

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
August 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioners Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, R&B Supervisor Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett is working hard to get more spraying completed before the weather changes. He worked in Mackay last week, checking on the spurge sites. Some are looking good, some are not. He will be respraying a lot of the roadsides for knapweed because of the June rains.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved to go into executive session for Insurance/Pending Claims at 8:15 AM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(i), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. Those attending this session were Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session. Returned to regular session at 8:20 AM

Road & Bridge: Brandon voiced his concerns about the increasing narrowness of the Bay Horse Road. He has witnessed big camping trailers being pulled through the safety cones and knows there is barely enough room for a car to pass. The board agreed that something must be done before hunting season. Road & Bridge is working furiously on getting the necessary permits to make the repairs. As soon as he receives the permits he will start the job. Options were exchanged on possible methods of repair. The City of Challis would like to purchase some mag-chloride for the fish pond road and the golf course road. The Board was agreeable to having the Road & Bridge help the City as long as they are paid back. Brandon has received notice from the SNRA that they need an invoice for the East Fork Road work. The Forest Service would like to add the paved Stanley Lake Road to the Schedule A agreement with Custer County. Discussion of just what the County would be responsible for if the addition is approved was held. Brandon understands that he would be required to patch any potholes that develop. He will get the actual mileage and full parameters of the agreement from the Forest Service. The Road Creek Bridge project is moving forward very well. The bridge deck is poured and currently curing while the Road & Bridge finish the dirt work on the approaches. Brandon feels it has turned out very good, and offered to take the entire Board on a tour. Fencing was discussed and Brandon's plan was approved by the board. Challis Mayor Corey Rice attended the meeting and verbally thanked the Board of Commissioners for the County/City partnership on local road maintenance.

Assessor/Treasurer: Clerk Lura Baker mentioned the possible appeals that could be forthcoming. There have been no appeals filed as of today. Deputy Treasurer/Verla Harvie attended and provided the monthly Treasurer's report. She reported that their office has collected 97% of the taxes owed for 2021. This is the best the County has ever done at this time of year. Treasurer Allcyn is attending the Idaho Treasurers Convention in Coeur-D-Alene, Idaho this week.

Clerk: Lura brought the new Harris-Computer Arts Master Agreement to the Boards attention. She discussed the changes and increased cost with the Board. Discussion of partnering with Power County was held. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Harris-Computer Arts Agreement as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous ayes. Cyber Security upgrades are also being worked on. The Budget numbers were then reviewed and meeting plans firmed up. Clerk Lura Baker will get the final numbers to the newspaper for publishing by Friday.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 9:25 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:31 AM.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal at 9:32 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:55 AM.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and inquired if Custer County Commissioners had a seat at the table for the JM/JP Wilderness Forest Planning process? It is understood that the Forest Service has not had any meetings on the Salmon/Challis Forest Plan recently. Jim has searched for an economist and has not been able to locate anyone to assist the County with a Custer County Socio-Economic study. Commissioner Smith suggested Tyler Hamilton with the Idaho Dept. of Agriculture. Commissioner Butts offered to contact Tom Kealey, Director of the Idaho Dept. of Commerce for suggestions. All understood that actual Custer County economic information must be the heart of any such study. Commissioner Butts will contact the Forest Service while in Washington D.C. to check on the progress of the required Forest Plan Revision socio-economic study.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 BOE Deliberation minutes as written and the July 8, 2022 BOE Appeal Hearing minutes with a correction on the sq. footage. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes of the July 27, 2022 Commissioners meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal at 10:54 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:00 AM.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 11:01 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:07 AM.

Clerk: Lura provided the LATCF (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund) information and rules for use. It is a one-time (FY2022 & 2023) funding opportunity for eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments to use on any governmental purpose except for lobbying. Eligible recipients must submit a request to the Treasury Submission Portal to be included in the \$2 Billion opportunity. The September 28th regular Commissioners meeting overlaps the IAC Conference meeting dates. The Board reset the late Sept. Commissioners meeting to Friday Sept. 23rd at 10:00 AM. The TUSA kick off meeting date proposal was reviewed and possible transportation discussed. The dates of Aug. 17th and 18th will be reserved for Norm Folger of TUSA. The Clerk's Office has received an information request from LandPro Data for digitized corner perpetuations, records of survey and plat documents. After discussion it was decided to get the County Prosecutors opinion before any decision is made. The request received from Sylvia L. Copeland for updating the MOU between the DOI/BLM and Custer County and establishing a Cooperating Agency status for development of the Greater Sage Grouse Land Use Plan and associated EIS. Mary Darling of Darling Geomatics is responding on Custer Counties behalf. A copy of the MOU that is being completed was given to the Board. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Agencies: SNRA/Bobbi Filbert, BLM/Bart Zwetzic and Melissa Fowler-Davis, Challis-Yankee Fork RD/Heath Perrine, Lost River RD/Jonathan LeBlanc, IOGA/Louise Stark and Jeff Bitton attending.

SNRA: Bobbi reported on the 27-acre Prospector Fire near Robinson Bar. They have placed it in Patrol Status as it is nearly out. They will be putting camera surveillance on the site. The Redfish Boat Inspection Station is now open 7 days a week with the added RAC funding. No invasive mussels have been found to date. The Redfish RV Dump Station is currently closed for renovation. They have hired a new contractor for the Redfish to Stanley Trail and the work will be beginning soon. There have been some camper/bear issues over food storage in the Galena Summit

area. They had to close the North Fork area due to a very aggressive bear. The Idaho Fish & Game has since caught the bear and removed it. River closures will begin on Monday August 14th for spawning salmon protection. (quiet zones and no float boating allowed) Bobbi will get the information to the Board of Commissioners. The 50th Anniversary bus tour will begin at the Stanley Ranger Station on Friday the 19th. The celebration will be on Saturday at Pioneer Park in Sun Valley. Commissioner Butts inquired about the Redfish Lake boat docks and a contact from Susan he received. Chairman Butts clarified that there is no MOU concerning boat mooring at Redfish Lake between the SNRA and Custer County. Illegal parking issues are being addressed by the Forest Service, and one vehicle was towed from the lake to Challis. Many notices were placed on vehicle windshields.

Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District: Heath Perrine reported on the two large fires in his district - Wood Tick and Norton. The Wood Tick fire is burning on the south side of the drainage. They began with two shock crews but lost them to the Moose Fire near Salmon. They have gone to point protection of local infrastructure. They did use a backfire in the Camas Creek drainage, looking to protect the Castle Creek properties. The fire is listed as Type III and there is a road closure on Silver Creek Road. Local landowners are able to get through, but no casual visitors. The Norton fire is below the lookout and jumped the first attempt to control it. We are using point protection on nearby infrastructure. Timber sales are still moving. The Flat Creek timber sale sold along highway 21. The Jordan Creek salvage sale is mainly commercial firewood. The Iron Bull sale is painted and will be ready for sale this fall. Big Hill timber sale will be starting back up this fall. The Sleeping Deer Road has been cleared by the USFS road crew for fire access. It was closed with deadfall and has been cut out, the road is still rough but it is open for the first time in a few years. The proposed Dagger Bridge job still has no contract, so they are hoping for one next year. Fiscal Year 2023 they are proposing to do work on the Seafoam Road and build some extra pullouts. The range reports have been updated for Clayton Collins during his absence, all seems to be going well. There have been some bear issues along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River also. Commissioner Butts informed all those attending about the Bay Horse Road washouts that are continuing to sluff off.

Lost River Ranger District: Jonathan reported that all their fire resources are being moved to the Moose Fire near Salmon. Range crews are very busy watching the range conditions,

BLM: Melissa Fowler-reported there has been a possible selection for the new area manager that could be announced by weeks end. The BLM District Engineer came and inspected the Sweeny Bridge and found a critical fracture failure. The bridge is closed to vehicle and stock traffic, but remains open to foot traffic. The BLM is working on an alternate route for livestock through the Deer Gulch Bridge. The BLM is currently doing NEPA for the building site for the proposed Challis Office. They began with an EX and now are doing an EA. Scoping has been extended to the end of July. They are working on a draft EA to get public comments. Bart Zwetzic responded to Commissioner Smiths questions on BDA's. These man-made structures are meant to mimic a beaver dam and encourage stream sinuosity and riparian zones. The dirt moving projects along highway 93 above the old Drake Ranch is being done by Bonneville Power Administration. The sub-station is being improved and the dirt that has been moved is being piled across the highway from the sub-station site.

IOGA: Jeff Bitton/IOGA President and Louise Stark/IOGA Licensing Board member brought in information on Project 57197 the new SNRA Outfitter & Guide Management Plan Draft Environmental Assessment. This will directly affect land-based outfitters and guides of which there are about 17 in Custer County. The SNRA is trying to manage IOGA business with the proposed changes. Both Jeff and Louise gave their phone numbers to the Board members for any questions the might have. They asked the Board if they had been informed about the upcoming "Redfish Complex Plan" that is currently in progress?

Sheriff: Stu attended and reported that his is still down three deputies from full staff. The reserves are all aboard for the Braun Brothers event weekend. Commissioner Butts gave a progress report on the Firehall remodel work. The Board asked if the deputies would go to city council meetings to catch up on concerns from the mayors. Stu has talked to the Challis Mayor and Stanley Mayor and all appears to be OK. Housing is the issue in Stanley. Chairman Butts updated the Sheriff on the TUSA Communications Assessment Kick-off meeting. It is set for 10:00 AM Wednesday August 17th. His knowledge of the service area coverage will be needed, certainly for the Windy Devil site. Stu reminded the Board that Day Wireless has the keys to all the site facilities. They need to inspect the current system for condition, before moving it over to a new system. Chairman Butts asked if Stu could attend the Kick-Off meeting. Others that use the system were listed; ID State Police, SREC, Schools, EMT's, Fire Departments as well as the Sheriff's Office and Road & Bridge.

Clerk: The EAN form to be completed for the grant funding from the IOEM was provided to the Board members by Clerk Lura Baker. After review of the information, Commissioner Smith moved that the EAN/RD Application be signed and returned. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith moved that \$5,000.00 be transferred from the PILT fund into Waterways to cover upcoming bills. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica attended the meeting and presented her request for one additional vacation day on Thursday August 11th. The Board gave their unanimous approval. She provided copies of the findings of facts for the Hill Re-zone hearing for them to review.

The meeting was recessed at 3:45 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance. The meeting was resumed at 3:49 PM.

Claims: Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	48,037.73
Road & Bridge	163,545.73
Battleground Mosquito	.87
District Court	14,182.45
Rodeo Grounds	83.20
Health District	14,134.25
Indigent	750.00
Revaluation	10.86
Solid Waste	100.00
Weeds	612.88
Waterways	4,306.69
Emergency Communications	93,320.81
Auditors Trust	733.00
TOTAL	\$ 339,818.47

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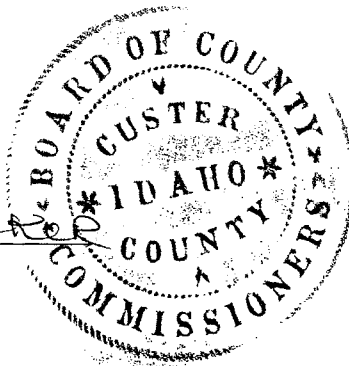
Waterways: John Haugh attended and reported that the new boat is unusable. When the check engine light came on he called the dealer and took it in for inspection. They found the engine was overfilled with oil and has caused engine damage. The Board instructed him to get a list of the repair costs involved, and the cost of removing the engine, before proceeding any further.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to offer the Disaster Coordinator position to Levi Maydole. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The work hours were discussed along with other possibilities.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk




Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner