

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
March 25, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Acting Chairman Butts, with Commissioners Butts, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge, and Brett Plummer/Weed Dept. attended via telephone connection. The different reactions of counties in Idaho to the COVID-19 was discussed. Valley County is very serious and has stopped snow machining in their area. Blaine County residents are taking mini vacations and coming over to Custer county camping and fishing. Commissioner Butts reported that Prosecutor Justin Oleson has contacted the Blaine County Prosecutor about the Blaine County residents that are coming into Custer County when they are under a "quarantine at home" order from the health department due to the number of active cases of corona virus in their area.

Road & Bridge: Melvin logged in and asked if everyone had reviewed the updated Schedule A Cooperative Road Agreement from the USFS. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to accept and sign the agreement, Commissioner Smith seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous "ayes". Melvin reported on the work they are currently doing on the West Double Springs Road. They plan to put in culverts on Monday, then begin the re-surfacing from the cattle guard up. The bids that Melvin has received on oil for this season are in the \$590 per ton range, down just a bit from last years prices. The Pahsimeroi Road needs a lot of repair work on the lower end due to major break-up and huge holes. The East Fork Road is on a funding time line and needs to be finished up this year. He has hired Corey Rice who will begin work on Monday. He will assist with the surfacing work currently being done. Melvin will use the county equipment to clear the construction site for the new Fire hall on March 31st. Clerk Lura Baker requested that he keep track of all equipment use and work hours to be used as in-kind payment for the grant process. He has had his crew checking the tire rims on the equipment through Bird Tire in Salmon. To date they have found 5 cracked out rims that needed to be replaced.

Weed Dept: Brett Plummer reported that Idaho Dept. of Ag has shut down all the testing sites due to the virus, and he can't finish his Agriculture or Forestry final tests. He has all the Weed Dept. trucks checked over and ready to go to work. Commissioner Butts inquired about any un-used vehicles that could be sold. Brett reported there is one White Ford that has no bed that could be sold. The 2005 Brown Dodge is up and running, as well as Old Blue. They will both do a lot of work for the county. Commissioner Smith asked if he had found any summer help yet. Brett has received 5 applications, but some are probably not able to meet the physical requirement of the job. One had planned to take the weed certification spray test with Brett, and will when testing is available again. Brett is completing his "hay certification test" on line with Dave Safford. He has heard of a spray rig with boom's for sale here in Challis. He will look into the condition of it and get a price before going any further.

Commissioner Corgatelli reported on his meeting with Stanley Mayor, Steve Botti. The Bar's and Hotels in the area don't want to close, but everyone wants to limit their exposure to the virus somehow. Clerk Lura Baker has received calls from winter snowbirds that are heading north about health requirements and quarantine rules. She has also been contacted by Judge Watkins the 7th District Administrative Director, about the protocol that Custer County is following. He requested one access door be open to the public for court business. The problem of moving prisoners since the pandemic hit, was also reviewed. If a prisoner is moved for a court appearance, they cannot be returned to their original lodging place. The status of our county employees was reviewed, Pat the janitor has been released until April 30th, Jan and Jacquel are both quarantined at home currently. Lisa is at home this week, and Verla has remained at home also. The need for a backup person on the Custer Co. website was brought forward again. The Board needs to let Jacquel know the need for another web-master in case Tracy is unavailable, or unable to do it. The minutes of the Jan 29th, and March 16th meetings were reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli made the motion that they be approved as written, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed with unanimous roll call vote of aye. The Commissioner minutes and the BOE minutes of March 9th were then reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved they be approved, Commissioner Smith seconded and the roll call vote of aye was unanimous. A rumor of a foreclosure auction on the Bailey Tire property has been heard. It was scheduled for March 31st. Commissioner Corgatelli asked for a copy of the notice.

The dozer that is needed by Solid Waste was then brought forward. Commissioner Butts has talked to Idaho Federal Surplus and was able to put the equipment on hold for Custer County. The cost is \$15,000 and it formerly belonged to the BLM, has a 4-way blade and is currently in the Federal Surplus yard in Boise. Commissioner Butts suggested that Melvin Lanier test drive the dozer before it is actually purchased and hauled home. Commissioner Smith made a motion to purchase the dozer from Fed. Surplus upon the approval of Melvin/Road & Bridge Supt. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

Moore Recreation Committee: Maddie Hansen phoned in a 9:00. Their group is currently planning to drill a well and heard from Mitch Sorensen about the unused well and water right at the Custer Co. Fairgrounds. They would like to obtain the unused water right for their Recreation Park. They are working with Grant funding to cover the cost of drilling the well, but they need to procure a water right to begin. The Board responded that they would like to have the Prosecuting Attorney review all the paperwork involved before any decision is made. The Commissioners agreed to send a written response to the Recreation Committee on what is found.

Prosecutor: Justin has been in contact with Blaine Counties prosecutor about the invasion of Custer County by Blaine county residents that have been given isolation at home instructions. Elmore and Lincoln counties are in the same situation. Commissioner Smith will respond to Seth at IAC by noon with the opinion of the Custer County Board of Commissioners.

Clerk Lura Baker brought forward the Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation Grant Agreement for waterways safety. Commissioner Smith moved that it be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The bill for N. Custer Rodeo Committee membership with the Challis Chamber of Commerce was discussed. It was decided to pass the invoice back to the committee and not pay it with taxpayer funds. The committee has plans to hire Fred Hill to take care of the annual water line blow out each fall. Commissioner Butts has offered to assist them, but has never been contacted.

Clerk Lura Baker brought the Law Enforcement Contract with the USFS. It has been approved and signed by Sheriff Lumpkin. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the board approve and sign the contract, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed with a roll call vote of unanimous ayes. Clerk Lura Baker then updated everyone on her meeting with the Secretary of State. The main topic was the primary election and how to handle the mass mailing of absentee ballots. Custer County has ordered their ballots and will be ready for instructions when they come. Commissioner Butts has e-mailed the Idaho Federal Surplus and put the dozer that Solid Waste needs on hold. Clerk Lura Baker reported the computers needed for the elections have been ordered. The label printers and such can be reimbursed from the HAVA funds, but not the computers.

Disaster: Mike Graham, Disaster Coordinator joined the conference at 9:30. Commissioner Butts inquired about the EMPG report. The \$463.23 is money that was refunded. After a discussion, Commissioner Smith moved that the report be accepted and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous aye roll call vote. Mike then reported on the daily 8:00 AM Local Health Meeting. He needs to receive feedback for his reports. They are trying to keep current on verification of actual cases of COVID-19. The biggest problem locally are the Blaine County residents that have arrived. The local restaurants are now doing deliveries. All have restrictions of 6 to 8 people. The list of questions that the dispatchers are asking on behalf of the clinic is evolving and being constantly updated. Lura inquired about the FEMA workbook, and tracking of hours that are put into the virus control and response. Mike said things would change when the "trigger point" of an active case gets confirmed locally, or even one in Salmon. Check points were suggested for the main entry routes into our county. The needs of an area need to be known ahead of time, ie: Stanley. The Board thanked Mike for his efforts and the job he is doing. He will be working from home during this time, via his laptop computer.

The meeting was recessed until 10:50. Commissioner Wayne Butts, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attended in person. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Corgatelli attended via phone connection.

Rodeo Committee: Terri Stillwaugh called in at 11:00 and reviewed her minutes. The committee plans to put a lock on the main gate, and all members that have paid their dues will be given the combination to the gate lock. They would like to order enough pipe to complete the back pens this year. Commissioner Butts suggested putting informative signage on the gate, and Terri has already received a bid of \$100 for a sign. She pointed out that the tin on the roof over the bleachers needs to be fixed before it blows completely off. The Board expressed their appreciation for all the hard work done on the Rodeo facilities. They also asked that the donors be properly thanked. The problem of not getting the water turned off last fall was discussed, and Terri asked for a check list of annual jobs to do. The Board has a list of Rules and Requirements to be given to each member of the Rodeo Committee Board members. Terri agreed to bring up the "annual draining of water lines " at their next meeting. Commissioner Smith asked about a list of things they would like to see fixed, that the committee members cannot do themselves. Commissioner Butts asked about replacing the teeth on the spring tooth harrow? They have been replaced annually in the past, to prevent undue wear on the harrow. The next Rodeo meeting will be April 7th at 6:00 PM at the Y-Inn, or they will use a teleconference meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli asked how they were doing with a search for grant funding. They are needing someone to actually write the grant application, and some names were suggested. The meeting was recessed until 1:30 PM.

The meeting was reconvened and Commissioner Butts, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins were present. Commissioner Corgatelli and Commissioner Smith attended via teleconference. Clerk Lura Baker brought the letter she just received from Governor Brad Little. Those present also listened to his speech via cell phone. The Extreme Emergency Declaration on 3/25/20 gave instructions to shelter in place, and all non-essential business will be closed within the State of Idaho.

S. Custer Ambulance: Bob Burroughs needs to let the Board know that they only have two volunteers that will take ambulance runs and burn-out is a looming problem. Commissioner Smith inquired about their recruitment efforts and trainings. Bob reported they have done trainings each year, but no active volunteers were realized. Commissioner Butts told Bob about the grant process that the N. Custer Ambulance has utilized to stay solvent. Commissioner Corgatelli asked how the N. Custer group could assist the S. Custer group? Commissioner Butts suggested they begin to clear the dead wood from the current list of volunteers. Commissioner Smith suggested a meeting to soften the cutting process. The discussion then turned to funding and the difference the Arco Hospital location makes in the grant applications. All agreed that the COVID-19 could impact their small crew in a devastating way.

Courthouse Grounds: There were two bids received for the Lawn Maintenance Contract for the summer of 2020. Jordan Oerke bid \$2,830.00, and Wrene Miller bid \$4,410.00. After review Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to accept the bid from Jordan Oerke. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote of aye.

Solid Waste: Discussion was held on the status of the Solid Waste Sites within the Custer County. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Blue Mountain Solid Waste contract for \$48,529.82 be accepted, with the new dozer cost to be figured into the monthly payment. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

Claims: The following claims were approved as presented with two additions of CAI \$1,324.61, and Steve Smith \$359.83 by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli and a second from Commissioner Butts. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Smith abstained from his claim decision.

Current Expense	8,190.95
Road & Bridge	69,643.51
Election Fund	1,812.29
District Court	738.75
Indigent & Charity	210.00
S Custer Ambulance	<u>289.95</u>
TOTAL	80,885.45

Indigent: Christy called in at 2:30 PM and reminded the Board about the Governor's new order to stay home for 21 days. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session at 2:32 PM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 2:37 Commissioner Smith made a motion for #20-05 – Denial / due to non-compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the aye votes were unanimous.

P & Z: Christy then reported on how she is continuing her work from home, via e-mail and phone. Paperwork is coming in through the "drop box" in the entry way at the courthouse. She informed the board about access roads that are being put into Chester's subdivision. They have also added a new trailer. Her "retirement gift" presentation for Jim Mullens has been delayed by the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration, until a later date.

Discussion was then held on the work load for the courts and the Clerks office for elections. Transition to everyone Absentee Voting will change the work load, but lower the total cost for the county. Lura reported the Secretary of State is pushing for Absentee Voting. There is an Emergency Meeting set for tomorrow after the Governor's call.

A liquor license application from L7 Bar in Mackay, Idaho was reviewed. It is a complete name change so will not be handled as a transfer. Commissioner Smith moved it be approved, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk