

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
October 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 8:02 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session was Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. The Board returned to regular session at 8:15AM, no decisions were made.

Probation: Aletia attended and requested an executive session. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 8:20 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session were Probation Officer Aletia Workman, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made at this time and the Board returned to regular session at 8:45 AM.

Clerk: Lura brought the need for a Public Defender forward. She has received an application from Manuel Murdoch, and it was reviewed. The grant that Custer County receives from the PDC each year was also reviewed. It was decided that an interview needs to be done before any decision can be made.

Mahoney House: Attending the meeting from Mahoney House were Patrick Regan/Executive Director, Carly Boese, Jonna Baer and Susan Daniels/Board Member. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session were Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Patrick Regan, Carly Boese, Jonna Baer, Susan Daniels and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. The Board returned to regular session at 9:25 AM, no decisions were made.

Commissioner Smith reported on the tour of the Jervois Cobalt Mine in Panther Creek that he attended. They currently have 230 employees working on site, will begin production of cobalt ore shortly.

Treasurer: Chief Deputy Verla Harvie attended with the monthly treasurer's report. The 2021 tax collections are within \$51,000.00 of being collected. This is the best ever for annual tax collections. Their office has begun work on entering the tax drive information.

NRAC: Jim is working on getting factual figures of private property and government property within the SNRA. The FOIA request for information was originally mailed out on Sept. 27th, but the e-mail copy came back as undeliverable. The new e-mail address will be requested and the request resent. Chairman Butts would also like to get an updated total of private acres within Custer County, versus the acres of government lands. It has been promoted as 97%+ for years, but many private acres have been absorbed by the Forest Service over the years. The newest wilderness area acreages were also brought into the conversation. Jim then inquired about any progress on the Forest Management Plan. Nobody present was aware of any progress on the Salmon Forest Plan. Clerk Lura Baker has located the 1991 CLEM economic study. Jim will review the study and see if updated figures can be inserted into the formulas. All agreed that the study needs to be in the hands of the counties and kept updated as needed. He then asked about the 5 priorities that Jolie requested from the Board? 1) Updateable Program 2) Measure impact in the entire region: Challis, Stanley, Big Lost River, Mackay, Pahsimeroi, Lemhi, Leadore, etc.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 10:15 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session was Timber Archer, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. The Board returned to regular session at 10:55 AM, no decisions were made.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 11:00 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session was Jade Straub, Ashley Hancock, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. The Board returned to regular session at 11:10 AM, no decisions were made at this time.

Coroner: Chad Workman attended and discussed office space options with the Board. Commissioner Butts asked that no changes be made until more of the many in process projects are completed, the other board members agreed. Chad updated the board on getting emergency generator access for use at the Jones & Casey funeral home through the Emergency Services Office and Levi Maydole.

Commissioner Smith moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 11:40 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session was Chris Matson, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. The Board returned to regular session at 12:15 AM, no decisions were made.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:20, and reconvened at 1:30 PM. With Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

Agency: Melissa Fowler/BLM Acting Director attended. She reported that the Fish & Game is pushing to get the BLM to participate in beaver relocation/transplant programs. She has declined on their offers, and BLM will not be participating. They have hired a new District Manager that will begin on Monday, October 17th. Josh Travers is recently from Las Vegas, Nevada. The prescribed burn for cheatgrass mitigation will begin today in the Pahsimeroi and the reseeding program will be done next. Melissa reported the BLM still has two vacancies they are trying to fill. The college pathways students are being recruited for some positions. The Sweeny Bridge is closed to vehicle traffic, but pedestrian traffic is still allowed. The grazing permittees in the area would still like to use it for cattle. A MOU between the grazers and BLM is being worked on to facilitate this use and January 1st is the competition goal for signatures. Commissioner Butts shared photos of the latest USFS trail closure method being used on Methodist Creek Trail in the Mackay area. Nolan Sauerbreit provided the photos of a log filled with iron strap and spikes blocking the trail. The Bayhorse Bridge is still needing to be replaced due to age and condition. Commissioner Butts wants to get the project completed while the adjoining landowner is amenable to the work. Melissa reminded all that 120 days is required for fish consultation on such projects. The State BLM Office is reviewing the application for a new district office building, so it is out of local hands. She would like to see a "weed wash station" for the public included.

Commissioner Butts updated the board on major improvements that have been done at the Challis solid waste site by Wendell Gohn. He has had fill dirt hauled in to cover the old C&D pit as well as the dead animal pit. Wayne was very impressed at how much better the site appears.

Sheriff: Stu attended and upon review of the Law Enforcement Contracts an error was found in the Challis contract. It will be brought to the cities attention and corrected before signing. Stu informed the board that it is time to look at vehicle replacements. He has a price of \$34,744.00 each for two new Dodge Ram trucks from Young's Automotive in Buhl. There are two vehicles that are to be traded in. One more deputy has been hired, and he will begin work tomorrow. That leaves just one more deputy position left to fill.

Commissioner Smith moved that the board go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 1:55 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending the session was Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. The Board returned to regular session at 2:03 PM, no decisions were made.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica attended and provided the necessary documentation for the Appeal Hearing to be held October 19, 2022 for US Calcium, for the board members. She also needs to schedule a public hearing for a re-zone from Ag to Trans Ag in the Darlington area. The definition for "mining claims" was then discussed as well as Patented mining claims and the possibility of them being grandfathered because of the date of commencement of mining. Jessica then updated the board on her conversations with Teton Communications owner Tony. She has requested a conference call with Prosecutor Justin Oleson before continuing the discussion. A luncheon will be held with the Planning & Zoning board members, the Board of Commissioners and Clerk Lura Baker on October 25th at the CEDA building at noon. The Clerks office will work with Jessica to put it together.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Sheriff go ahead and order the trucks to get the price of \$34,744.00 locked in. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion to approve the 9/23/22 Commissioners Minutes as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

University of Idaho: Extension Educator Sarah Baker attended and reported on the 2022 county fair. It was a fair of extreme up's and downs. The market animal sale went very well and they sold 72 animals for \$311,000.00. There were also two very beneficial fund raisers held after the sale was complete. The Roche kids were presented with \$70,000, and Evan Hunting was presented with \$30,000. Sharon Bradley was able to get the Horse program revived at the fair with her hard work. The Teen Leader program has been extremely active this year and Jeremy Hampton of Mackay is the Idaho State Teen Leader. Sarah is working with the BQA program and has become a certified trainer and program leader. Her office has done a lot of hay testing this growing season. The lease for her office space has been renewed for another year, and she is still searching for full time office staff. The MOU between the U of I and Custer County was then reviewed and the county budget allocation given. The original MOU received from the University has been refused, and after discussion wording was suggested for dealing with the carry over amounts.

Commissioner Smith moved that the 2023 Mackay Law Enforcement contract in the amount of \$40,000.00 be approved and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(d) for Documents at 4:53 PM. 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 5:05 PM. Commissioner Smith moved that the Negotiation Services invoices for the Garden Cr. Road project 18-933, #19 and #16 be approved for payment. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The invoices received from TUSA were then discussed. Chairman Butts will go over them with Levi Maydole/Emergency Services before continuing.

Claims: Commissioner Smith moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the addition of Election Systems & Services \$1,329.20, Allied Builders \$104.40, Negotiation Services \$34,200.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	17,176.36
Road & Bridge	51,823.39
Election Fund	6,237.89
District Court	5,368.34
Rodeo Grounds	84.35
Indigent	.57
Revaluation	1,439.78
Solid Waste	100.00

Weeds	775.48
Waterways	831.29
Emergency Communication	2,560.71
Auditors Trust	<u>99.75</u>
TOTAL	86,497.91

The meeting was recessed for South Custer Ambulance at 5:25 PM, and returned to regular session at 5:30 PM.

Clerk: Lura brought the Stanley Transfer site closure to the Board's attention. Commissioner Butts has talked to District 7 Health Dept. and they recommend doing a temporary closure at this time. Upon talking to Wendel the final closure date was verified as April. Commissioner Smith asked Wendel about the fees that are charged at the Mackay Solid Waste site. He has received calls from a resident about them. The notification from Operation Green Light for Veterans as reviewed by the Board. They all agreed that our veterans need to be recognized and the light should be put up from Nov. 7th to Nov. 13th. The upcoming holidays were then discussed. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Friday Nov. 25th, Monday Dec. 26th, and Monday Jan. 2nd be given to Custer County employees as holidays with pay. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Public Defender: Clerk Lura Baker reviewed the application from Manuel Murdoch that the board reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that new monetary figures be offered in response, with mileage @ .50c per mile and reasonable expenses. Clerk Baker was approved to negotiate the agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

ICRMP Joint Powers Agreement: The agreement was reviewed by the Board and approved. The Public Entity Multi Lines Insurance Policy has an annual cost of \$70,157.00. Commissioner Smith moved that the agreement be approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Butts updated the Board on the Wood Lot. There will be no more punky fir accepted, and there will be no payment until the wood is cut into stove lengths. Commissioner Corgatelli and Commissioner Smith agreed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.



Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner