

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Commission Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Risk Manager Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Also attending were Melvin Lanier, Brandon Jones and Mike Shanafelt all with Road & Bridge Dept.

Road & Bridge: Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel under Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) at 8:05 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded and with a roll call vote of unanimous aye votes the motion passed. The board returned to regular session with no decisions being made. Melvin reported on the LTHAC Speed Limit Training they attended. He learned some road speeds are set by state statute, and some must have a speed study done. There will be another LTHAC class in Salmon on April 17th with the IDWR, Army Corp. of Engineers, NOAAH, and other agencies. Commissioner Butts plans to attend also. Road & Bridge was successful on the annual Transportation Plan Update grant. The new roller is here, working fine and all comment on how quiet it runs. The BLM and the USFS have partnered with Road & Bridge on the FLAP Grant application for Bay Horse. Jerry with JUB Engineering would like to meet with the commissioners and discuss the Garden Cr. project. FEMA has granted Road and Bridge extensions for our pending projects. The Morgan Cr. and West Double Springs projects will be completed this year, but the Bay Horse backroad project will probably run into next year before it is completed.

Weeds: Matt confirmed the ID Transportation Dept. weed contract, and will get their signatures before bringing it to the board for their signature. It will be for the same roads/miles as last year. Commissioner Smith questioned Matt about our agreement with Butte County Weed Dept. Matt has agreed to spray the roadsides right to the Custer/Butte county line. The Weed Dept. has agreed to spray a "skeleton weed" infestation at Cow Cr. in a USFS agreement. With the addition of milestone to their approved chemical list, the weed kill will be more successful. Matt has sent the Weed Spraying Agreement for private property to Prosecutor Oleson for approval. Matt will bring in each agreement as they are signed, for board signature. The Noxious Weed Notice ads have been placed in the newspapers of record, and it will be put on the county website. He has rehired Zane Corrigan for the seasons spraying, and has two other applications so far. Commissioner Smith asked Matt to be sure and go over all "safety protocol" with each employee on the equipment and jobs. The entire board stressed the importance of keeping daily records and requiring safety checklists. Class action lawsuits are currently being pursued in California on the chemical glyphosate/Roundup. Commissioner Smith asked Matt about the chemicals currently used for roadside spraying. Commissioner Butts went over the critical importance of keeping a daily diary record of chemicals sprayed and when and where they were used. The final topic was the cell phone bill, and the overage for the month of March. Matt is needing a new cell phone charging unit, and will look into getting a better one.

Clerk Baker filled in the board on the Mock Trial being held today in the courtroom. It is a special program for the gifted students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Judge James Barrett, Prosecutor Justin Oleson and Defense Attorney Dave Cannon will all be participating.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended and the meeting was recessed at 9:40 AM for BOE. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:52 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli asked Jacquell what the state decided on Custer County Tax rates. The decision was for "NO CHANGES" in 2019. The board asked Jacquell to let Jeremy know how much they appreciate all he has done for Custer County. Jacquell researched the mining claim property that was brought to our attention by Blaine County. She has found three new mining properties at the far end of the county that will now be added to the tax rolls.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins, Chairman attended. Commissioner Butts informed the board that ID Fish & Game is adding F&G area #51 and #52 to the new year around wolf season, per the request made at the Government to Government meeting with Ed Schreiver. The 2019 regulations will be amended also. The board thanked the NRAC committee for the work they do and the difference they make for area residents. Progress on the Forest Plan

Revision was then discussed, as well as the sanctuary elk herds within Custer County. If the ID Fish & Game chooses not to do additional Bang's tests on these elk, how could we work with a local vet to accomplish our goals. This discussion brought up the current condition of the "test samples" that have been stored at the Challis Waste Transfer Site. Jim agreed to look into the matter and get back to the board. Commissioner Smith moved the boards confirmation letter to Ed Schreiber be approved as written and sent. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The upcoming G2G meeting with USFS/Chuck Mark on April 15th was then brought up, and Jim will work up a list of bullet point questions on the topics of Forestry, Wild & Scenic Rivers, and Range.

The Board members agreed to complete a jail inspection with Clerk Lura Baker at 12:00. A letter of recommendation for trustees for the Mackay Mosquito Abatement District was read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Byron Pehrson to a 4-year term, and to re-appoint Gordon Vaden to a 4-year term as trustees of the Mackay Mosquito Abatement District.

Clerk Lura Baker relayed a vacation request for housekeeper Pat Shields for May 23rd to 31st, which was approved. She also reported on some personnel changes coming in the Clerks office. The Pitney Bowes mail machine lease is up, and her office is checking into options.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f) for Legal with Prosecutor Justin Oleson, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was three unanimous Ayes. No decisions were made during this session.

Information on a statewide salary survey was looked at. The deputy coroner compensation needs review according to ICRMP. The meeting recessed for lunch and the scheduled jail inspection.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Wayne Butts, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

Agencies: Allison Jackson/Lost River Ranger Dist. reported getting her range position filled with a member of the Pathways Program from college. They are still working on getting funding for the Mount Borah Trailhead Project. They are hosting a field trip with the Shoshone/Bannock Tribes to help with the funding process for signage at the Bear Cr. and Mt. Borah Trailhead projects.

Dennis Kuhnel/Middle Fork Ranger Dist. reported on his district working on wildfire management, and finding consistency between the forests. The spring IOGA meeting is going to be in Stanley this year. Commissioner Butts asked if they were still conducting flights to assess the hazards on the river before the early spring boaters launch. Dennis assured him they were, and also relying on public notifications. Wayne then asked about the access fees that have been collected per car or truck that travel in to launch on the river, but are not charged on "bus" loads. The USFS-RAC will be handling these funds and their use. The board inquired about how many seats on the group have been filled. There are 36 names needed, and they currently have 24 on their list. Nine will need to be vetted to get the group up and going. If more names are submitted, send their information to Amy Baumer.

Kurt Pindell/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. introduced Bruce Lyson, new Range Tech. on the Challis Forest. He reported the Biological Assessment for the Challis Cr. Road project is at the agencies for approval. Any changes will be made during this step in the process. Commissioner Butts requested a conference between the Forest Service personnel, Road & Bridge personnel, and the Board of Commissioners to be sure everything is correctly understood by all. Melvin/Road & Bridge, asked Kurt if the necessary FS personnel could be on site during the actual work, so problems could be solved as they unfold. The SNRA personnel (engineers & fisheries) were on site during the E. Fork Bridge work and it was all completed in two days. Kurt informed every one of the 4 prescribed burns scheduled for this spring at Grouse Peak, Big Hill, Crane Basin, and Garden Creek. They plan to use black lines around the sites and then burn the interiors. The Forest Administration people have decided not to set up vendor supply accounts ahead of fire incidents, which will put the FS emergency crews in a tough spot when they need supplies. He then gave the Range Report: Total Allotments are down one, from 18 to 17 (Herd Creek); actual head of cattle are 1101, which is a 14 head increase from last year (Morgan Cr. came off of their suspension and back to full use); They sent 5 letters of non-compliance to permittees in 2018 (many different reasons).

Brian Anderson/SNRA began by thanking the Custer Co. Road & Bridge crew for getting the E. Fork Bridge repair project completed before spring runoff began. Everyone felt the job went very well for all involved. The Stanley ranger station is being renovated, with new flooring and bathrooms. Redfish Lake Lodge and the ID Fish & Game have plowed the Redfish Road open for their access. The road is gated and will remain closed to the public until May 1st as usual. Melvin/Road & Bridge asked about getting the snow plowed off of the Cow Camp and Iron Cr. roads to keep road damage to a minimum this spring. Brian reported that getting his seasonal workers hired has become quite an issue, due to administration policy changes. The board expressed their need to discuss Redfish Lake boating issues at a meeting dedicated to just that topic. They want the "Invasive Species Boat Check Station" up and running by Memorial Day and preferably before. Brian will inform Scott Muno his fisheries man.

Bart Wetzig/BLM reported that Todd Kuck's last day here in Challis is April 26th. He is transferring to Idaho Falls, as Associate District Manager. Bart introduced David Hilliard recently from Wyoming as Todd's replacement. Bart touched on their part in the Natural Resources Day program at the schools. He then described the Wild Horse and Burro Incentive program that pays you \$500 to adopt a horse or burro. The current BLM cost to maintain a wild horse for it's lifetime is \$53,000 per horse. They have a man in Pocatello that wants to adopt 96 burros. The culvert in the Jimmy Smith Lake road needs to be replaced, and the BLM would like the Co. Road & Bridge to put in the new squash pipe culvert if the BLM purchases it. Brandon let them know they would be working in the E. Fork mid-summer and could make plans to do the job. Mary D'Aversa from the Idaho Falls office would like to attend the May 13th commissioners meeting. The board will welcome her.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel under Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) at 2:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the roll call vote was Butts/aye, Smith/aye, Corgatelli/aye. Those present were Commissioners Butts, Corgatelli and Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Christy Foster, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Foreman Melvin Lanier, and Brandon Jones. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 2:43PM the Gun Club Loop road right-of-way width was discussed. The judgment decision that was received in the past will be given to Prosecutor Oleson, so everyone involved can be informed of the facts. Melvin remembers that "prescriptive use" constitutes 25 feet from the center line of the road each way. Commissioner Butts feels that the right-of-way measurements that are used, need to be applied uniformly through-out the county. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel under Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) at 3:05 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the roll call vote was all AYE's. Those attending this session were Christy Foster, Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioners Butts, Smith & Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session.

Planning & Zoning: Christy handed out her list of certificates for March. The application numbers are slowly picking up. She is looking for more names to add to the FEMA Discovery leaders list. She also asked FEMA about the LiDAR program and how the flood elevations will be done. Christy will be gone from May 6th to May 10th for medical appointments, she will take her laptop with her and keep up with her e-mail if possible.

Commissioner Smith presented a letter he wrote in support of the Mount Borah Trailhead Project. His letter was approved but it was suggested to also list the safety aspects of this project. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to send the letter with safety additions to the Lost River Ranger District. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it was approved.

The minutes of the 3/27/19 regular meeting were reviewed, along with the 3/27 Gov't to Gov't meeting proceedings. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the G2G proceedings as written and the 3/27 meeting minutes as written with one correction of "Bay Horse" rather than "Yankee Fork". Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. The Agreement between Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation and Custer County was reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that it be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The Jail Inspection sheets were also reviewed.

Claims: The following claims were approved including additions for Computer Arts in the amount of \$423.97 and \$1,265.65 by motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. The motion was approved.

Current Expense	16,657.88
Road & Bridge	17,667.58
Election Fund	142.31
District Court	4,694.42
Rodeo Grounds	79.20
Health District	7,828.00
Indigent & Charity	16.50
Revaluation	5,686.08
Solid Waste	2,175.00
Weeds	258.98
Waterways	59.41
PILT – (CEDA)	1,200.00
Emergency Communication	1,949.51
Auditors Trust	673.25
S Custer Ambulance	<u>324.90</u>
TOTAL	59,413.02

Reminders were provided for Steve to get the list of current South Custer Ambulance Directors, and for Wayne to make a pre and post inspection event check list for the N. Custer Rodeo Committee. Todd Adams with the Challis Messenger returned to the meeting. Commissioner Butts reported on attending the N. Custer Rodeo Committee meeting. Issues they have encountered were:

- (1) people boarding horses at the rodeo grounds without checking in, as there is no informational signage, and the gates were wide open.
- (2) Getting port-a-pots rented for the High School Rodeo
- (3) setting prices for camping during the Braun Brothers Reunion. They are getting reservations already.
- (4) The maintenance and use of the rodeo grounds tractor for arena grooming. It was found to be out of Hyd. Oil.
- (5) Donated materials from the mine to be used for rebuilding the chutes and arena area. The safety of catwalks to be installed above the chutes as well as the stairs up to the announcers stand. Are safety inspections required?
- (6) Road & Bridge has hauled them loads of dirt for area repairs.

Todd asked about the Solid Waste Fee Public Hearing that is scheduled for April 30th. He wanted to know the old fees and what the proposed new fees would be. The board explained the upgrades that are required at the Mackay Waste Transfer Site as well as upcoming requirements that will soon be needed at the Challis site.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk