

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
July 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM in the Challis Community Event Center by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett reported that his spraying jobs are going well as the wind has laid down some. He has worked a lot in Stanley this past week and will be going to Mackay next week concentrating on the spurge in the Huston Road area. The chemicals that he is using on spurge is working quite well. Spraying the weeds along the Salmon River at the narrows near Torrey's is a safety issue for his crew. He is working with the Forest Service to arrive at a solution. License requirements for flying a drone to spray weeds were then discussed. Brett has one more necessary drone flight license to procure before he begins the grant funding search to procure a weed spraying drone. The possibility of having a "ATV wash station" in the Custer County area was discussed, and all agreed it is badly needed. Brett will visit the wash station in Lemhi County before going further. The new UTV side-by-side is working great. The boom set up will cover a 30' to 35' swath per pass, and it is doing a good job. The backcountry airstrip weeds are being sprayed this week, but Brett was unable to attend. Weed Dept. vehicles are all working fine, but Brett is searching for a new truck as they are so difficult to locate.

The WIR resolutions that have been proposed for 2022 were reviewed. Remodeling work on the Old Firehall is proceeding well. The work completed at the Stanley deputy housing was also discussed. The Northwest Management letter of engagement was reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the letter be approved and Commissioner Butts seconded. The motion passed. They will do hazardous fuels reduction and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Grant funding possibilities for the TUSA Phase I – Needs Assessment were reviewed. The Consultant Agreement was signed and Chairman Butts will contact Norm Folger with TUSA. Jolie Turek/CEDA Administrator provided copies of her directors' report. The Idaho Dept. of Commerce has shorted their funding of CEDA by \$4,000.00 this year, as she only received \$26,000.00 for 2022. In 2021 CEDA received \$30,000.00. She is also under 4 special conditions. 1) Conduct 12 business visits in the Mackay area; 2) Department participation for all members; 3) Meet monthly with the Dept of Commerce representative; 4) Attend all group chats. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to accept the Department of Commerce Economic Development Grant MOU, and affix signatures. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Jolie then reviewed the "Local Career Fair" that CEDA is planning to sponsor for area graduates. Commissioner Butts inquired about grant possibilities for increasing workforce housing in out area. Ideas were exchanged and grant sideboards explored. A project list is needed to get the ball rolling. ARPA grant funding was brought up and the lack of rules for use that make it so difficult to utilize. The City of Challis has given Custer County Permit #512 for the proposed court annex to be built on 9th Street. Idaho Building Code requirements are listed on the permit.

Clerk: A schedule for the Commissioners Public Hearing needed for the Hill family rezone was set on August 31st, at 6:00 PM. The application for the janitor position that has been received was reviewed and ICRMP contacted to be sure it is handled correctly. Updates to the General Accounting Policy were then reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the amendment be completed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker has advertised for another Planning & Zoning Board member from the Stanley area to bring the board back to full staff.

Claims: Claims were reviewed and ICRMP was contacted concerning one claim. The Board was advised to deny the scholarship payment. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the 7/26/22 claims be paid with the exception of the IAC Scholarship/\$35.00. Commissioner Butts seconded and the following claims were approved for payment.

Current Expense	24,971.16
Road & Bridge	66,590.90
Battleground Mosquito	508.17

Election Fund	22.16
District Court	20.16
Indigent	11,228.00
Revaluation	395.00
Solid Waste	3,441.68
Weeds	6,358.00
Waterways	5.00
TOTAL	
113,540.23	

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, CEDA Director Jolie Turek, LRED Director Mike Evans, Mr. Lin Hintze and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

LRED: Mike Evans reported on the status of all the LRED grant applications and their recent activities. He mentioned that as Director of LRED he is still an unpaid volunteer. Commissioner Butts suggested utilizing the finder's fees from grants that he locates. Lin spoke on the PILT funds and how they should be leveraged if possible. Mike went over their up-coming schedule of events and how he is working with local business'. He spoke on the Konnex Community Advisory Team. Clerk Lura Baker attended the meeting.

Citizens / BLM Construction Plans: Attending the meeting as concerned citizens were; Pat Bricker, Jim Kopp, Tom & Becky McGowan, Tim Corrigan, Yvonne & Rocky Westergard, Bill Stranger, Kathy & Johnny Piva, Jim Savaria, Carla Young, Kathy Bennetts, Fred Battley, Colton Battley, Betsy Doughty, Clive Dunfee, Jessica Clemenhagen, Andy Jacobs, Mike Piva, Brett Plummer, Skyler Cutler, Ellie Corrigan, Debra Dikeman, Doug Hammond and Chris Matson. Commissioner Butts welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. He then reviewed the information provided to the Commissioners by the BLM at the last meeting concerning their building options. Brett Plummer provided the history of the BLM lease of the Challis Middle School Building and the subsequent purchase option that was refused. The option to continue leasing the building was also rejected by the BLM. Tim Corrigan provided a copy of the letter he received from the BLM as an adjoining land owner for the meeting record. Comments were heard about the omission of sewage requirements and water supply plans for the Corrigan Lane property building option within the letter. Pat Bricker provided information on other parcels of land owned by the City of Challis that were also being considered. Pat spoke on the Salmon River flood plain and flood way that affect the proposed Corrigan Lane property, and asked how they would be permitted for building? Jessica Clemenhagen, Planning & Zoning Administrator has researched the proposed building site and noted that it is within a A-B Flood zone, which is not buildable. Signed petitions were submitted for the Board of Commissioners to forward to the BLM along with the comment letters. The area traffic was then discussed. Highway 93 has a speed limit of 65 MPH through the site and trying to turn into the office, or trying to get up to speed when pulling back out on the highway will be a problem for visitors. Bill Stranger asked how the property is currently zoned and would workforce housing and office space be allowed?

Sheriff: Chief Deputy Levi Maydole attended to relay a request of payment for "reserve officers" due to the present shortage of officers. Clerk Lura Baker provided the needed paperwork rundown and checked the remaining budget balances. Commissioner Butts relayed the message about Sheriff's deputies attending the City Council meetings in their areas, as the City contracts specify. Levi reported that the lost Mt. Borah hiker has been found. He walked out on his own early this AM. There have been helicopters and Idaho Search & Rescue crews out looking for him for two days.

Prosecutor: Chris Matson/Prosecutor Administrative Assistant requested help with investigations for the cases she has received. The Commissioners suggested she work under the "contract labor" line item when paying for such work.

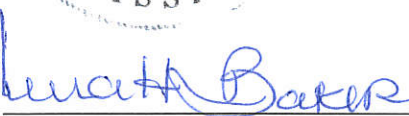
Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen provided her "very impressive" list of zoning certificates for 2022 for the Board to review. The gravel pit on Foothills Road is within her radar and being researched. The waste tire fence between the Hancock home and Winchester home on Cowboy Way has been addressed by DEQ. The builder of the fence is needing to reduce the number of tires involved below 200. The tire problem in Antelope Creek now involves a warrant for the owner of the property, and the Prosecutor is being contacted. The substantial movement of dirt out near Road Cr./Highway 93 junction is connected to the expansion of the power line substation and has been looked into. Jessica requested a vacation day on August 18th and the Board of Commissioners approved her request.

Road & Bridge: Brandon provided reports on the status of rock chips caused by County gravel trucks, as well as the roll over of the roller up Yankee Fork road. He has located a rental roller to keep the crews going. The wrecked roller has been hauled out for a thorough safety and mechanical inspection. ICRMP insurance will cover the cost of the rented machine. The chip-seal trade arrangement with the City of Challis has been completed with the Morgan Creek Road job finished and work on the City streets done. The grant funding for the 3 bridge replacements on Squaw Creek was not successful for this season, but we got a very good ranking for the future. Clerk Lura Baker has received the appraisal formula for property acquisitions connected to the Garden Creek Road job. She shared the information with the Board. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the land appraisal formula be accepted and approved. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The road washouts on the Bayhorse Road were next in line to be repaired. Brandon has heard from the Forest Service that they want additional spurs of rock installed. This will require a whole new permit from the Army Corp of Engineers, so they are still working on straightening things out. Brandon has received a very nice thank you from the folks that were helped out in the Yankee Fork by the Road & Bridge Dept.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.




Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest: 
Lura H. Baker, Clerk