

Custer County
Commissioner Special Meeting Proceedings
March 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk T. Hawkins in attendance. Mike Graham/Disaster Services and local resident Kevin King also attended.

Commissioner Smith has talked to Steve Botti, Stanley Mayor about getting the broken pavement on the airport hill road "zipped" with the County R&B machinery. It has been agreed upon previously, and Melvin will schedule with Mayor Botti when he has the equipment in the Stanley area.

Chief Deputy Clerk Lisa Robinson was asked to attend the meeting and brought the verification sheets and poll books from the March 10th Presidential Primary Election. Chairman Smith asked a few questions for clarification. The Board then reviewed each poll book and tally book. Commissioner Butts moved that the election canvass be accepted as given, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Board signatures were then affixed. Commissioner Butts moved that both letters to Governor Little be signed and mailed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Butts brought the most recent copies of the portable jail design for review by the entire board. He contacted Detainment Solutions Co. via phone and the final design will be coming via e-mail. Discussion then turned to the current legislation that is in the Idaho Legislature on financing the "Medicaid Expansion". All small counties will be feeling the financial pinch when the 2020 budget process begins.

The beginning floor plan drawing for the court annex building was then reviewed. The court clerks have given Commissioner Butts some excellent suggestions that have been incorporated. Court Clerk Laila Plummer was asked to attend and clarify some design changes. All bathroom facilities will be ADA compliant and wheelchair access will be incorporated. The numbers of people involved in the jury selection process, and the space needed was gone over. Space needed for record retention was brought up, and the length of time records need to be retained will be verified before the final storage vault size is decided.

The #4 and final version of the jail floor plan was received and copies printed for the Board to review. Commissioner Butts was given the price quote of \$2.7 million which was higher than the board had hoped for. The necessity of holding public hearings and receiving the citizens blessing was discussed. Treasurer Allicyn Latimer was asked to attend to verify the availability of necessary funds within the time needed. Commissioner Butts verified that price quote #700 of \$2.7 million was good until 5/14/2020. Treasurer Allicyn felt the funds could be made available in that time frame. Clerk Lura Baker reminded the Board about the budget process and the necessity of re-opening the budget. Small details that could save the County some funds were then discussed, such as the outside access ramps. The lease option was also looked into, and found that it would be at a higher cost due to the small size of the facility and the short term of the process. The resident in the audience was asked if he supported the proposal, and he agrees that it is needed badly and a good way to fill the need.

Disaster Services: Mike Graham attended and has received information from the State of Idaho on the 'coronavirus' situation. He advised the Board to make a Disaster Declaration to be eligible for any reimbursement from FEMA. He then inquired about receiving authorization for putting in extra hours if needed. Clerk Baker suggested he monitor his time each week and take it week by week. If the County would like to have any hours worked reimbursed through FEMA, Mike will need them documented. They could include any additional hours his job requires and any additional hours needed by the local Health Care Personnel. Clerk Lura Baker offered the use of the web connections we have through the court system be available to Disaster Services if needed for tele-conference meeting attendance by Mike. Mike has agreed to forward all of the information he receives to the board. He asked that any product shortages in the area be documented and forwarded to him. Commissioner Butts sent his photos of the shortage of toilet paper at local stores to Mike. As the Disaster Coordinator Mike will

stay on top of this administratively, and he offered to be the facilitator and paperwork connection with FEMA. Clerk Lura Baker has a Disaster Declaration started and will complete the process when directed. The orders received from the Idaho Supreme Court were then reviewed by the board. Clerk Baker explained the continuances' and how they affect our Prosecutor's office. She also passed on the Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare suggestions and posters. Different levels of behavior parameters were then discussed. The level #1 ADA suggestions were: *business as usual, *no movement of anyone that has symptoms, * use technology to enforce quarantines and remove personal contact. Probation Officer Aletia Straub-Workman attended and asked for directions on how to proceed. Board suggestions for her were *only test high-risk offenders, *use the phone/no home visits, *only see one person at a time/make appointments, *use masks & sterilize between visits. She expressed her concern about an at-risk juvenile on probation, and was directed to talk to Prosecutor Oleson about contacting the Judge for a motion.

Clerk Lura Baker asked the Board what plan they wanted to utilize? They responded with (1) Continue doing business as usual, until the Governor orders us to close. (2) Every person who is symptomatic (coughing, fever, body aches, chills, sneezing) MUST stay home from work. If you are feeling ill please stay home from work. (3) Every person returning from China, Iran, South Korea, any European countries, or any other high-risk countries identified by the CDC in the previous 14 days or who has traveled domestically within the US where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission. Custer County is asking, for the safety of others, to self-quarantine if you are symptomatic or not. (4) Custer County Courts will only carry out the "critical court functions", directive provided by the Idaho Supreme Court.

Sheriff: Stu Lumpkin attended and gave his outlook. The weak link in the law enforcement system is the dispatchers. If they come down sick, there will be nobody trained to handle their jobs. Even dispatchers from other counties would not know the Custer County method of operation. Commissioner Chairman Smith read the Disaster Declaration to all present. Commissioner Corgatelli moved it be approved, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson was contacted via telephone and asked about the county purchase of a dozer from Federal Surplus to be utilized at the solid waste sites. Oleson felt the solid waste contract could be written to include ownership of the dozer at the contracts end.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk