

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
February 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 AM by Commissioner Wayne Butts at the request of Chairman Steve Smith due to hoarseness. Commissioner Butts deferred to Commissioner Corgatelli to chair the meeting when he arrived. Present were Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Risk Manager/Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk/Tina Hawkins. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge, Brett Plummer/Weeds also attended.

Road & Bridge: Melvin presented the new Western States contract. Commissioner Smith moved that it be approved and signed, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The need for more road salt was then discussed. Road & Bridge only has enough for a few loads at this time. It currently costs between \$65 and \$85 per ton for salt. Commissioner Butts moved that Road & Bridge be approved to get enough salt to finish out this season. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Snowplow cutting edges were then discussed. Melvin felt the current plow edges would last the season, but now is the time that he can order in a re-supply from his vendor. The plow edges with 3/4 bolt holes are only made once a year, and those are the type that hold up best in Custer Co. The smaller red snowplow truck has a broken plow frame from its last trip to Summit Cr. in the Pahsimeroi Valley. Melvin would like to update the plow setup and hydraulics on this truck. They discussed the Hinke plow system and/or doing a rebuild in the county shop. Melvin then asked if there were any changes coming up on the USFS Schedule A contracts. Discussion revealed that there are none that are known at this time. Currently R&B does work in Garden Cr., Mill Cr., Morgan Cr., Iron Cr., Challis Cr., the Yankee Fork, and the East Fork.

Weed: Brett Plummer/Weed Superintendent has looked into the weed shed and is working through the mess. He has located boxes for GPS units, but has not found the actual units. He has looked over the vehicles and felt they are not in good enough shape to be dependable for the seasons work. Commissioner Smith offered to go and help Brett with inventory during the lunch break. The 4-wheelers were then discussed, and 3 of the 4 units are in fairly good shape, and 1 is not(broken frame). Discussion then turned to inventory of the chemicals. All agreed that there needs to be an official separation between Brett's Automotive and Custer County Weed Dept.

Commissioner Butts then did a quick photo presentation on his tour of the new temporary jail facilities in Caldwell, Idaho. It is a portable system built upon semi-truck trailers. This 120-bed facility cost \$11 million and is on a 5-year lease. The ADHA rules and requirements for the Custer County courthouse were also gone over. It has been found that the terms of the current Fair Board members have all lined up to expire at one time. Commissioner Smith made a motion to re-appoint the current Fair Board members with specific terms. Dave Barnhardt, Mike Bruno, and Josh Hale to be re-appointed for three-year terms ending in 2023, Chris Holt and Jake Zollinger to be re-appointed for two-year terms ending in 2021. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer handed out her monthly report. She informed the Board that the PILT payment should be arriving in June, but it will be less than last years payment.

Commissioner Corgatelli informed those present of the hopes of High-Country R C & D to establish a tri-county office for Custer Co., Lemhi Co. and Butte Co. They would like a central location, which puts it in Custer County. He tossed out the possibility of working through CEDA / Jolie Oerke, but did not want to interfere with her current jobs and responsibilities. The possibility of utilizing monies from the USFS-RAC for this office was also brought up. Commissioner Butts reported that the Reserve Litigation Fund has approved reimbursement of up to \$11,000.00 to Custer County.

BOE: Assessor Jacquell Bruno was not in attendance. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Corgatelli brought up the Idaho Fish & Game letter concerning "wolves", and how it affects the Smith Ranches and Commissioner Steve Smith. The discrepancy in depredation payments from Idaho, and the payments offered from Wyoming was also discussed. A jail inspection will be done during the lunch break today. Issues from the last inspection were holes in the wall, and the inmate phone system. Commissioner Smith has found a much more suitable hole patching product for repairing the holes in a more durable manner.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins attended and asked if the Board was aware that the BLM is re-writing their regulations for livestock grazing at the national level? None of the Board knew about the re-write, but questions would be directed to the BLM this afternoon. He then asked if there has been any response or progress on the local USFS-RAC members? To date there is still no local Forest Service RAC committee.

Commissioner Smith reported on his attendance of the Mackay Dam Grant meeting. Disaster Coordinator Mike Graham wasn't able to attend due to a family emergency. The official deadline for the required grant report is August 21, 2021. The group decided upon appointing the Development Company as the "Facilitator", and Ted Hendricks as the "Organizer" and "Note Taker". The Silver Jacket Group hosted the meeting and they are included within the Army Corp of Engineers. Their involvement will help minimize Custer Counties engineering and professional costs. A thumb drive of the meeting records went to Ted Hendricks with the Development Company. He has agreed to get another copy to Custer County for our records. The Development Company is a 501-C4 Corporation that is able to fill much needed requirements. Commissioner Smith asked for a contract between the Development Company and Custer County, and Ted has agreed to bring it to the next commissioners meeting. They will cycle all the quarterly reports through the Clerks office for her records. IOEM/Susan Cleverly is required to monitor everything, and has good photo records of each meeting. All the travel costs to each meeting attended by county commissioners and employees will count toward the county cost share.

The issue of alcohol sales at the Custer County Fair by a vendor, has been discussed by ICRMP's Jim McNall and Commissioner Smith. It is up to the Board of County Commissioners to make a decision on this matter. The future bio-mass generator proposal was discussed, and everyone updated on the possible fuel supplies and availability. The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and jail inspection, it reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Agencies: Heath Perrine/Acting Challis Ranger (#67) attended and introduced Lance Stavast (#68) as his replacement. Heath is at the end of his 4-month assignment. He requested local comments on the Bayhorse Project, they have only received comments from NGO's. The Annie Roonie timber sale is closing on Feb. 25th. The Bonanza thinning project will be F.S. in-house work. Their AML road decommissioning project is to close unauthorized and abandoned roads into old mines to stop vandalism. The plan is to obliterate 50 feet of road into an old mine. They have also installed gates on the mine portals for public safety, but continue to experience some vandalism. The board asked for more information on the matter from Lance and or Heath. Lance asked for comments on the S. Big Lost River project that will have prescribed burning and firewood cutting involved. Bryce Jones/Acting Middle Fork Ranger (#69) Introduced himself, he has taken over from Alex Schleuder(#66) for the next 4-months.

Brian Anderson/SNRA: Brian reported that the AT&T cell tower being installed on ID Dept of Lands has generated a lot of controversy. All agreed that it is not going to provide the best possible phone coverage for residents. The 2018 lawsuit over irrigation diversions has a settlement agreement. There are 23 diversions affected and the F.S. will get consultation meetings scheduled for the biological assessments. Some will be under the RS-3229 original authorization, about 11 need to be re-authorized. There has been an appeal filed in the 9th Circuit Court. The F.S. is working on Treasure Landscapes with the National Wildlife Federation raising monies to be used for restoration. Brian thanked the Board for attending the Redfish Lake Waterways meeting. The proposed legislative "wake bill" was also discussed. The need for updated vehicle counts in the Redfish Lake area was brought up. Brian offered to provide the vehicle count information that the F.S. has already gathered from Redfish Lake to the Waterways Committee.

Matt Marsh/BLM: Reported on the adoption of 54 head of feral horses that they captured. They have been attending trail meetings and the "E-bikes", or electric bikes with less than 1 horse power have been authorized on non-motorized trails within their trail system. The board questioned him about the re-writing of grazing rules

within the BLM. He verified that it is being done, and the public comment meetings are in Miles City, MT and Casper, WY. The Range Management position in the district is open for application.

Lance Stavast/Acting Challis Ranger: Lance fielded questions on the current whereabouts of Josh Milligan. He is on a 4-month detail in the Caribou Forest, but this is still his home base. John Ford is doing his Forest Plan Revision work while he is absent. Lance reported that Stacy Parent has been promoted to do the temporary hiring for the district and Marie Scheafer will be retiring in June. The winter road closures in the Lost River Highway Dist. were discussed, and the F.S. policy is all about public safety. Signage proclaiming "travel at your own risk – no winter maintenance" was discussed. The new contacts for the joint Search & Rescue will be Shade Rosenkrance/Mackay and Sheriff Stu Lumpkin/Challis.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin and Chief Deputy Justin Mitchell attended. The Board asked about Deputy Shade Rosenkrance's knee recovery. Stu reported that it would be another 2-weeks before he can return to work. He also requested that the City of Mackay Mayor be reminded that the County Sheriff's deputies are not in the "animal control" business. The heaters in the Search & Rescue building are shot, and need to be replaced. Stu has a quote from Salmon River Propane @ \$2,455.38 for replacement of the heaters. He also reported that new shocks are needed on one of the ambulances. Commissioner Butts informed Stu and Justin about the jail tour he did in Caldwell. After looking at the pictures, they both agreed it was well worth looking into and getting actual figures that apply to Custer County needs. The "wake bill" that is currently before the ID Legislature was discussed. All agreed that the authority needs to remain with the representatives of the people, where there is accountability. A motion was made by Commissioner Butts that the Search & Rescue heaters need to be repaired/replaced, with the expense coming from "buildings & grounds" accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Charlie Bullock has contacted Commissioner Butts about a "Hands Free Cell Phone Use" regulation for Custer County. It was agreed that cell phone safety while driving is a problem everywhere.

Claims: The following claims were approved with the addition of SREC Sr. Citizens power \$327.53 by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed.

Current Expense	58,341.01
Road & Bridge	19,327.66
Battleground Mosquito	117.46
Election Fund	1,259.55
District Court	5,125.37
County Fair	13,000.00
Rodeo Grounds	79.15
Health District	7,598.25
Indigent & Charity	445.15
Revaluation	1,452.07
Solid Waste	2,175.00
Weeds	1,619.55
Waterways	303.28
Emergency Comm.	6,077.19
Auditors Trust	673.25
S. Custer Ambulance	<u>391.52</u>
TOTAL	117,985.46

Commissioner Smith moved that the CenturyLink E-911 monthly bill and the SREC Senior Citizens power bill be paid as demands in the future to avoid late penalties. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The Computer Arts Inc. invoices for computers and work done in the Sheriff's office will be gotten to Mike Graham for payment with grant monies.

Commissioner Wayne Butts then left the meeting to travel to Boise to testify before the legislature.

Indigent: Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 3:40 PM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call vote was Smith/aye and Corgatelli/aye. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 3:47 PM Commissioner Smith made a motion to reflect; #2020-01 – Denial / failure to cooperate, #2020-02 – Denial / failure to cooperate, #2020-03 – Denial – failure to cooperate. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote reflected Smith/aye and Corgatelli/aye.

Planning & Zoning: Christy then informed the Board that she has ordered a coat for Jim Mullens, retiring Planning & Zoning Board chairman. She would like to present it to him at a meeting. The need and qualifications for a new P&Z chairman was then discussed by the board, with no easy solutions. Christy put in her request for vacation time March 9th to 13th. The board agreed as long as an emergency didn't arise before she left on vacation. In her Planning & Zoning position Christy has been dealing with a "light trespass" problem in Lower Stanley. The Stanley area has been designated as a Dark Sky Reserve, but not the rest of Custer County. She has sent a letter requesting compliance with the 30-days allowed for reply. If Christy receives no response then a citation will be issued by an adjoining landowner.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Steve Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Tina Hawkins, Deputy Clerk