

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
May 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Mark Bruno/ High School Rodeo Director attended in person, as well as Hunter Deihl/Reporter Challis Messenger via phone.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corgatelli to amend the agenda to include Mark Bruno/Rodeo Camping at 8:00 AM, and Jim Hawkins/NRAC at 11:00 AM. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Rodeo: Mark Bruno wanted clarification on the local rumor that there will be no contestant camping allowed at the rodeo grounds. He informed the board that no vote was held at their committee meeting concerning camping. Commissioner Smith then reviewed the Governors instructions. Mark laid out their plan for allowing camping on the blacktop area with horses kept in the stall area. A safe space will be made between each campsite. He knows that contestant's do not want to leave their valuable horses behind and go camp elsewhere. He asked why, with everyone there rodeoing together all weekend, it would be safer to spread everyone throughout the community at dispersed campsites? The committee has weed sprayers that they will fill with bleach/water to decontaminate areas and equipment between each event. Commissioner Corgatelli would like to see things get back to normal, and felt that 10 foot between camps should be adequate. Commissioner Butts would also like to see regular events allowed, but restated the Governors rules denying large venues until after June 10th. The dates for the High School Rodeo are set for May 22-23rd, with the possibility of holding the HS Finals here on May 28-29-30th. West Jefferson is scheduling their HS rodeo for May 15-16th. Jacquell Bruno joined the meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that contestant camping should be allowed at the rodeo grounds, with 10 to 15 foot between campers and a disinfecting protocol to be followed. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion to allow for a vote. Roll call vote was Smith/aye, Corgatelli/aye and Butts/nay. Motion passed.

Commissioner Smith updated the board on the storage of product in the fair building by Proud Source Water. The fair board has had a meeting and they have written a contract that has been signed by both parties. This contract is now before Prosecutor Justin Oleson for approval. It states that all product must be removed in time to hold the county fair as usual. Commissioner Smith has also talked to Jarred Lambson and Dave Barnhardt about the suggested road changes. He has reminded Dave that he is not the Custer County spokesman and no changes will be made this year. Commissioner Corgatelli attended his ECIPDA Meeting via "Zoom" and felt it went well. Commissioner Butts reported on the calls that he has received from East Fork residents concerning the road. He went up and did a tour with the property owners to hear their complaints and see their concerns. This section of county roads has had a big increase in users due to the Boulder White Cloud Wilderness designation. Commissioner Corgatelli also drove the E. Fork road to view the problems brought to his attention by residents.

Weed Dept: Brett Plummer attended and reported that he has gotten the ID Transp. Dept. Roadside spray contract for 2020. They will mainly be spot spraying for noxious weeds. He has been working with Wilber Ellis on chemicals as there have been many changes in product names and availability. They do handle the chemicals that his department needs. He has finished the road side spraying in Pahsimeroi, and is working on Challis Cr.road. He will go to the E. Fork road next and is holding off on the roads around Challis. Commissioner Butts inquired about the knapweed infestation on the old Rankin place up Challis Cr. and if he was aware of it. Commissioner Smith inquired about the chemicals they are using and how they are working. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the contract with ID Dept. of Transportation be approved and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Brett plans to have Linda Zollinger do the town area road spray work and she will keep track of any time doing weed inspections for her time card. Brett asked Clerk Lura Baker to get him a certificate of Liability Insurance for his professional applicators license. Ted Riley didn't pass the test his first try, but will be retaking it on May 20th. The 2019 BLM Application and Performance Reports have been located by Brett under the seat of the camo spray truck. He is getting them submitted as soon as possible. He is working on getting the CWMA "Custer Weed Management Assn." up and running again. Their cost share of 50% on chemicals is a big benefit to

the Weed Dept. Brett has been appointed to the Frank Church Weed Board as well as the Lemhi Weed Board. To be sure he isn't missing any calls, Brett has had call forwarding installed on the Weed phones. The office phone now rings directly to his cell phone. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the weed spraying in the southern portion of the county. Both the BLM and the USFS have very small crews. Commissioner Smith offered to help GPS any noxious weed sites he is made aware of for the weed department. Commissioner Butts let Brett know about the leafy spurge problem areas up highway 75.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno/Assessor and Jeremy Dixon/Appraiser attended along with Justin Oleson/Prosecuting Attorney. The meeting was recessed for BOE at 9:00 AM. The meeting resumed at 9:10 AM. Jacquell then informed the board that the tax values for "dry agriculture" had to be raised to \$85 to be in compliance with the state. She sent out 140 questionnaires to locals but only received a few back, so the state set the value. Jeremy updated the board on the Tax Commissions change from a range between \$60 to \$140 last year to a range of \$90 to \$110 for this year. The Assessors all tried to hold the line or at least slow the change but were unsuccessful. Jeremy feels the range is too tight. The wide span of parameters helps the rural counties be accurate. The USDA data is right in line with the Custer County data. The "residential" tax value also needs to go up 8% to 15%, so our agriculture producers are getting hit twice. Commissioner Smith voiced his concern that the "Agricultural" status of Idaho is quickly changing to "urban" with tax values continually going up. The board members asked if there was any way they could help influence the tax commission to keep the wide parameters.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson asked if there were any issues he could assist with. Commissioner Butts brought up the new dozer for Solid Waste that was purchased from Idaho Federal Surplus. The dozer agreement between Blue Mountain Refuse and the County was reviewed and all present agreed it was satisfactory. Commissioner Smith then reviewed the use of county fair buildings for storage of product for Proud Source Water. There is a signed contract specifying the storage arrangement now. Commissioner Butts discussed the Public Hearing on the jail plan that was held at Challis City Hall on May 5th. He received no support for reaching jail standard compliance but was pushed toward having a 72-hour holding facility. The loss of parking space was a deciding issue for the City.

Indigent: Mark Peterson legal counsel for St. Luke's Hospital phoned into the meeting at 10:57 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(1)(d) for Indigent at 11:00 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 11:15 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to return to executive session under Title 74-201(1)(d) for Indigent at 11:16 AM Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. No decisions were made during this session and the board returned to regular session at 11:18 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that #20-04 be given a Notice of Suspension. Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins-Chairman attended and gave his report on the moose numbers in Idaho. With their numbers down throughout Idaho, the ID F&G is using climate change as a reason. Northern Idaho is losing 50% of their moose calves to wolves. All ungulate herds are decreasing in total numbers. Commissioner Smith asked about the status of non-resident license and tag sales and how the COVID-19 is and will affect them. Jim has cancelled the last two monthly NRAC meetings, but will resume the regular meeting schedule next month on June 3rd, 7:00 PM.

U of I Extension: Sarah Baker attended and asked Commissioner Smith if he would be able to attend the Fair Board meeting tonight via "zoom". He agreed, then updated Sarah on the signed contract for the storage of Proud Source product in the fair buildings. The University sent an amendment to the original Extension Education Agreement from 2019 to Custer County that was very confusing to Sarah. The board had decided to take no action on the amendment at their last meeting and to stay with the original contract. Sarah then inquired about the budget process and when her requests need to be turned in. Clerk Lura Baker asked for the information as soon as possible. Commissioner Smith requested more of Sarah's time in the county office and better availability to the county residents instead of Custer County financing such a large amount of time spend out of the county. She then reported that her search for a secretary for the office has gone very slowly. They are not getting many applications. At the March beef weigh-in they had 23 kids weigh in 28 steers, which is up from last year. The Hog

weigh-in had 41 kids weigh in 58 hogs, and they expect 10 to 15 sheep at the upcoming weigh-in. The state 4H office is following the State protocol, but moving forward and planning for county fairs. They have held leaders meeting via zoom that went well, and in person 4-H meeting will begin next month. The Extension Educators will be back in their offices June 15th. The board will send her the date for her budget meeting. The meeting was recessed at 12:15 for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 12:30. Calling in were Kirk Flannigan and Brian Anderson/SNRA, Lance Stavast/Challis-Yankee Fork RD, Bryce Jones/Middle Fork RD, and Joni Hawley/ID Parks & Recreation. Attending in person was Matt Marsh/BLM.

Agencies: Kirk Flannigan/SNRA reported on the summer help they have arriving. Their current closure orders are A) 10-person limit for groups until the end of May, B) fee campgrounds will remain closed until June 5th, C) trails, trailheads and dispersed camping are all open. They have had the IOGA calling about their COVID-19 parameters. They will be having their fire season meetings and discuss the COVID-19 parameters involved.

Brian Anderson/SNRA reported on the changes at Stanley Lake since the earthquake. The upper beach is now under about 12 foot of water, and access is much different. A layout of photos was received from Brian via e-mail. The check station for aquatic invasive species is scheduled to be open by Memorial Day weekend. It is staffed with seasonal employees and they are not on board yet. The Idaho State border check stations are in operation now. Commissioner Butts reminded them that Custer County insists that the Redfish check station be open and in operation "before" Memorial weekend.

Lance Stavast/Acting Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger reported they are hiring their seasonal crews also. They will be opening up camp grounds this Saturday. They want to be sure they can keep them properly cleaned and disinfected. The sale of the 8000 gal. fuel tank is still in the works, and could be a trade item for road work. Commissioner Corgatelli asked where the closure of old pit toilets and less used table and fire rings were, and with increased use expected why? Commissioner Smith asked when these plans of campsite closures were "coordinated" with the County? Lance agreed to talk to the recreation folks driving the projects. He then reported that they have hired a silviculturist.

Bryce Jones/Acting Middle Fork Ranger reported they are slowly putting seasonal workers into the community. They have not found a permanent Middle Fork Ranger at this time. He has met with the Middle Fork Outfitters on the summer fire plan and it went well. He reported seeing a lot of people up at Mosquito Flat Reservoir enjoying it for the weekend.

Joni Hawley/ID Parks & Rec. reported the Yankee Fork Visitors Center will be re-opened on May 30th. People have been able to purchase their permits on line to date. They plan to open up the Bayhorse Campground on May 16th. Matt Marsh/BLM has contacted the ID Transp. Dept. about their Hwy. 75 reader board that states all campgrounds are closed. He had them change it to all "Forest Service" campgrounds are closed, all BLM campgrounds are open and were never closed. The BLM office re-opening is scheduled to be up to 25% beginning this Wednesday, May 13th. Their seasonal workers are also coming aboard slowly. They have hired a weed man, and have a range specialist arriving soon. The weed crew will spray their campgrounds next week. Matt mentioned that the BLM is thinking of going to one statewide RAC rather than the many district RAC groups. The board spoke in opposition to this plan as it would severely limit representation from rural areas such as Custer county. Matt then informed them that the vault toilet at the head of Herd Lake is slated for removal. The Board of Commissioners asked him how and why? Matt has received no schedule for when this would be done.

Discussion was held about the Commissioners responsibility over appointed committees. Clerk Lura Baker has a boiler plate agreement form that they could utilize to clarify authority. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 2:15 PM, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Those attending were the board members, Christy Foster/Risk Manager, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 2:30 PM.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin, Chief Deputy Justin attended. Commissioner Butts reported on the Public Hearing for a jail upgrade with the City of Challis. Commissioner Butts then outlined plans to upgrade the Sheriff's office before winter. It was decided that Stu and his office should work up a floor plan that will work best for them, and bring their drawing back to the board. Stu brought up the continuing septic problems at the Stanley deputy

housing. Fred Hill with Custer Septic feels that there is a problem in the drain field that needs to be fixed. Commissioner Smith agreed to contact him for the job. The earthquake aftershocks in the Stanley area were then discussed.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve as written the minutes of the 4/29/20 regular meeting. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Christy Foster passed out the P&Z information on the mini-cell towers that are being installed on private properties up Hwy 75. They will improve the cell phone coverage in the Thompson Cr. and Sawmill area. She then read a letter on the Redfish Lake cell tower she received from CBRE, looking for historical and archeological issues.

Mackay Dam Project: Clerk Lura Baker reported that the Dam Committee has completed the evaluations on the engineering firms. McMillian-Jacobs Associates had the highest point score. Now the committee will need to negotiate the scope of work and the cost. Commissioner Butts made a motion to award the appointment to McMillian-Jacobs Associates. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

Clerk Lura Baker asked to schedule meeting dates for the Budget and Mackay Dam Negotiation meetings. Tuesday May 26th at 9:00 AM and Thurs. May 28th 9:00 AM were settled upon for the budget. The Mackay Dam negotiations will also be done on May 26th. Lura then presented a temporary liquor license application for the new owners of the Challis Lodge & Lounge, now know as the "Challis Roadhouse". Commissioner Butts made a motion to approve the temporary liquor license at no charge until 6/20/20 the date on their temporary state license. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Clerk Lura Baker has been informed that John Haugh/Waterways Deputy is working on a possible ordinance to line up with the federal rules for the next regular meeting. James Morley is unable to do the roof repairs on the Rodeo Bleacher roof as was arranged. Clerk Lura Baker will contact Issy Ollar and see if he will be able to do the job.

Claims: The following claims were reviewed and approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed. The Idaho-Military Division claim will continue to be held.

Current Expense	31,823.99
Road & Bridge	4,941.73
Election Fund	2,117.00
District Court	5,010.49
Rodeo Grounds	244.25
Indigent & Charity	19.65
Revaluation	1,110.00
Solid Waste	20,224.72
Weeds	242.29
Emergency Communications	1,951.83
S. Custer Ambulance	<u>222.07</u>
TOTAL	67,908.02

Road & Bridge: Melvin attended and brought a handout with the R&B costs connected to the site preparation for the new firehall in the amount of \$ 49,489.08. The Pahsimeroi Road crack sealing contract should be completed by tomorrow. He has plans to chip seal the road from Dowton Lane up and has a quote for \$52,335.00 for the work. It comes in at about \$395.00 per ton for the oil. The crew plans to begin putting culverts in on the West Double Springs road tomorrow, and finish the touchup grading work. The drifting problems they had in the past should be solved by the lift they completed. Final work will be the reseeding of the banks to help hold them. The installation of the cattle guard on Morgan Cr. is planned for this Friday, and the upper concrete cattle guard at the mouth of Van Horn Cr. needs to be cleaned out again. Melvin feels that the new molasses dust abatement has replaced mag dust abatement with a better cost of \$113 per ton. It can be diluted to specifications and adjusted for each type of road surface. Commissioner Butts inquired about the new crew hired for the summer. Melvin has hired Steven

Barrack, Brad Smith, Corey Rice and Deb Atchison. Ryan Oerke is still working on getting his CDL. A thank you letter has been received from Launna Gunderson/Fire Chief for the great work they did on the site prep for the new fire hall. Getting the 8,000-gallon concrete vault tank from the USFS is still looking very promising, perhaps even as a trade for road work. The request for using the "Zipper" on the airport road in Stanley was brought forward. Getting it scheduled for the best use of time and resources is still in the works. Melvin felt it would only take about one day to complete the work. The continuing road improvements on the East Fork road were then discussed. Realignment of some sharp corners to improve the safety will be included. Commissioner Corgatelli asked just how far they plow the snow? Melvin reported they turn around just below Big Boulder Cr. The only pending job they have with the SNRA is installation of the guard rail on the bridge, for which they will be paid \$9,000.00. The rebuild work at the Challis airport has generated a lot of material that the R & B has used to level and improve their yard. This material is also being used to improve the Rodeo grounds.

Clerk Lura Baker then discussed the accident that involved a Sheriff's vehicle. After being reported to our ICRMP Ins., there is a \$1,500 deductible to be paid. Lura asked which line item to pay it from? She also asked about the extent of County liability for search & rescue volunteers that choose to use their personal equipment rather than county equipment. ie: motorcycles or snow machines. The Sheriff has requested the sale of the un-used county equipment, and the board has approved the sales. Risk Manager/Christy Foster will look into the liability the county could face.

Commissioner Butts has looked at the office trailer that is available locally for the Weed Department. The owner wants around \$3,000 for the trailer as is. Commissioner Butts made the motion that the county make an offer not to exceed \$3,000 for the purchase of such trailer. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. He has also been in contact with Bob Burroughs/S. Custer Ambulance Dist. and they have decided to wait until the COVID-19 incident settles down before they schedule any EMT trainings.

A request from Karma Bragg for work on the Road Cr. bridge was reviewed by the board.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 5:45 PM, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Those present were the full board, Clerk Lura Baker, Risk Manager/Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 5:59 PM.

Clerk Lura Baker presented copies of deeds for a land exchange between City of Mackay and Custer Co. Fair Board, that have been received by the Records Office to be recorded, and asked Commissioner Smith for clarification. A copy of the 5-year plan that the County did for the Fair Grounds was also made available. Discussion and explanation of what was transpiring ensued.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk