

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
April 29, 2020

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

Tourism/COVID 19: Local outfitter Steve Zettel/Idaho Wilderness Co., Rebecca Cain/Mystic Saddle Outfitters, Stanley and Jeff Bitton/President of the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Assoc. phoned into the meeting. Jeff wanted to update the Board on the IOGA response to the COVID19 mandates. Outfitters are using stages to get their business restarted. Stage 1/setting standards, Stage 2/training employees, Stage 3/scheduling or re-scheduling guests. They have looked into the CDC health standards and are applying them. Some outfitters have had to cancel trips, and have tried to re-book them for next year, but most summer trips still look positive at this time. Steve Zettel felt the hardest hurdle they have had to cross is the inconsistency in agency rules. Outfitters would like to see ONE set of rules statewide and that ALL agencies use the same protocol. Commissioner Smith asked if a letter had been sent to Governor Little? Commissioner Butts understands that the Governor is looking for the IOGA Plan of action in a written form, that he could then review and support if possible. Steve Zettel reported that the Forest Service is working on an agreement that all boating outfitters will follow their own plan of operation and, much like the local small business' setting their personal parameters by submitting a plan of operation. A majority of the boaters are in support of such an agreement. Rebecca Cain asked if the Board has had any conversations with tourist destination businesses. They have talked with the local Forest Service Dist. Ranger Chuck Mark. Jeff Bitton was hoping for "county restrictions" not state wide closures, and only as needed. Steve Zettel reported that their IOGA group has met with the mayors of Stanley, Challis, Salmon and Riggins, and the County Commissioners gathering information for their letter to the Governor. They are dealing with differing Forest Service regulations from Region 2 in the north, to Region 4 to the south, where currently the Salmon River is open, but Hells Canyon is closed. They are preparing for the Governors Stage 2, when groups of 10 are allowed to gather. The IOGA has a COVID19 Task Force with 8 outfitters participating that will work out the details of how and where for their members. Commissioner Butts will try to get the IOGA issues in front of the Governor before the 1:30 PM tele-conference. Commissioner Smith asked if the group had a list of questions they would like presented. They agreed to get the list to Clerk Lura Baker

Weeds: Brett Plummer called in and reported that his spray contract has been approved by the Prosecutor. He had questions on the "No Spray Zone" agreements, and just what entailed a buffer zone. Contracts will be sent out soon to those affected. Commissioner Smith inquired about the state training program? Brett will be on the list of those testing on the May 4th re-opening date. He will also have Ted Riley taking the test, and once Ted is certified he will be hiring Ted to work with him. His plan is to begin slowly with just two employees (himself and Ted) then add others as the work load requires. The BLM grant administrator, Kyle Bowers needs the 2019 performance applications and Brett needs a signature on them. The USFS Grant is up in 2021 and will be utilized in 2020. The CWMA agreement with Butte Co. needs to be revived. It must be submitted each Nov. and approved in Dec. for the following year. Brett has looked at the boom style spray rig that is for sale locally. It will need from \$200 to \$400 in repairs to get it operational. He would like make them an offer of \$500. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that Brett be approved to purchase the spray rig for \$500, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Butts brought up the ID Dept. of Lands Spar Canyon shale pit. His opinion is that the new costs and requirements from the Dept. of Lands are greater than the county use of the pit. The Board agreed that the County needs to get out of the use agreement, and turn operation of the pit back to the Dept. of Lands. The local USFS -RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) is still not approved, much to Commissioner Butt's consternation.

The Agenda was amended by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli to include the Rodeo Committee at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. The Rodeo Committee was given the conference phone number and participant number.

Solid Waste: The dozer that has been reserved for Custer County at the Federal Surplus yard in Boise will be checked out and test driven by Wendall Gohn/Solid Waste on Monday. He will haul it back to Challis if he makes his decision to buy it.

Discussion turned to the Jail Public Hearing. Commissioner Butts reminded all that this hearing is about meeting the City zoning requirements. He has gotten a lot of questions about employees and funding that don't apply at this hearing. The court annex was also discussed. The Supreme Court will provide the audio installation for this annex, but they need an architectural drawing. Commissioner Butts agreed to contact INL about the drawing. Commissioner Butts has been in contact with James Morley about the needed rodeo bleacher roof repairs. Clerk Lura Baker will be contacting a contractor about some needed work in the courthouse also.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(i) for Risk Management at 9:30 AM, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:34 AM. Christy Foster/Risk Manager attended this session with the board and Clerk. Commissioner Butts retired from the meeting at 9:34 AM.

Homeland Security: Mike Graham joined the meeting at 9:35 AM and reported on three new cases of COVID-19 in southern Idaho, they are in Bonneville and Teton counties. The new protocols for opening your business requires submission of a plan first. The state is expanding their testing for COVID-19. Commissioner Smith inquired about the information on Mike's time sheet. Just a list of hours isn't enough, a brief overview of who was called and what was handled is needed. All time put down over the budgeted 18 hrs, needs to be cleared through Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Corgatelli reminded Mike that budget shortfalls are looming on the horizon. Mike agreed and will continue limiting and prioritizing his time. The earthquake aftershocks are continuing in the Stanley area with #2 and #3 shakes happening every day. He has conferred with Mayor Steve Botti and Bob Burroughs/Mackay, S. Custer Ambulance most every day.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins, Chairman attended and asked how the county could help influence Governor Little to get the economy restarted. Commissioner Smith asked Jim to get the actual "moose" counts per county to see what their population trend is doing. Rumors have it that the wolves have decimated the moose population statewide. Discussion then turned to the Fish & Game possibly stopping sales of non-resident licenses and tags because of the risk of spreading COVID-19, and how that will affect the economy of the state.

The minutes of past meetings were then reviewed. The 4/13/20 minutes need the last sentence in the first paragraph of the second page removed per Commissioner Smith's request. The minutes of 4/15/20 need Commissioner Corgatelli added as "attending via phone connection". Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the minutes for 4/13, 4/13 BOE, 4/15 Special, and 4/23 Special all be approved as written with the above corrections. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed with roll call vote of Smith/aye, and Corgatelli/aye.

Christy Foster/Risk Manager informed the Board that there needs to be written agreement for any rental of the County buildings or RV spaces at the fairgrounds. Custer County is not responsible or liable in any way for product or employees of others that are in the county buildings. Clerk Lura Baker reminded the Board that a contract, approved by the Prosecutor is needed before any rentals should be agreed upon. The terms of office for the Waterways Committee members has been settled upon at 3-year terms.

Road & Bridge: Melvin called in at 10:58 AM and reported that the site preparation dirt work for the new fire hall is almost complete. The crack seal contractor is setting up in the Pahsimeroi today, to begin the sealing tomorrow. Road & Bridge crew has all the sides pulled up on the Double Springs road, and should be finished this week. The blade training that was originally scheduled for April 18th has been re-scheduled for June. The surplus fuel tank that the USFS is selling is required to be listed for 2 weeks, before it can be placed in the Federal Surplus program. Melvin has put the Road & Bridge on the list to purchase it when it becomes available. It weighs 72,000 pounds and is an 8,000-gallon concrete vault. He plans to move the (2) 1,000-gallon tanks out behind the building and put the big tank in their place. HLE has started on the transportation plan, but they are holding off on the traffic counts. With the COVID-19 quarantine orders in effect the count will not be accurate at this time. He has been

contacted by Connor McMann/ID Dept. of Lands and he is requesting a new lease agreement on the East Fork shale pit. The Board verified that a gate had not been installed on the pit entrance, then decided to not sign any new lease agreement. The need for materials from this pit doesn't justify the additional cost or paperwork. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title §74-201(b) for Personnel with at 11:08 AM, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:14 AM. Christy Foster/Risk Manager attended this session with the board. Melvin then reported that there are two culverts that need to be installed for access to the new fire hall site, but the culverts are not on site. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Corgatelli agreed that installation should not be done with county culverts, but to wait until the fire department culverts arrive. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the R&B schedule once the fire hall work was finished. The R&B crew will go back to Pahsimeroi and get the Double Springs road work completed, then they will start on the annual maintenance grading. Commissioner Smith asked about their plan to install the cattle guard at the lower end of Morgan Cr. road? It will be next on the list, then they will continue to the East Fork and complete the work started last summer. Melvin signed off at 11:20 AM.

Clerk Lura Baker returned to the meeting and asked the Board to review the proposed amendment to the contract with the University of Idaho – Extension Educator agreement. No action will be taken.

Prosecutor: A call was placed to confer with Justin Oleson. Discussion on the Weed Contract for private land spray application was held. It was decided that the Weed Dept. would require "owner" signatures before any spray work would commence. The "No Spray Zones" were then discussed. Weed control on the roadway easement is required by law, and our contract states, either they do the weed control within the right-of-way, or we will see it is done. The digital signatures on the U of I contract and amendment were compared and the changes they requested were discussed with Justin. Governor Little's 4 stages of recovery were discussed. The Board inquired about the penalties for business that open up now? The use of buildings for storage at the County Fair Grounds was then addressed. Justin relayed that the EISF rent out their buildings every winter. He offered to get a copy of their contract for the Fair Board to use as a boiler plate. Justin then inquired about the Solid Waste Contract. Before it was for 5 years and then renewed or renegotiated. He was asked by Clerk Baker to put the cost of reimbursement for the dozer into the annual payment amount. The total cost of the dozer from Idaho Federal Surplus will be \$15,000.

Those in attendance took a break for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:25 PM with Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Butts, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

Rodeo Committee: Committee members Krista Koeppen, Talia Erickson, Bill Bradshaw, Gentry Spencer and Terri Stillwaugh phoned into the meeting. Talia was calling to get approval to use the Rodeo Grounds for the High School Rodeo. Commissioner Butts responded with the current rules of conduct handed down from the Governor, but wanting to back the committee. He understands that the Idaho State Rodeo group is going to follow the governor's phase directions, and that the N. Custer Rodeo Committee has not set a date for the rodeo yet. Four of the five committee members agreed to hold off on the High School Rodeo until the Governor and State Rodeo leaders say to go ahead. Arco is not holding their HS Rodeo at this time, and the National Director said there is some news coming this week. Talia agreed that the High School Rodeo District has no dates set now, but will be working on them tomorrow. Commissioner Butts informed Bill Bradshaw that James Morley will be doing the repairs on the bleacher roof. Krista asked Talia if she would come to the Rodeo Committee with any dates chosen by the High School Rodeo Assn.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Weed Spray Contract for Private Property be approved, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Clerk Lura Baker provided a copy of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association comments she received from Steve Zettel to the board.

Clerk Lura Baker then inquired about the courthouse cleaning situation. Challis Clean cannot continue due to prior commitments. Commissioners then discussed the donation of sick leave hours. They agreed the policy needs to be updated and donation hours changed from 1/2 of hours available, to 20 hrs. per donation. The donor can donate more if the sick leave is used up.

Sheriff: Deputy Justin Mitchell and Sheriff Stu Lumpkin attended. Stu brought the need for new flooring in the Stanley Deputy housing, as well as the continuing septic issues. Commissioner Corgatelli asked Stu to get a quote for replacing the flooring, and to contact Challis Septic about getting the tank pumped. Stu then asked about selling the 2003 KLX Kawasaki motorcycle housed in Mackay that never gets used. It is valued between \$600 and \$800. They also have two 1998 Polaris RM snow machines that never get used, valued from \$1,000 to \$1,200 they would like to sell. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Sheriff's Office go ahead and sell the motorcycle and 2 snow machines. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the quote of \$1,050.00 for installing more electrical plug-ins in the Probation office be accepted from Robinson Electric. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Indigent: Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session at 2:45 PM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1) (d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 2:50 PM Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for approval of #20-01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and the roll call vote was Smith/aye, Corgatelli/aye. The appeal is scheduled for May 11th.

The quote from K & S Fencing for building the back fence on the court annex property was reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the quote be accepted and not to exceed \$4,985.84, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and roll call vote was both Ayes.

Claims: Additions and corrections to the listed claims were then asked for. Tom Robinson Roofing - \$425.00. Computer Arts, Inc. – \$131.99 and \$3,831.08 were put forward as additions. The following claims were approved as presented for payment by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed.

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| Current Expense | 12,998.05 |
| Road & Bridge | 600.10 |
| Election Fund | 2,039.11 |
| District Court | 261.00 |
| Indigent & Charity | 999.34 |
| Revaluation | 24.48 |
| Solid Waste | 2,075.00 |
| Weeds | 315.66 |
| Waterways | 2.86 |
| PILT | 12,519.80 |
| Emergency Communications | 3,711.00 |
| S. Custer Ambulance | <u>1,893.03</u> |
| TOTAL | 37,439.43 |

The Board and those present joined Governor Little's teleconference with IAC Representative Seth. Upon competition of the teleconference discussion was held on Custer County courthouse protocol and the application of court requirements. It was decided the follow Idaho's Phase I, with a soft opening and continued use of the drop boxes, scheduling appointments if wanted and continued use of disinfectants. The courts are requiring use of a face mask, keeping a 6-foot distance between persons, and a limited number of people in a room at one time. Clerk Baker received the letter requested by the Board concerning the IOGA member's position on re-opening business within Idaho, from Prosecutor Justin Oleson via e-mail, and forwarded the information to the board.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk