

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
February 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Steve Smith, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge, Aletia Straub-Workman/Probation and Karma Bragg/Custer Co. Soil & Water Cons. Dist. also attended.

Probation: Aletia presented the quote she received for her new laptop computer from Computer Arts Inc. The laptop cost of \$1,789.45, the programs \$269.00, and warranty at \$224.00, for a total cost of \$2,282.45. Commissioner Corgatelli moved the bid be accepted, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Aletia has concerns about the single plug-in in her office that currently has 5 power strips hooked up to it. She is afraid it has become a fire hazard. They Board agreed that it needed to be looked into. She then asked questions about the new Travel Policy, and how the travel request form needs to be utilized. Her final topic was "step-in-grade" pay scale like other counties such as Bonneville Co. She gave the chairman her notes and list of concerns.

The Board looked at the Weed Dept. contract with Idaho Transportation Department. They have not gotten any response from Prosecutor Justin Oleson. Commissioner Butts moved that the contract be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Road & Bridge: Melvin brought the LTAC Agreement #4 he received from JUB/Jerry on the wetland mitigation for the Garden Creek road project. The construction date has been pushed out to 2022. This project has been in process since 2014, but the costs and construction dates keep getting pushed up. Melvin feels that the current road surface will not last until 2022, as it is already breaking up fast. The Garden Cr. road is also in need of being zipped and resurfaced. He plans to do crack seal work on Garden Cr. and then chip and seal to get 4 or 5 more years. Gem County would like to purchase the "walk & roll" from Custer Co. Road & Bridge. We no longer use it, as we have two vibrating rollers. Mel checked on the value and it is worth about \$12,000 to \$15,000 used. The board agreed that if the county was not using it, it could be sold. The CS54 Roller lease is up in June. The buy back cost is \$85,000, and it is currently worth around \$134,000. Melvin would like to buy it at \$85,000, get an extended warranty put in place, then keep it and use it for 4 or 5 more years. At that point a replacement roller could be purchased. The other roller didn't come with a water kit, and it needs one. The cost of putting one on in the county shop runs about \$3,500. Cat will install one for us for \$40,000. The bids received for the pickup were then discussed. Any bid received for Gov't procurement under \$50,000 doesn't need to be published. Quality Motors bid \$28,004.00, Dave Smith Group bid \$32,386.00 and Young Auto bid \$35,210.00. The board members all agreed that price was quite high, and asked Melvin to re-check his figures, as the Sheriff's office has gotten a much better price on their trucks. Melvin has received a request for the Road & Bridge to sign a permit for fiber optic lines within the Fisher Cr. subdivision in the Stanley area from Midvale Company. The board suggested Melvin contact Justin Oleson for clarification on our stand and our requirements. If he is unable to get a response from Justin, then he is permitted to get it in front of an expert in this area, "Mr. Meyers". Commissioner Corgatelli weighed in with his feelings that "the County needs to stay out of subdivisions!"

Indigent: Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session for Indigent Review at 8:45 AM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 8:50 AM Commissioner Butts made a motion for denial of #20-04 – due to non-compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the aye vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel at 9:50 AM, 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 9:58 AM.

The meeting was recessed at 10:10 AM for travel to Mackay's City Hall.

Once the meeting was reconvened, the EMD Contract was then brought forward for review. Commissioner Butts made a motion that it be approved and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Butts then gave a report on the EMS meeting he attended. The proposed new cell tower in the Stanley Area was also discussed. It will not serve the EMS providers very well, as it could if put in another location. Redfish Lake and Alturas Lake will still not have any cell phone coverage.

Lost River Economic Development: Bob Bagley and Lin Hintze attended. Bob reported that LRED is still trying to find financial backing. They are looking into corporate backing and local business support, and are concentrating on events. They currently have 15 to 20 events annually, and hope to add a few more such as "Frisbee Golf" and the "White Knob Challenge/Mtn. Bike Race". Their priorities are (1) recruiting new business at the Tech Park, (2) retention of current business, (3) the Idaho Scenic Byway. Lin Hintze reported on attending the Department of Commerce meeting in Caldwell, ID, on "urban renewal and opportunity zones". After looking into forming a "urban renewal district" he discovered that they take funds from school and hospital districts, as there is a cap on the total amount that can be asked. Lin would like to approach the current taxing districts and convince them that LRED would be a good investment for a portion of their funding. The Board expressed its desire to find out if the process is legal. Lin will be going to the Attorney General's office to be sure of the legalities.

There is a USFS meeting on the Forest Plan Revision March 10th in Salmon, ID from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Forest Service office. The upcoming Sage Grouse meeting will have Mary Darling attending. There will be a Waterways meeting with the SNRA in March. Commissioner Butts is hosting a District 7 Health Dept. meeting on coronavirus preparedness. The monthly Rodeo Club meeting will be when Commissioner Butts is in Washington D.C., so he asked Commissioner Corgatelli to attend in his stead. The proposed G2G meeting with the ID Fish & Game was then brought up. Topics to be discussed were (1) chronic wasting disease (2) wolf report (3) non-resident hunting license's (4) sage grouse. The date for the meeting still hasn't been decided. The Forest Service RAC is still not set up. Commissioner Butts checked on the status. John Gentry attended and asked when it would be operating? The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:10 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00. Commissioner Butts made a motion to accept the Mackay City Law Enforcement Contract after reviewing the final copy. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Security Camera bids that have been received from Cody Bailey/The Warp were then reviewed and questions posed. It was decided to ask Cody to attend the next meeting to answer questions and concerns before any decision is made.

Lost River Ranger Dist.: Bart Gamett attended on behalf of Allison Jackson to report on the South Lost River Range Fire Project. This project involves the Lost River Range from south of Pass Cr. to Arco, with a large portion within Butte Co. It is a 20-year project and will involve small prescribed burns during the spring and fall as favorable conditions occur. It will benefit wildlife and aspen stands, and the grazing allotments will only be impacted at 1% per any given year. Bart estimates 15 to 20 grazing permittees will be involved. The FS is focusing on the evergreen encroachment not the sagebrush areas due to Sage Grouse management. They still need more public comments, the Idaho Fish & Game supports the project, the Defenders of Wildlife oppose it. Bart presented a large map of the project for the Board to keep. The timber quality on the west side of the range is very poor quality and has very little harvest potential. The east side has better timber value.

Claims: The claims were reviewed and additions approved by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed. Additions included Steve Smith \$351.65, Wayne Butts \$750.00 per diem, Harper-Leavitt \$2,560.00, and the release of Round Valley Supply \$50.25.

Current Expense	16,725.57
Road & Bridge	33,756.03
Battleground Mosquito	9.07
Election Fund	5,044.51
District Court	3,173.38
Rodeo Grounds	50.25
Indigent & Charity	52.71

Junior College	350.00
Revaluation	7,834.53
Weeds	169.82
S Custer Ambulance	<u>1,208.76</u>
	\$ 68,374.63

The minutes from Feb. 10, 2020 were then reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved they be approved as written Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. The Courthouse Grounds Maintenance list was gone over. Providing the mower will be removed from the list, the bidder will need to provide their own mower. The edging of the sod along the sidewalk will be added to the thatching and fertilizing contract. The corrected list will be given to the Clerk.

The Development Co: Ted Hendricks attended and asked if the Board members had received his questionnaire on CEDS? He is looking for projects that will benefit the county, which he will then submit to Seattle for approval. This is done every 5 years, and updated annually. Ted handed out a copy of his standard contract for municipalities. The final page shows fees of \$32,000. He was very concerned about the amount of matching funds that Custer County has been able to collect for Phase I of the Mackay Dam grant. The consultant fees will be based on the scope of work. Phase II is the Engineering Contract. The "Committee" will need to consult with the engineer. The selection committee should contain (1) one Commissioner, (2) 1 Irrigation Dist. member, (3) Brandon with the Army Corp of Engineers (4) Butte Co. representative and perhaps others. Commissioner Butts contacted Clerk Lura Baker for confirmation that she has clarification from the Dept. of Commerce on the new budget. She sees no place for a signature on this confirmation. It is understood that the \$24,000 received from the Gem Grant will go toward "engineering". Butte Co. has sent \$3,000, the INL has sent \$10,000, Big Lost Ground Water Dist. \$2,500, and Lost River Irrigation Dist. will contribute something. Custer County is obligated for the matching funds for Phase I. The next Phase will be a separate commitment and FEMA will need real figures. Ted stated that the publication costs will come out of the Custer County MD Trust Fund. It was recommended by John Faulk to publish in two places and it will cost around \$3,375.00. After much deliberation it was decided that the contract needs to be looked over by our prosecutor before any decision is made. Clerk Lura Baker sent the Grant application to Colleen at the Dept. of Commerce on February 12th, for the Mackay Dam RFP. Commissioner Butts made a motion that the publications be condensed versions to the Salt Lake City - Tribune, Idaho Falls - Post Register, Challis Messenger, and Boise – Idaho Statesman. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Agent: Sarah Baker attended and verified that she has sent the Custer Co. budget information to her boss at University of Idaho. She has not received anything back. Both Sara and Karma are working on getting a student from the School to Work program, and she hopes to get the downstairs storage cabinets cleaned out with help. The Board inquired if she was able to get some help hired. The U of I wasn't able to fill the job as advertised, so they are re-writing the job description and clarifying the job location. The part-time job is still in the HR office and has not be approved yet. Sarah had her annual evaluation in January. The MOU requires quarterly meetings and reports, that she would like a schedule. It was agreed that Feb., May, Sept., and Nov. would be good times to meet as well as attend the Budget meeting in May. Commissioner Smith asked how the U of I auditing of the Custer County funds was progressing? Sarah responded that the O.S.P. – Heather Nelson has that information. The Custer Co. Agents check book has become an issue, as the U of I let Sarah know that such accounts aren't accepted. She asked the board to let her know of they need anything more. Sarah then reviewed the programs she has been working on. 4-H record books are now required to be done on line. There will be a 4-H Rangeland Skill-a-thon in June at the U of I Rock Cr. Ranch in Hailey, Idaho. 4-H Leaders Trainings are being done on line via Zoom. The 4-H beef weigh-in will be on Feb. 29th at Mike Millers ranch in Challis, and Josh Pearson's ranch in Mackay. They have proposed some schedule changes for the shows at the County Fair to move the beef show away from the heat of the day. When the Fair Board asked the parents and kids what improvements they would like to see, the top of the list was new arena fencing and a permanent shade cover on the arena. The Idaho Fish & Game has funds for producers to improve watersheds and problem allotments by building "beaver dam analogs". The NRCS is facilitating a "Cheat grass challenge" as funds become available. Ag Week will be the 3rd week of March. There will be a weed class held on March 5th, good for 4 credits.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin attended and needs a decision on the back-up batteries for the 911 system. Commissioner Butts made a motion to pay Day Wireless their bid amount of \$3,711.00 to replace the batteries. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The bid will be paid through the 911 fund. Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel at 5:30, 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 5:40. The temporary jail facility possibilities were gone over. Stu wants to be positive that it will pass all state and city rules, and meet all setback requirements. Suggestions were made to have the engineering done through INL. Public hearings will also need to be scheduled. Comments are still needed concerning Redfish Lake and the waterways committee. The AT&T – First Net Cell tower in Stanley was discussed. The public meetings did not include local comments, as few locals knew they were being held.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk