

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
January 11, 2024

The meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Commissioner Randy Corgatelli. In attendance Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Mike Newmyer.

Commissioner Smith made motion to nominate Commissioner Corgatelli as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners with Commissioner Smith as co-chair. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded, motion passed.

Road & Bridge: Clerk Baker gave the report for Superintendent Jones. Baker advised that Jones would like to purchase the CAT video system for \$4623.57, this one would be able to work better than the system that R&B already has. Commissioner Smith made motion to purchase the video system in the amount of \$4623.57, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and motion passed.

New purchase of the Chevrolet ¾ ton crew cab Pickup will be ready in March in the amount of \$48,300.00, this purchase has already been approved. Commissioner Smith made motion to reaffirm the purchase of the 2024 Chevrolet pickup for R&B, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Squaw Creek Bridge grant, which is a 0% match, bridge key #31755. The grant award would be in the amount of \$1,668,000, preliminary engineering was for the amount of \$67,000. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the bridge grant in the amount of \$1,668,000 at 0% match, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

CAT Paver AP-650B that Jones would like to sell at a value of \$21,805. If State ITD doesn't want it then he will put it on public surplus.

Garden Creek monitoring of wetland area status, Karma Bragg will turn in the report to Karissa at LTAC and then Karissa Nelson will submit to USACE, after review. Clerk Baker advised that there is an invite to be on a web conference with Karissa and Karma, will attend if Commissioners would like.

There is a cell phone that had been used previously by Foreman Shanafelt, hasn't been used since then. Jones wanted to know Commissioners opinion on getting rid of that phone and just using personal cell phones. Commissioner Smith would like to have new foreman on the county cell phone and do county business on the county phone not personal phones. Commissioner Corgatelli advised that he agreed with that.

Commissioner Smith advised that Jones had asked about a grease gun filler in the amount of \$1200, Commissioner Smith had advised Jones of the filler that he personally uses, had not heard back from Jones.

Clerk: Clerk Baker asked that Treasurer Latimer come in and advise the Commissioners of the Key Signature Accounts that will need to be changed for the County. Latimer advised that there will need to be a motion that states that one signer will need to be removed and another signer will be added. Commissioner Smith made motion to remove Wayne Butts' name from the key signature accounts and

add Commissioner Randy Corgatelli's name, will leave Clerk Baker, Treasurer Latimer and Deputy Treasurer Verla Harvie as additional signers. On the Custer Telephone account, will have Clerk Baker, and both Commissioners as listed members. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Latimer gave report to the Commissioners regarding tax collection. Have collected over \$3 million. There are a few 2020 amounts that will come up on tax deed but she is confident they will be paid. Approximately \$350,000 in interest has been accumulated on accounts for the County. Commissioners thanked Latimer for these efforts.

Commissioner Smith made motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed. Entered Executive session at 8:45 a.m. Executive session recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened to regular session.

Solid Waste: Wendell Gohn came to give an update on the East Fork dumpsite. Discussion on the old shed that is no longer being used, Commissioner Smith asked the value on the old shed. Gohn advised that it is a 7x5 shed and insulated but has damage from woodpeckers, also has damage to the window. Commissioner Smith advised that it may need to be put up for bid to the public. New scale from East Fork is working well, still have some wiring that needs to be completed. There is still an old balance scale that sits outside, Commissioner Smith asked if Gohn felt there would be a use to the County of this scale, Gohn advised that he did not feel that there would be a use for it. It is a 24" portable, mechanical scale, Gohn will get information on the scale. After discussion later in the day regarding the shed and scale, the Commissioners decided that it would be better to contact organizations within the county to see if there could still be a use for these items.

Gohn advised that the Mackay burn pile will be burned tomorrow, January 12, 2024.

Commissioner Smith asked Gohn if there were currently problems with the snow at the dump sites. Gohn advised that there hadn't been any problems yet with accumulation of snow.

Commissioner Smith asked if Gohn had been updated on the information from Great West Engineering. Gohn advised that he had been in communication with Travis Pyle on the Solid Waste plan. Discussion regarding water table depth and pit location.

Clerk Baker advised that Pyle needed information regarding the frequency on commercial pickup and multi-residential pickup. Gohn advised that commercial has to be charged more as it is heavier and that he could get that information compiled if needed. Commissioner Corgatelli also asked if Gohn could possibly compile a drawing of what he envisioned for options for sites.

It was agreed upon that there would need to be more discussion and planning to come to feasible options for sites and agreements. Commissioners asked that Clerk Baker contact ICRMP regarding the legal aspects of what is achievable. Commissioner Smith also advised that Gohn and Mayor Botti from Stanley need to be included on future discussion regarding the Solid Waste.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno asked about the sheriff's office vehicle that should be now under the Assessors department, Commissioners will ask Sheriff Lumpkin to have truck possibly taken to Tunnel Rock Tires to have decals taken off so that the vehicle can be turned over to the Assessor department, as the vehicle currently under that department is not in good mechanical condition. IAC is currently assisting the

Assessors Association on submitting bills to assist with assessment notices and taxation. Commissioners also discussed the potential of increasing solid waste fees in the assessments of property, may be something that comes up in the future.

Bid: There was one bid for snow removal for the Custer County Courthouse property. Commissioners reviewed the bid from Twin Peaks Timber and decided that they would table the discussion until later in the day when they had more time to contact Twin Peaks Timber and address a few concerns.

Disaster Coordinator: Clerk Baker to give report from Coordinator Maydole. Maydole prepared a written report to be handed to the Commissioners. TUSA meeting to be scheduled for January 26, 2024. CWPP will have a drafted proposal by the end of the week.

Elections: Kristen Walker gave a summary of the Elections Conference from the first week of January. Coming out with a new Voteldaho website to be rolled out at the end of February. New Campaign Finance program that should be easier for individuals to report and County to monitor. Commissioner Smith asked about election precincts, he asked what the number of registered voters needs to be before having to adjust the precinct boundaries, Walker advised that she would get this information and report back to the Commissioners. Kristen presented maps of the boundary lines for districts and precincts. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the commissioner district boundaries as they are currently, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the voting precincts as they are currently, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Shelley Ridenour joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Ridenour advised that she would like to get some statements from the Commissioners regarding current vacancies and the process to fill those vacancies. Clerk Baker advised that the Commissioners will be discussing the process for filling the vacancies with the Prosecuting Attorney.

Clerk: Report from Butte Soil & Water Conservation District which advised the projects that were addressed throughout the year and asked for an annual contribution from Custer County. Commissioner Smith made motion to contribute \$4725.00 to the Butte Soil & Water Conservation District, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

A Jr. College Certificate was reviewed for a student completing IDLA courses through a community college. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the application for Emma Guerrero, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Clerk Baker advised that there is not a new update on the Challis Hot Springs Grant, she is waiting on a letter that has not been sent in as of yet.

Tom Coates joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Coates would like to express to the Commissioners his appreciation for the jobs that they do and stated that Chairman Wayne Butts will be greatly missed. He would like to express his sincere condolences to the County and Wayne's family, from himself and the county constituents as a whole. He then advised that he had been doing some research in regards to filling the vacancies within the county. Under I.C. 59-906A, he understands that the Republican Committee would give recommendation to the Governor. Mr. Tom Coates would like to submit his name as a nomination to be submitted to the Republican Committee. He advised that he feels Custer County is a unique area to live and that it needs to be preserved for the future.

Clerk Baker presented the Commissioners with a credit card use request from the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the charge of \$769.98 for a sheriff's truck console install, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed that there is not an update on sage grouse or grizzly bear issues.

Update on Stanley Housing project, a billing in the amount of \$5500.00 was submitted on 01/10/24, this is the last for materials. Builder reported that this project should be completed by next Friday. Commissioner Smith spoke with SNRA regarding the color of the building, would like to match the color of the other homes and is waiting on hearing back from SNRA in regards to approval.

Commissioner Smith brought up the contribution for American Stewards of Liberty, in regards to an annual contribution he questioned the amount sent last year. That amount was discussed and an action item for the next meeting was advised.

Commissioner Smith asked for an update on IT for the County. Clerk Baker advised that the Microsoft Updates are not compatible with our other operating systems, which is resulting in some of the computers shutting down. Jonathan Huse is working on updates and remedying the non-compatible items.

Commissioner Smith asked for an update on the water/condensation issue in the Jail. Clerk Baker advised that there needs to be additional insulation between the buildings but that the Commissioners should do a walk through of the Jail facility. This will be put on the Agenda and a jail inspection scheduled for the next meeting on January 26th.

Clerk Baker advised that the building the Prosecutor and Coroner are in may be selling. Will need to find a potential space to move those two offices into. Clerk Baker will be contacting a few other spaces to see about rental charges and will report back to the Commissioners regarding those other options.

Clerk Baker advised that the Public Defense Commission would like to have a meeting with the County and Public Defender Murdoch via zoom. Will be changing their platform in approximately October of this year to have a more centralized regional defender program.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated December 27, 2023 without correction, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed and minutes were signed.

Commissioner Smith advised that he would like to have discussion regarding the proposed contribution to LRED. Would like to have an action item added to the agenda for the next meeting to finalize the decision on this contribution.

Clerk Baker reviewed the Election Laws for a County Commissioner and Sheriff. For an individual to be eligible for County Commissioner position they need to be 21 years of age, be a registered citizen, have resided in the county for a minimum of 1 year and be a resident of the district 90 days. This is found under I.C § 34-617. For the position of Sheriff, the individual would also need to be 21 years of age and reside in the county for a minimum of 1 year I.C § 34-618.

Civil Defense: Clerk Baker advised that the plumbing was completed in the building this week.

Recessed meeting at 11:33 a.m. and will reconvene at 1:30 pm

State & Federal Agencies: Heath Perrine reviewed the timber operations plan for 2024. The 3rd party fuel wood permit is over for 2023. Was at IOGA and had a breakout with Middle Fork Outfitters Association, camp sites along the middle fork are historic but are being damaged, eight (8) campsites in total. If you draw one of those sites you have to bring in your own firewood. Some of those campsites are Hospital Bar, Camas Creek, Stoddard, usually the larger campsites. Boundary Creek road reconstruction is finished and will be putting the final layer on. Cape Horn project status, looking for places to stockpile the rock as there isn't room along the route as they repair the road. Seafoam project is only approximately 20% finished, will have delays and will hopefully finish this year. Trail bridges status, have finally gotten a contractor to bid within budget so those projects will move forward. Will be refinishing three (3) Indian Creek, Little Creek and Flying B trail bridge. Snowpack will be impacting the windows for prescribed burns this year, may be earlier and shorter time period. Were not able to complete prescribed burns last year. Confirmed the meeting scheduled for next week on the 18th at 9:00 am. Perrine asked Commissioners about the Grouse Peak generator, it is no longer there and they are wondering where it went. Need to do a proper close out on this property if it has been removed. Commissioner Smith advised that Maydole went to switch those out, was under the impression it was the counties, if it is not then we will give it back. Mark Nelson went up to Grouse Peak and advised that the generator was gone and a new generator was in its place. Heath will have Jason Bruce contact Levi Maydole to figure out ownership and closeout on the generator. Discussion regarding the Search and Rescue MOE, need to get this completed as the Lost River Search and Rescue commander has asked about the status.

Jonathan LeBlanc reported that the Lost River precipitation levels are 60-70% of normal. Not looking great but has been snowing and not in drought. YCC proposals will go in next week. May be shy on individuals to fill these positions, will need to hire individuals for trails and YCC.

Randall Anderson was introduced by Dave Hilliard, he is currently acting in the AFM position. Josh is in line officer training today and couldn't attend meeting. Gave update on the current vacancies in RMS, AFM and Geology, Realty, Weeds, Maintenance Archeology and Kevin Lloyd will be doing a detail in Colorado for the next few months for Wild Horse & Burro. Down 11 positions. They have the geologist in Salmon helping up here in the Challis area, reviewing one plan of operations in Hat Creek that will be looking for agates. Will be reviewing the mining plan for a claim near the junction of East Fork and Hwy 75, as the project may be too close to the Salmon River. The Old Three Rivers Stone project may have someone interested in possibly picking that mining claim and operations up. If they stick to same plan should just be a transfer and resume operation but still preliminary planning now. Outfitters and Guide problematic is out for public comments until Jan 21, 2024. Commissioner Smith advised that Stark and another outfitter had come in before the Commissioners and had some concerns, he wanted to know what issues were coming up. Hilliard advised that so far, they were just getting general comments, so far no red flags. Renewing outfitter permits has been easier than in the past. Still waiting on Bayhorse bridge. Do have a permit in for Bayhorse townsite little wooden bridge to the camp host location, should be a simple replacement.

Ryan Hilton from IF&G advised that IOGA meeting last month, Camille Beare at front office for Salmon Office nominated and received award. Provided Commissioner Smith with a wolf management plan booklet, in the process now working on an Elk Management Plan. New plan gives flexibility to help deal with depredation plans and general hunting plans. Getting collars out to be able to know where the numbers are and where they are migrating. In unit 36, up around Stanley showing that elk are going to

different zones than originally believed they would be migrating to so they are look into this a little more. Snow level is helping with depredation efforts. Chuck Felton retired from assisting with the depredation efforts, have hired Clinton Carter, from Pahsimeroi for this position. In Salmon zone 21 and 21a, 28 and 36B, put 30 collars out last week scattered over those units. Commission Smith wanted to address the Wolf Management Plan, he had been advised that IF&G has lessened their kill action, he stated that he had heard that if a private trapper is hired then IF&G has to pull back and restricts kills from their department so as not to be competition to the private trapper. If private trappers are causing problems with IF&G being able to continue with control actions, then this needs to be addressed. Commissioner Smith would like Ryan to check on this as he has heard of this several times and there needs to be some revision if IF&G is restricted do to private trappers. Ryan feels that this may be misinformation, as the director is still working on controlling the population. Stated that they would like to get down to around 500 wolves, population is currently at around 1200. Commissioner Smith asked about grizzly bear sightings, Ryan advised no new grizzly bear sightings but will advise if that changes substantially. Steelhead run has been very healthy and from Corn Creek to East Fork the fish are very healthy and the numbers have increased by approximately 3 times over the normal numbers.

Sheriff: Sheriff Lumpkin advised that the Stanley housing project is almost finished. The Stanley Law Enforcement contract was addressed and Sheriff Lumpkin advised that he approved signing this contract. Commissioner Smith asked Lumpkin about the decals from the vehicles, if they could be reusable and was advised that they are not. Commissioner Smith asked Sheriff Lumpkin about taking the decals off of the old vehicles and removing the equipment from the vehicles so that the vehicle can be used in another department, Lumpkin advised that they will take the trucks to Idaho Falls to have these items removed and the trucks cleaned up. Sheriff Lumpkin advised that he had not known about the condensation until today in the jail area and advised that since the plumbing issue was remedied there has not been condensation. He doesn't feel that there is a problem but will review again if the Commissioners would like. Commissioner Smith addressed the vacancy for the office of Sheriff. Sheriff Lumpkin advised that his recommendation would be to fill the temporary position with the current Chief Deputy, until a new Sheriff is elected and sworn in, in an effort to keep the election process fair. He believes that a temporary appointment does not have to take place as there is already a temporary individual that can step into the position.

Discussion regarding charging at NAPA, they have sent a letter that states that all charge accounts will be closed for Stinker/NAPA. Can make purchases for parts, but have to pay for it at that time, cannot charge. Will need to check to see if another business can accommodate charging purchases for parts and move the account from Stinker/NAPA.

P&Z: Jessica Clemenhagen gave the Commissioners a summary for the 2023 year for the Zoning Certificates issued. Commissioner Smith questioned a permit issued for a single-family dwelling that could be questionable. Clemenhagen advised that this location has been flagged for review in the future. Rally In The Pines entered into a plea agreement with Custer County instead of going to a jury trial and will not be able to operate for two years in Custer County, they are also prohibited from even advertising.

Commissioners had asked about undeveloped vs developed building parcels within the County. There are approximately 600 parcels with around 365 undeveloped parcels. Clemenhagen presented a partial list of undeveloped lots for review. Clemenhagen also brought up the device that she would like to

purchase, that would be used in the field to assist her. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the purchase of a Samsung tablet, with a protective case, for P&Z, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded, motion passed.

Commissioner Smith asked for the update on the resolution amending a P&Z ordinance. Clerk Baker advised that she will work on this and bring a draft back for review.

Commissioner Smith made motion to amend the agenda to move the NRAC to 3:30 p.m., motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, and motion passed.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins advised that he had put his name in for nomination for the commissioner vacancy. NRAC has been approached or will be approached by an NGO to have money to be used for projects or litigation that could come up. Commissioner Smith advised that as the NRAC committee is an appointed committee under the County, he does not feel that this should be an option. After discussion, it was agreed that this would need to be addressed by the County Prosecutor for review. It was felt that a Not for Profit, Non-Governmental Organization should not be included with the current NRAC committee.

Hawkins advised that he feels that in regards to the Grizzly bear introduction, he would like to organize a meeting and would like to send letters to other entities that would like to be included in this discussion. This meeting could even be conducted via Zoom if that would get more entities involved. Commissioner Smith advised that he could hand deliver a letter at the IAC meeting regarding the invitation for this meeting. Discussion regarding whether Mary Darling would be available to represent our county and other counties combined, Commissioner Smith advised that he felt that option may have already passed.

Hawkins would also like to meet with the Lemhi County Commissioners, would like to send out an invitation to the Lemhi County Commissioners for February 15 or 16, 22 or 23. Will let the Commissioners know of what will work for everyone.

NRAC has also been discussing housing issues in Custer County, they would like to know how the Commissioners feel about looking into options that would help people get into affordable housing or into constructing affordable housing. Possibility of a meeting of all entities that would be affected in our County.

Commissioner Smith made motion to send a letter to the Republican Central Committee in regards to the county vacancy, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the grant support letter for the Challis Hot Springs, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made motion to reaffirm the Rodeo, P&Z, Fair Board and Waterways committees, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the various committees in which they are involved. It was decided that Commissioner Smith would report for the Magistrate, Health, CITC, LRED and Butte Soil committees, while Commissioner Corgatelli would report for RDA, Aurora EICPTA and HICD. The Fair Board, CEDA and Rodeo Association committees would be the responsibility of the Commissioner that will be appointed to fill the current vacancy.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the bid from Twin Peaks Timber at \$100 per hour plus materials, to be completed by 6:30 a.m. on days that services are needed and an itemized invoice of hours and materials will need to be submitted. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Commissioners called Twin Peaks Timber to discuss the specifics of the parking lot and sidewalks.

Claims: Commissioners reviewed submitted claims. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the claims submitted 01/11/2024 with the addition of \$1400 to Jim Hawkins, for a total of \$197,500.50, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Current Expense	136,971.61
Road & Bridge	18,988.12
District Court	6,416.97
Rodeo Grounds	101.97
Revaluation	8,346.10
Solid Waste	2,298.19
Weeds	393.82
Emergency Com	2,019.70
Auditors Trust	<u>21,964.02</u>
 TOTAL	 \$197,500.50

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.


Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest: 
Lura H. Baker
Custer County Clerk

