

Custer County
Commissioner Special Meeting Proceedings
February 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM by Commissioner Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, CEDA's Jolie Turek, SREC's Ken Dizes, Billie Mitchell and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Steve Smith attended via tele-conference connection.

Ken Dizes reported on their meeting with the Challis City Council to obtain a permit for the proposed jail facility. Commissioner Butts thanked Ken for his effective presence at the council meeting presentation, and Jolie for all her support work. Everyone agreed that the County Prosecutor, Justin Oleson's presence was appreciated and necessary. The Challis City Council moved the permit process to the next step. The requested follow up letter still needs to be sent. Jolie has dealt with the 58 pages of legal information that was requested by the city. Ken has visited with local residents on additional jail ideas. The addition of a "sally port" has been proposed, and CEDA would like to pursue the addition of a possible location and access routes for a sally port. The CEDA team feels it answers some recent security concerns for the community. The State Fire Marshal will be contacted for his review of any fire safety concerns. Commissioner Smith inquired about the location of fire hydrants in the jail vicinity. Ample water supply has been an item of concern when it comes to fire sprinkler system installation and will be verified.

The supplier needs to be notified by Feb. 18th if we plan to purchase the modular jail facility. Jolie understood that if it is ordered in February the units will be slated for delivery in September. A Special Meeting will be convened on Feb. 19th at 1:30 for this decision.

Ken stressed the complexity of this project, and how dependent success is upon proper planning. An Engineer needs to be retained soon to keep all the necessary steps in the proper order. The electrical for this project is a very big part and needs to be handled correctly for the success of this project. The vacation of the old Fire Hall is one holdup for site clearing and removal of the old S&R Building. They are predicted to move into the new Fire Hall in June or July.

Jolie and Ken plan to begin the process of communicating with and education of local residents. They want to be sure that we all have a unified message and a complete list of bullet points. They stressed that there cannot be any contradictions between any of us. Billie agreed that the information needs to be presented to the public, and she stressed that "safety" is of major importance in any community. Commissioner Butts felt it was important to include the fact that there will be no Bond Election funding required, and the County will be able to pay for 1/2 the cost over the next 5 years. Commissioner Smith asked Jolie to track the cost of delivering the factual information to the citizens and the County will pay for it. Ken stressed that the talking points be consistent and unified, and all questions that fall outside the list be taken on advisement.

Billie asked for the information the Board would like her to provide. They asked her to confirm the Boards concern about our community's safety and that they are moving forward through CEDA with an affordable solution.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk