

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
December 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Butts thanked Brandon for his help with the leaking roof at the old firehall building.

Road & Bridge: Brandon reported he has received the insurance settlement for the wrecked roller from ICRMP. Discussion was held on which CAT machine to purchase as a replacement. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the 2021 Cat Roller with shell kit & used for 180 hours be purchased. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The tank needed for the 2008 Pay Star Truck was then discussed. Brandon's research has revealed that the glass lined steel tank is the best value. The tank cost is around \$25,000 and the pump and platform will bring the total to \$30,000. It will be about two months before the truck is needed so it gives the Road & Bridge time to get it put together. The Heart of Idaho Animal Sanctuary has contacted the Road and Bridge to request some donated road materials. They are wanting about 7 truck loads or 70 yards of gravel. Chairman Butts asked if they had talked to Joe Piva? Commissioner Corgatelli moved that HIAS be eligible for donated gravel, pending their conversation with Joe Piva. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The wet weather has caused numerous road closures. Highway 75 was closed yesterday due to a state truck that wrecked because of the ice. There is National Culvert Repair and Replace grant funding available. Brandon would like to confer with Custer Soil & Water Conservation Dist. - Karma Bragg about the possibilities of utilizing the grants. He understands that local government is required to pay 20%, while the NCRR will pay 80% of project costs. The Board approved of him looking into the NCRR program. Brandon understands that all culverts that are replaced must be "fish friendly" installations. Commissioner Smith attended at 8:20 AM, the icy roads caused him to be late. The Road & Bridge Dept. has received the LHTAC Safety Grant Funding for the Morgan Creek Road. It was intended for blasting of the rock points that make such blind corners. The STP Rural Grant – Phase II Garden Creek Road application is being completed, and needs Board signatures by Jan 9th. This will be for the section of road from the bridge up 2 miles. Brandon plans to hand deliver the application on January 12th. The LHTAC Bridge Grant application figures for the Bayhorse Bridge are showing around \$12 million in costs. The FLAP Grant application figures are closer to \$6 or \$7 million. H&L Engineering is researching the figures, trying to understand the HUGE increase of costs. If the Bayhorse Bridge is impossible, then the Squaw Creek Bridge work is coming in at \$2.7 million for the decking and guard rail problems. Clerk Lura Baker has the final closeout paperwork ready for signature on the Bayhorse Road repairs done this fall. The Board and Brandon agreed that the FLAP application should be submitted for the Bayhorse Bridge, and the LHTAC application submitted for the Squaw Creek Bridge. All attending agreed that the bridge infrastructure of the entire nation is nearing the end of life. The Road & Bridge crew had a plow truck that the batteries caught fire while on Highway 75. The truck is now safely in the shop for repairs. All are grateful that it wasn't much worse, as only the battery box burnt. The CTIC meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 1:00 at the CEDA Building in Challis.

Weeds: Brett provided is schedule for the Board. Jan. 9th through the 12th he will be attending the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference in Boise. He will also be gone Feb. 20 & 21st as well as Sept. 8 & 9th for School Board meetings. The Board expressed their sincere appreciation to both Brandon and Brett for their professional handling of some difficult situations during this past year.

Commissioner Butts provided copies of preliminary designs of the Sheriff's office/dispatch building for review by the full board. They all felt it looked good. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 8:50 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli 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 8:55 AM.

Clerk: Lura provided the final acceptance letter on the Bayhorse Road repair project for Board signature. The planning for moving of the power supply in the courthouse parking lot is beginning. All agreed that Wayne will get with SREC for further progress. Clerk Lura reminded all that a Zone Permit from the City will be required for any underground power line work. Lura then provided copies of the U of I Contract she received from the Extension Office. After review the 8A vehicle information will be removed as it no longer applies. The figures for part-time employees will also be removed. All agreed the annual payment of \$40K will be made in two \$20,000 payments. A copy of the Petitioners Reply Brief pertaining to BOE in District Court was reviewed by the Board and Clerk Baker. No hearing date has been set at this time. All new BOE Forms received from the State, will be used in 2023 by Custer County. They have much more stringent documentation requirements. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the other tax exemptions, such as timber, agriculture and wildlife. These are all handled through the Assessors Office. The PDC Annual Expenditure Report was then gone over. The \$25,000 received is used to pay the Custer County Public Defender. Lura then attempted to explain the newly proposed legislative financial process. The BLM Right-of-Way Permit for the East Fork Solid Waste Transfer Site has been amended by the BLM. The parcel allowed for use is now 250 feet long and 40 feet wide, or .803 acres. Previously it was 404 feet long and 404 feet wide. Upon review the additional requirements for "sage grouse mitigation" were noted and discussed. Chairman Butts asked that a copy of the R-o-W paperwork be given to Blue Mountain Refuse to review before any decision is made. Chairman Butts reported on the LAPC Meeting held with TUSA representatives. SREC manager Ken Dizes voiced his concerns about the annual costs of maintenance and how the county would afford to pay in the future.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and has read all the SOPA's recently received from the Forest Service. He suggested a response and a request for including an integrated weed control program whenever the soil is disturbed. He asked if the Forest Plan Revision has shown any activity? Has anyone been contacted about the Wilderness Charter being written for the JM-JP Wilderness areas? Commissioner Corgatelli felt it was time that the Board meet with the Fish & Game, as state code requires that they meet with the Counties each year.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to move CCEM/Levi Maydole from 3:30 PM to 11:00 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker reported that the 2022 audit for Custer County has been completed and passed. The Board members will be received bound copies when available. The State of Idaho has sent Opioid Settlement Information to Custer County, and we are eligible to participate. The application forms need to be turned in by March 31st. The Board members were asked to read up on the project.

CC Emergency Management: Levi attended and provided his monthly status report for the board. His records show that the TUSA invoices all total within the contract balance. He reported on the LEPD meeting and felt it went well with many comments received. The E911 funding situation in the Stanley area was then discussed. All the TUSA invoices to date can be paid through the SHSP Grant funds. Future charges are a concern as the SHSP Grant funds are quite depleted. Chairman Butts reviewed the original goal for our contact with TUSA. A power generator is needed for the Windy Devil repeater as there is none on site. Levi was asked to look into the ownership of the site building. His office has received a letter from FEMA that the 2018 SHSP Grant is officially completed. The CCEM laptop computer is failing and needs to be replaced. Levi is working with Steve Stringham/IT on the specifications that are needed for complete connection with County systems. He wants to be behind the county protection firewall with his system. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of a new laptop with full programming from Custer County IT/Steve Stringham. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Levi then offered some overhead cabinets that he has available to be installed in his CCEM office and bathroom. The Board agreed it was a good idea and will await the invoice. There has been some winter flooding in the Leslie area that Levi has been made aware of and dealt with. The Konnex box trailer has not been placed in the Mackay area yet, as the Mackay Mayor has not responded to Levi's contact. A cleanup of the Mackay airport hangar is planned.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to amend the agenda to move Planning & Zoning from 2:30 PM up to 11:30 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica attended and updated the Board on her conversations with East Idaho Public Health Department about the Custer County ordinance that requires a sign off for Lot Splits. She needs verification of the required perc tests. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of the ordinance requirements. The Planning & Zoning Board will be contacted and discussion held. Jessica will let the landowner and EIPH know it is under advisement.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/21/2022 Special meeting as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the minutes of the 12/12/2022 Commissioners meeting be approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes of the 12/13/2022 TUSA Special Meeting be approved, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli then moved that the minutes of the 11/28/2022 BOE meeting and the 11/14/2022 Commissioners Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Claims: Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the additions of \$1,099.66 – Election demands. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	10,385.85
Road & Bridge	4,385.00
Election Fund	1,263.01
District Court	1,378.34
Revaluation	5,775.00
Solid Waste	<u>3,439.15</u>
TOTAL	26,626.35

The meeting was recessed at 1:40 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 1:45 PM. Chairman Butts placed a call to Dist. Ranger Heath Perrine during lunch break, he is out of the office. The request to do some blading of snow on the Morgan Creek Road is approved by the Board, as long as it is approved by Brandon Jones, R&B Supervisor.

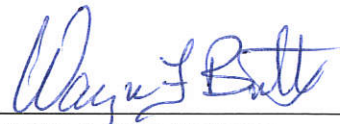
With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk



Wayne E. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner