerk Lura Baker presented the precinct location for this year's elections. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the election voting precinct voting locations be as follows:

Challis Precinct – Challis Middle School building

Round Valley I Precinct – American Legion Hall

Round Valley II Precinct – American Legion Hall

Mackay Precinct – Mackay Firehall

Leslie Precinct – Mackay Firehall

Stanley Precinct – Stanley Community Center

Absentee Precinct – Custer County Courthouse

Sunol Precinct, Battleground Precinct, and Clayton Precinct are all Mail Out Precincts

Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board then reviewed the corrected version of the annual Extension Educator contract with the University of Idaho and accepted it. The Behavior Health Center / EIRMAC contract was presented by Clerk Lura Baker and fees reviewed with Christy Foster/Indigent Dept. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the contract, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. The new contract for Law Enforcement in Mackay has been received. Mackay Mayor has signed it, but some problems were found. Corrections will be made before the board approves it. No response has been received from the Development Company to our latest correspondence. The status of prisoners currently being held in the Custer County jail was discussed. The meeting was recessed for the Board to do a jail inspection and take a lunch break.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30, with Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

**Agencies:** Heath Perrine/Acting Challis Ranger attended and gave his report on the public scoping for the 8 Mile project currently in progress. The Annie Rooney timber sale is being re-bid, as there has been more interest from firewood cutters. The interviews for the Challis-Yankee Fork Dist. Ranger hire are in process and they hope to have the new Ranger chosen by March. Heath will be returning to his regular job soon, and the interim Ranger will be Lans Stabus from Lost River RD until the new hire arrives.

Alex Schleuder/Acting Middle Fork Ranger brought the Board up to date on the Forest Plan Revision process. The team is going over the old plans, and next will be scheduling 4 or 5 public meetings starting in March in both Challis and Salmon. There are plenty of funds available in the Secure Rural Schools coffers, but they are still waiting for approval of RAC committee members. Commissioner Butts made a call to Chris French about the holdup.

Brian Anderson/SNRA reported on the 4 acres transferred in the Wilderness Bill are now officially property of the City of Stanley. The next hurdles will be a fresh water supply and sewer access. SNRA has received a notice of intent to sue from the Sawtooth Mountain Ranch on ESA and Clean Water Act items. They are currently working with snowmobiler's access routes around the Stanley area.

Matt Marsh/BLM Director reported on the feral horse adoption scheduled for Fri. Jan 31st, and Sat. Feb. 1st at the local BLM corrals. Commissioner Corgatelli asked "WHY?" are the 70 head of horses being shipped back and forth from Challis to Bruneau and then back to Challis. Matt said the BLM felt it provided a better chance of being adopted, closer to the point of capture.

Allison Jackson/Lost River Ranger Dist. discussed the RAC funds that are tied to the SRS. These funds have been used to support the Mt. Borah project and quite a few summer programs. Lans Stavis from her Ranger District will be attending the Feb. 10th Commissioners meeting. Lost River RD is working on a big fuel's reduction project in the South Big Lost zone, along the east side of the valley. It should provide about 5 years' worth of work and will encompass 115 acres. Bart Gamett is the lead on this project and is working with F&G and other partners. They need comments from the County, and from the public. Anyone that would like to use the materials for firewood.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes for the 12-30-19 regular meeting and the 12-18-19 special meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Butts moved that the Planning & Zoning Board and the Natural Resource Advisory Committee be approved as they stand today. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith contacted Jim McKelvey about serving on the Custer Waterways Committee and he has agreed to serve. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that Jim McKelvey be approved as a member of the Custer Co. Waterways committee, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Stu Lumpkin and Deputy Levi Maydole attended and discussed the updated Mackay Law Enforcement Contract and payments received to date. The start date needs to be October, not November, and the payment amounts are not correct. Commissioner Butts made a motion that the Board send a letter to the City of Mackay concerning the issues of concern in the contract. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The UPS backup servers at the Sheriff's Office have been having problems. Stu has received two bids, one from Robinson Electric, and one from Day Wireless. They differ in the items to be replaced and discussion ensued. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the bid from Day Wireless be considered, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Deputy Levi Maydole inquired about the county policy that allows the gifting of unused sick leave to another member of your department. He would like to gift his sick leave to Deputy Shade Rosenkrance if possible. Commissioner Butts made a motion to allow Levi Maydole to gift his 480 hours of sick leave to Shade Rosenkrance, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Levi will write up the transfer and get it to the payroll clerk. Levi is accepting a job with the Lemhi Co. Sheriff Dept. but will continue to assist Custer County.

**Planning & Zoning:** Christy Foster presented her monthly report of P&Z certificates. She inquired of the Board on the proper way to express appreciation to Jim Mullens the outgoing Planning & Zoning Committee Chairman. He has served Custer County for many years in a difficult position, traveling many miles and putting in many hours. Commissioner Butts moved that an amendment to the Custer Co. Personnel Policy concerning gifts to be presented at the next meeting, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

**Indigent:** Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session for Indigent Review at 3:15 PM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 3:18 PM Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for #19-17 – Denial / due to non-compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butts and the aye votes were unanimous.

Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the court annex set up in Clark County and if anyone had been able to tour it. Clerk Lura Baker suggested the County work with Tami White on procuring the funding for equipment that will be needed to get our proposed Court annex up and running.

The claims were then reviewed. Commissioner Butts inquired about the N. Custer Rodeo Committee's bill for "bottle rent". He checked and the Oxygen and Acetylene bottles are currently tied to a post at the rodeo grounds. After discussion it was decided to hold the claim.

**Claims:** The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Butts, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. Motion passed.

Current Expense	34,319.52
Road & Bridge	21,335.44
Battleground Mosq.	.73
Election Fund	622.19
District Court	4,770.71
Rodeo Grounds	79.20
Indigent & Charity	20.89
Revaluation	117.20
Solid Waste	2,859.54
Weeds	187.02
Waterways	80.37
Emg. Communications	1,953.03
Auditors Trust	226.50
S Custer Ambulance	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	66,607.34

**Probation:** Aletia Straub-Workman informed the board that she needs to have access to breath monitors and ankle monitors to continue her probation coverage. There is a program through SCRAM available that costs \$6.35 per day for the equipment, with a service contract. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the contract be accepted with SCRAM for the monitor system, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. The contracts were then signed. Aletia informed the Board of a request to act as Bailiff in behalf of the Sheriff's Dept. for a civil trial due to the current shortage of deputies. After being assured she was comfortable with the job, the Board approved of the request. Aletia is also assisting Lemhi County with a conflict juvenile case, and all agreed that the counties need to work together where they can. Her laptop computer is beginning to fail and she will need to replace it soon. She will research the prices and get back to the Board. Aletia also needs a more secure location for her case files. They are currently in cardboard file boxes in her office and she is running out of space. The newly vacated cupboards across from the Commissioners room were suggested, but a more secure locking system needs to be installed before consideration.

Clerk Baker brought the Fair Housing Resolution #2020-01 forward. Commissioner Butts moved that the resolution be pre-approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The procurement for bid engineering for the Mackay Dam project was also presented. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that it be pre-approved, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The Gem Grant contract was also brought up for pre-approval. Commissioner Butts made the motion, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Corgatelli to keep the commissioner district boundaries the same as last year. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The Public Defender Contract will be next on the list of updates. R&B Supt. Melvin Lanier brought in his ESRI – GPS Contract for renewal. After a discussion it was decided to renew it under the Weeds budget line items. The Weed Dept. has utilized the system in the iWORKS program and done a lot of mapping with it.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. and the board members left to attend the meeting with Chuck Mark and the Challis Ranger District office.

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Steve W. Smith, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk