

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
October 26, 2022

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

**Weed:** Brett updated the Board on the aerial spray day that he participated in with the BLM and the ID Fish & Game. They treated 660 acres with a helicopter that could carry 120 gallons per load and used a spray boom that covered 36 feet. He felt it went very well. He is currently working hard on getting all the agency reports completed. The Natural Resources Day is tomorrow at the schools and he will be participating. He inquired about putting the 1996 Ford F250 truck up for disposal on the Public Surplus website. The Board members were all in agreement. Brett will be out of town attending School Board meetings Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Smith asked about getting the small rural cemeteries sprayed in the spring. Brett will contact the cemetery districts and make plans for next spring. All of the Weed accounts receivables are paid up to date. He has some more billing to get done for the USFS that he will send out soon. The intermittent road side mowing being done by the ITD was discussed.

**Road & Bridge:** Brandon updated the Board on the Garden Cr. Road improvements and that HLE Engineering has requested a letter be sent to the utility companies that their infrastructure needs to be moved from under the roadway. Commissioner Smith moved that the letter be approved and sent to the utility companies. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Brandon will get a copy of the letter to Clerk Lura Baker. Jeff Bennetts has a stainless-steel sander bed for sale for \$1,500.00. Road and Bridge would like to purchase the sander and utilize it for smaller projects. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the stainless-steel sander in the amount of \$1,500.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Natural Resource Day is tomorrow in the Challis Schools. Brandon and Jenene will be attending and represent the Road & Bridge Dept. The upcoming week will see Road & Bridge crews digging out the rock slide on the East Fork Road near Fox Creek. They are using the rock to complete other fill projects along the Salmon River. Russel Hamilton with Westfall Construction will be helping with three of their wiggle trucks. Next spring there are plans to complete an additional two miles with the zipper and then chip and seal on the E. Fork road also. Brandon has sent the rental roller back to the supplier. Insurance will pay the rent for the roller, but the wrecker call from the roll-over is due now. Brandon is negotiating with the wrecker service and insurance company on the payment method and amount. No condition report has been received on rolled roller as yet. Brandon then inquired about getting the pile of metal scrap ready to sell. Discussion was held on the proper use of such income. The newly purchased 2008 International 5600 Dump Truck is here and runs great. The shop has the old scissor style dump bed removed, and is getting ready to install a water tank. Brandon is working on a trade with the scissor dump bed and tank retrofit. He invited the Board to come and see the new truck at the shop. There are 4 of the 6 dump trucks set up as plow trucks now, and they are working on getting the other two set up also. The summer crew is done at the end of this week. They have finished the Bayhorse Road repair job. It took about 4 hours to place the rock and two days to complete hauling the needed fill. It took 7 months to get permission to work in the streambed. Commissioner Butts also discussed the repair work that is still needed in Mill Creek. Brandon is looking into a Conex storage system with Emergency Services. They are thinking of placing two 40' Conex trailers and putting a roof system on them to make an equipment storage space between them for the dura-patcher, zipper, etc. Emergency Services has a huge amount of palletted sand-bags that he needs a rodent proof storage space for. Commissioner Butts led the discussion on needed road maintenance in the Stanley area and possibilities of exchanges. Brandon requested a meeting be set up with the Bayhorse Landowner concerning his vision and wishes for the Bayhorse Bridge replacement. He wants to get the LTHAC application for this project started and meet with all the other players; ID Parks & Recreation, USFS, ID Dept. of Transportation as well as the BLM. Commissioner Butts will contact Mr. Peterson and get a meeting date and time.

Commissioner Corgatelli asked about the temporary closing of the Stanley Solid Waste Transfer Site that is scheduled for April. All agreed it needs to be discussed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion that the liquor license from The Mine Shaft/Amy Lou's in Mackay, be transferred to the new owners as 9 Peaks Restaurant & Lounge. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was recessed for travel to Stanley at 9:00 AM.

The meeting reconvened in Stanley at the Community Center at 10:30 AM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Acting Stanley Mayor Lori Gadwa, Stanley Secretary Carrie Tassano and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending. Stanley Mayor Steve Botti is on vacation in Hawaii and Lori Gadwa is acting in his stead.

The Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Challis was reviewed and Mayor's signature noted. Commissioner Smith moved that it be approved as written, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The minutes from the 10/19/2022 Public Hearing Appeal/US Calcium were then reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that they be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith then moved that the minutes from the 10/11/2022 be approved, with one typo correction to be made on page 2. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes of the 10/18/2022 Commissioners Special Meeting/TUSA be approved as written, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

The Stanley Solid Waste Transfer Station was discussed, and those present informed that it will be temporarily closed this spring. A public meeting will be set up in February or March to let the resident know. The City of Stanley Law Enforcement Contract was then reviewed, and the City approval and signature noted. It will be given to the Sheriff for his approval and then the Commissioners will proceed. Lori informed the Board that the Mountain Mamas have officially disbanded and the Stanley Chamber of Commerce has taken over the event and renamed it the Sawtooth Festival. They have had a successful events for the past two years. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Stanley Law Enforcement Contract, pending Sheriff Lumpkin's approval. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

The map update for the footprint of the East Fork Solid Waste Transfer Site was reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the East Fork Dumpster/Solid Waste Site be renewed with the new right-of-way description. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

A request for a road name has been received from Marla Andrews, and is signed by Jessica Clemenhagen/Planning & Zoning Administrator. Chairman Wayne Butts excused himself from the discussion and abstained from the vote. Vice Chairman Corgatelli handled the motion. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the #1 choice of Keystone Lane be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith let the board know that he would be attending the IAC Fall Institute meeting in Idaho Falls on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next item of business was the water heater that rusted out and failed in the Stanley Sheriff's Office building. Sheriff Lumpkin found a replacement water heater at a cost of \$1,500.00 with installation. It was approved to be paid as a demand.

The 2022 USFS RAC has offered additional funding for the Fuel Wood Assistance Program in Custer County. A discussion on the options was held and #1 wood splitters, #2 saw safety equipment and #3 storage building were the choices that the Board agreed upon. The Challis Lions Club will be asked to oversee the use of such items, and all would be stored inside the fenced wood lots in each community. The State of Idaho has raised the amount that is paid for mileage to .62 cents up from .56 cents. Discussion was held on Custer Counties ability to cover such an increased cost with a budget that is already set. Chairman Butts reported that the N. Custer Rodeo Grounds and buildings have been winterized on 10/20/2022. He blew out the lawn sprinkler system, unplugged the water heaters and blew them out. He has contacted the Rodeo Committee secretary Terri Stillwaugh and let her know what has been done. The stock water tanks have also been drained and Koeppen's will be taking their rodeo stock

home. Commissioner Smith then reported on events at the Custer Co. Fairgrounds. Fair Board chairman Jake Zollinger has asked for a time on the agenda at the next Commissioners meeting.

**Janitor:** The background checks on the applicants that were interviewed for the janitor position have been completed, and both applicants passed the review. The Board decided to reaffirm their decision to offer the job to Timber Archer.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 11:35 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:50 AM.

A "continuation of construction meeting" will be held on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00. The Board agreed that the negotiations on the Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Elevator and Court Annex need to continue. A current survey is needed and Harper-Leavitt has been contacted. Commissioner Butts will keep moving forward, in spite of the ever-increasing costs. The needed lighting has been completed in the Sheriff's Impound days. There are still drainage issues in front of the old firehall building, as the asphalt is higher than the concrete floor in places and needs to be fixed.

Commissioner Smith provided his draft letter to Jolie Turek/CEDA on the Board's 5 suggestions for the Socio-Economic Study. The letter was reviewed by the board and approved. It will be retyped on letterhead and sent out. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:15 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:25 with Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending. The Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare LIHWAP (Low Income Home Water Assistance Program) information was reviewed by the board. The regular meeting was recessed at 1:30 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance Board. The regular Commissioners meeting reconvened at 1:41 PM.

**Claims:** Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following FY2022 claims be approved and paid with additions of \$430.10 for Steve Smith, and \$597.00 for Hyatt Place. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. The upcoming expense of \$1500.00 for replacement of the Stanley Sheriff's office water heater was approved for payment once it is completed.

FY 2022	
Current Expense	3,161.03
Road & Bridge	19,869.00
Battleground Mosquito	750.00
Solid Waste	3,294.15
Weeds	<u>142.66</u>
TOTAL	27,216.84

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following FY2023 claims be approved and paid. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

FY 2023	
Current Expense	18,736.46
Road & Bridge	45,861.69
Election	7.99
Court	60.78
Revaluation	9,045.00
Weeds	<u>1,714.34</u>
TOTAL	75,426.26

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal at 1:45 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were

Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 1:55 PM.

Commissioner Smith moved that the Easement Purchase for Garden Creek Road be approved for Parcel #1 in the amount of \$21,549.00, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith moved that the Easement Purchase for Garden Creek Road be approved for Parcel #3 in the amount of \$150.00, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith moved that the Easement Purchase for Garden Creek Road be approved for Parcel #12 in the amount of \$150.00, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith moved that the Easement Purchase for Garden Creek Road be approved for Parcel #17 in the amount of \$951.32, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Easement Purchase for Garden Creek Road for Parcels #13 and #14 in the amount of \$2,029.49 be approved pending Custer County Title findings. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Easement Purchase for Garden Creek Road for Parcel #18 in the amount of \$3,371.10 be approved pending Custer County Title findings. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Konnex Mine Plan for the Mackay area to be sure everyone was updated. The meeting was recessed at 2:15 PM for travel back to Challis. The meeting reconvened at 3:55 PM.

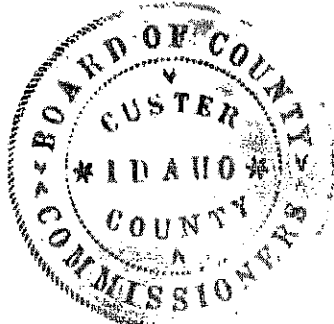
**Public Defender:** Clerk Lura Baker was contacted via telephone and the Public Defender contract was reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that Manuel Murdock be offered the contract for Public Defender at \$60,000.00 per year with reasonable expenses and mileage paid at .56 per mile. His start date will be December 1, 2022. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The current rate of payment for the Conflict Attorneys is \$80.00 per hour and mileage of .56 per mile. Drew Pendelbury has contacted Custer County to offer his services as a Conflict Attorney. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Conflict Public Defenders for Custer County be paid \$90.00 per hour and mileage at .56 per mile. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Lura informed the Board that her knee surgery will be on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> as an outpatient surgery. She has been advised to slow down for 3 or 4 days after the operation.

**Emergency Management:** Levi Maydole attended and updated the board on the Conex storage containers that he has located. They are eligible for use of SHSP Grant funds for payment. Levi then presented his financial review on the TUSA agreement to date. Possible dates for the next TUSA meeting were given as Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, or Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Levi will confirm the date with Norm Folger and get back to the Board. The SHSP Grant for 2019 is completely used, the 2020 SHSP Grant will be used soon. The 2021 SHSP Grant funds amounting to \$18,703.88 have earmarks for ARC/GIS \$2,900.00 and \$15,803.88 for TUSA. The 2022 SHSP Grant is \$21,526.56 and the EMPG 2022 Grant is for \$11,234.92. Levi passed on the request that the State of Idaho want to see 30% of the SHSP funds spent on the #4 listed areas. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the 2022 SHSP Grant of \$21,526.56. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then made a motion to approve and sign the 2022 EMPG Grant for \$11,234.92. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Levi then inquired about using funds from the 2022 grants to purchase a Conex for storage. Discussion was held on the initial cost and shipping cost of Conex storage trailers. IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System) was then reviewed. Both Butte and Blaine counties use the system which works much like an "amber alert" over your cell phone. Becoming part of the IPAWS costs \$3,500 per year, but at the invitation of Butte County we can join for \$2,975. Custer County needs a method of sending local alerts. He has already coordinated with the Sheriff's Office to cover for him if he is out of the area. Levi is also re-activating the Community Emergency Response Alert Team. He is working on getting the kids at the schools involved. There is a lot of training that will need to be done to get the IPAWS system up and running, as well as a MOU between FEMA and Custer County. All of the IPAWS software can be used with a cell phone. Commissioner Smith moved that the IPAWS system be initiated for Custer County. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The Elected Official Emergency Management Checklist Instruction Binder was then viewed and discussed, along with the old satellite system from the past. When he moved the big generator from Mackay, Levi found it needs 5 new tires. The board agreed that as a portable generator it needs the tires replaced. The new generator for Grouse Peak/Flat Top is currently stored in the Sheriff's Quonset, and needs to be installed before the access road snows

in. One small portable generator has been placed with the Coroner at the Funeral Home to keep the coolers going in case of major power outages.

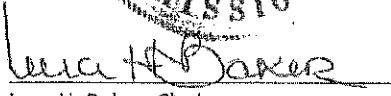
Chairman Butts called Gary Peterson to discuss the Bayhorse Bridge LHTAC Grant funding application. The deadline for submission of the application is one month out. Gary agreed to contact the Board of Commissioners some time during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>, when he is back to his home.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.



  
Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk