

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Butts, with Commissioners Wayne Butts, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge, Chad Workman/Coroner, Aletia Straub-Workman/Probation, Christy Foster/P&Z, Jacquell Bruno/Assessor and Denay Phelps/Road & Bridge attended.

Commissioner Randy Corgatelli began the meeting with the official swearing in ceremony and recitation of the Oaths of Office for the newly elected officers. Wayne Butts-Commissioner, Steve Smith-Commissioner, Lura Baker-Clerk, Chad Workman-Coroner, and Jacquell Bruno-Assessor. The ceremony was completed by 8:02. The first item of business was to choose a chairman of the board. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Wayne Butts continue as chairman. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that Commissioner Smith continue as the Vice Chairman of the board. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The next item of business was appointing the Custer Co. Risk Manager(s). A short discussion of the work load involved was held. Commissioner Smith moved that Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Christy Foster be appointed as Dual Risk Managers for Custer County, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Butts asked about the current membership of the Custer Co. Fair Board. With the new appointment of Josh Hale, it is now a full board of 5 members. It was decided to wait until the next regular Fair Board meeting to do their official swearing in ceremony. Commissioner Butts lead a discussion on all the work that appointed boards do on behalf of Custer County and how much it is appreciated, but seldom mentioned. The NRAC Board has been very active with the G2G meetings and one is scheduled with the ID Fish & Game Director on Jan 27th at 6:30 PM. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the mileage driven by volunteer board members to attend the NRAC meetings should be reimbursed at .45 cents per mile, the same as it is for the P&Z board members. Commissioner Corgatelli concurred and also asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to each member of these advisory boards. Commissioner Smith then amended his motion to include mileage for all advisory board members and the letter of appreciation. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and it passed.

Road & Bridge: Melvin brought a letter from JUB Engineering on the costs of the next phase of the Garden Creek Road Project for the board's information. Karma Bragg/Custer SWCD attended and explained the work she has done to keep the Garden Cr. bridge project costs to a minimum. Karma has gotten an agreement from Christopher James to route traffic across his private bridge during the construction the new Garden Cr. Bridge. Use of this private bridge will save up to \$50,000.00 on the cost of building a bypass on site. The Road & Bridge Dept. will also provide a significant amount of "in kind work" ie: hauling fill, rip-rap rock, and providing cold mix pavement. She has the ESA's completed and signed off and now needs the 404 permits approved and sent in. Karma needs this done as soon as possible, as the bridge work has to be done during the fish window this summer. The mitigation project is being done on Joe Piva's property with a farm bridge that will replace two problematic culverts on Garden Cr. Commissioner Butts inquired about the budget constraints, and found with the in kind work the R&B will be doing, there will be no budget problems. Karma stated that the actual bridge cost is to be covered with the SCD funds of \$203,000.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Custer Soil Conservations Dist.-Karma Bragg be approved to continue and complete the Garden Creek Bridge Project. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.

Karma then passed out copies of the annual report for the Custer Soil Conservation District. Their base funding is \$8,500.00, and they get a 2 to 1 match program fund equation. The BPA contracts are a very important part of her office funding, and they will be cut by 60% next year. Her NRCS office staff member, Rosanna Rieth has been transferred to an office in Salmon, so she will no longer be sharing the CSCD office space and expenses. Karma explained that any 404 contracts she can help the County with, will help on her 2 to 1 match for funding. Melvin presented the Bayhorse Bridge Project FLAP Grant application he has received from JUB Engineering for the board

to review. Other projects on the 2019 list included the Stevens Road Hill project, asphalt grinding on the East Fork Road and on Morgan Cr. Road. Commissioner Butts inquired about snow plowing this winter on Morgan Cr. Road. Melvin reported plowing over the top three times. They are trying to keep a small 2" snow floor from Annie Rooney Cr. over the top.

Clerk Baker presented some improvements on the budgeting process, with an additional account for "Loan Payments" on equipment for Road & Bridge. Melvin agreed it would help his record keeping also. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the FLAP Grant application for Bayhorse Bridge be approved and signed. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Weeds: Matt attended and reports that the government shutdown has him at a standstill. The deadline for the CWMA Grant application was Jan. 7th, but there is nobody to get a signature from, or turn it into. He will continue, but it doesn't look very good at this time. He is looking into purchasing 24D and Glyphosate from Helena Chemical in Boise, as bulk orders are much less expensive through them. Clerk Baker asked if 18 hours of vacation time for Matt, that was missed on the computer in 2018 could be given in 2019. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Matt's 18 hours of 2018 vacation time can be used in 2019. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Butts requested a copy of the 2019 Weed Spray Contract, so it could be approved by the Prosecutor this afternoon. Matt will get one printed and returned by this afternoon.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended but had nothing special to report. Commissioner Butts brought up the solid waste fees and who decided which parcel is required to bear the solid waste fee. A discussion of the variances on how the fee is charged was then held. It was suggested the Assessor be in charge of the solid waste assignment, but Jacquell answered "I don't do taxes". Jacquell stated that she gives the Treasurers office a file on Lot Splits annually. Without the presence of the Allicyn Latimer-Treasurer the discussion was tabled for another meeting. The meeting was recessed at 9:40 AM for BOE.

The meeting was re-convened at 9:45.

Treasurer: Verla Harvie, Chief Deputy handed out the monthly Treasurers report. They have collected 68% of 2018's taxes so far, which is well ahead of last year's tax collections.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners were then reviewed. Commissioner Butts noted a correction in the spelling of Greg Sh"e"nton. The correction will be made and minutes reprinted. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Fair Board continue to move forward on the land exchange with the City of Mackay. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded. Roll call vote was Smith/Aye, Corgatelli/Aye, and Butts/Nay

NRAC: Jim Hawkins/Chairman attended and handed out his monthly report. Commissioner Butts thanked Jim and all the NRAC board members for all the work they have done on the comments provided for the County Commissioners. It was suggested the NRAC board be reimbursed by the County for the mileage they travel to attend meetings. Jim suggested the commissioners attend a NRAC meeting occasionally. He asked for Agenda's for the two upcoming Gov't to Gov't meetings. The next set of comments for the Wilderness Assessment on the Forest Plan Revision are due on Jan 31. Jim asked if a special meeting was needed to get committee comments on specific areas within the wilderness assessment? With the government shutdown, the actual date they are due may possibly change to Feb. 15. Tom Johnson attended and asked about the firewood assistance program through the NRAC? He was corrected in that the firewood program has been done by the RAC operated by the USFS. He was given correct contact information and will get ahold of them when the shutdown is over.

Auditor: Gary Merkel attended and was asked by Commissioner Butts if the County Agent, Sarah Baker had brought her information in? Gary has received a packet of information from Sarah, but has not gone through it yet. Gary gave his presentation and suggested some small corrections that will assist in the future. He restated that Road & Bridge needs a separate account for "loan payments" on equipment.

The 2019 Weed Spraying Contract form was received and looked over. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract, pending legal review. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. The U of I Extension Agent Agreement was then reviewed and discussed by the board.

Concerned Citizens of Custer County: Billie Mitchell and Lisa Benson attended and told the board of their plans to schedule a meeting for the concerned public to ask questions and give suggestions about the Jail Project. A date of February 19th – 6:30 PM at the American Legion Hall has been set.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson-Prosecutor and Dave Cannon-Public Defender attended and reviewed the 2019 Public Defender Contract together. A correction of “average of 50 hours” was noted by Clerk Lura Baker and Prosecutor Justin Oleson. A copy of last years contract was also looked over. Once all corrections were made, Commissioner Smith made a motion the Public Defender Contract be approved and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. The Board of Commissioners and Public Defender Dave Cannon then signed the contract. Clerk Baker asked Mr. Cannon about the 2018 grant funds that are left and how they could be utilized on his behalf. No immediate ideas were exchanged. Prosecutor Oleson and Clerk Baker then reviewed the Mackay Mosquito Abatement Annex process. The State Statutes 39-2802 through 2086 were looked into as was 39-2813. The University of Idaho Extension Office Agreement was the next item reviewed with Justin. Clerk Baker will account for any funds that have already been paid on the Agent’s behalf this first quarter of FY2019. The meeting was recessed for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Hawkins, Clerk Lura Baker, Jim Hawkins-NRAC and Todd Adams-Challis Messenger attending. It has been heard that the comment period for the wilderness assessment will be extended from the original date of Jan 31st. The scoping comments for the Annie Rooney Timber Sale still need to be sent in a.s.a.p. The government shut down has made the Jan 17th G2G meeting date with the USFS unproductive. Possible dates put forward for a rescheduling are Jan 25th, Jan 29th or Feb 15th depending on the length of the shutdown. Commissioner Butts agreed to e-mail Chuck Mark and schedule another date for the G2G meeting. A letter of confirmation of these possible dates will also be mailed to Chuck.

Commissioner Butts has received e-mails from Mike Graham-Disaster Services on “Who will pay for the repeaters for Grouse Peak?” He asked that a letter of explanation be sent from the Clerks office on Commissioner letterhead.

Sheriff: Stu Lumpkin attended and handed out his monthly report to the board. He gave a count of the prisoners he has at the jail currently, 1 here, 1 in Lemhi Co., and 3 coming tomorrow for probation violations. The delivery of the Grouse Cr. repeater was then discussed by him and the board.

P & Z: Jim Mullens-Board Chairman attended with Christy Foster. Christy handed out her list of zoning certificates sold in December. The public hearing held for Vicki Dunn’s lot split uncontested. Christy had the possibility of having 3 public hearings at once, which showed her the need for more signs. She has received a quote of \$140.00 each from Salmon. Commissioner Butts offered to build some for her, so she will show him what she needs. Jim Mullens commended Christy for the great job that she is doing for the Planning & Zoning Board, and thanked her for her work. Jim then announced his retirement plans from the P&Z Board now that he is 80. He plans to finish out 2019 but wanted to give the Commissioners plenty of lead time to find a new chairman. Commissioner Smith suggested the County do some trainings for any new P & Z board members. Mr. Mason was suggested as an instructor. A motion to go into executive session at 2:50 PM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) was made by Commissioner Smith, the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 2:53 PM Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for denial of #18-18, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed with a roll call vote of unanimous ayes. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion for denial of #19-01 as we are not the obligated county. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

Claims: The following claims were approved with one addition for High Country RC&D of \$500.00 by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. Motion was approved.

Current Expense	24,187.69
Road & Bridge	11,557.21
Battleground Mosquito	.75
Election Fund	443.23
District Court	5,881.38
Rodeo Grounds	79.25
Indigent & Charity	5,410.00
Junior College Tuition	4,100.00
Revaluation	5,836.41
Solid Waste	2,475.00
Weeds	216.62
Waterways	2.76
Emergency Communication	10,224.53
Custer Ambulance	<u>357.90</u>
TOTAL	70,772.73

Clerk Baker delivered the corrected version of the University of Idaho Extension Office Agreement with the board. All corrections and changed the board suggested earlier were made. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve and sign the contract as written. Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote Butts/Aye, Smith/Aye, Corgatelli/Aye.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that the board approve and sign the Idaho Unified Certification Program agreement with Idaho Transportation Dept. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Custer Co. obligations to the Custer SWCD, the Butte SWCD, Lost River Economic Development, and the LiDAR project with Brad Gamett were also reviewed.

Agent: Sarah Baker attended and gave a monthly report to the board. There has been an Idaho Range Livestock Symposium, she now has the Red Books at her office, and she is currently doing a Child Care Summit with Katie McFarland of Salmon at the Senior Center in Challis. The Albertsons Grant steering committee will be meeting to plan this year's events. Commissioner Smith asked if there had been any complaints about the Market Animal Sale, or Fair in general? Sarah reported there haven't been any to date. The board let her know the new contract between the U of I and Custer Co. has been finalized and signed. Henceforth all her expenses will be turned into the University. The electric bill, phone bills, and rent that are being sent to the Clerks office will need to be updated on their address. Sarah asked what report schedule the board would require, and was told quarterly as a minimum, and oftener if she felt the need. The board wished her well.

Junior College: Two applications were reviewed. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Betzer and Dmochowski applications both be approved and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then led an ICRMP Safety Meeting with those present. Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Baker, Commissioner Butts, Deputy Clerk Hawkins and Christy Foster-P&Z. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion to pay NRAC Chairman Jim Hawkins for the 14 hours of consulting he has done at \$20.00 hour. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Baker then explained the situation of the court clerks and their 2018 vacation time that they were unable to use due to work load. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the 2018 vacation time for Crystal/15.25 hours and Laila/29 hours be carried into the first quarter of 2019 for them to use before the end of March 2019. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Christy has e-mailed Brad Gamett about his LiDAR project and he will let her know when he needs the Counties

promised support. Clerk Baker reported that the PERSI deduction for employees will be increasing soon. The meeting was recessed at 4:58 PM for the P & Z Public Hearing.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:08. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that Ordinance #2019-01 that has been made to amend Ordinance #2007-09 be accepted as written. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous ayes. Commissioner Smith then signed Ordinance #2019-01.

Clerk Baker listed the obligations the County has with local entities. Challis Seniors Center @ \$2,500.00, Lost River Economic Development @ \$5,000.00, State Animal Damage Control Dist. @ \$5,000.00, Custer Soil & Water District @ \$4,000.00, and Butte Soil & Water District @ \$3,167.00, and the LiDAR program @ \$5,000.00. After discussion Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for the Clerk pay the above commitments as demands. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The LiDAR payment will be held until we hear from Brad Gamett.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that a letter of support be sent to the High Country RC&D from the Custer County Commissioners as previously talked about by the Board. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk