

Custer County
Commissioner Special Meeting Proceedings
April 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioners Steve Smith, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Road & Bridge Dept: Brandon is working on setting up an agreement with Les Schwab Tire in Salmon, to remove the junk tire pile. The auto/pickup size tires will cost \$2.00 each and it will cost \$5.00 to \$10.00 for each truck or implement tire. They figure there are two semi loads of tires to be dealt with and plan to begin soon. The fuel island upgrade was begun in January, and it is still not useable. Leonard Petroleum/Idaho Falls has not been able to get the system up and running, in spite of multiple service calls. Lura requested Brandon to review the original agreement. Brandon will print out his diary of phone contacts and service calls that have been involved also. The LHTAC Grader Class that was scheduled at the Community Center on June 18th to 20th, has been displaced by a Jury Trial. Another location will be found to hold the grader class, such as the Legion Hall or Sr. Center. Brandon has worked out an agreement with the Challis City Road Dept. to use their "Dura-patch Machine". The City needs a reliable source of clean chip material, and the County needs temporary access to the dura-patch machinery. The Board requested a MOU be written up for the exchange. Kyle Jones with Harper & Leavitt attended the meeting. Brandon has met with the USFS at Lodgepole Cr. to finalize the work on the crossing that washed out years back. Ranger Heath Perrine, Road Sup. Mike Carroll, and Fish Biologist Christine Stewart were all at the meeting. It was agreed that any future, minor repairs needed can be approved with an e-mail notification prior to the work beginning. The USFS also informed Brandon that they have funding to replace or up-grade 7 cattle guards, and would like the R&B to install them. Cody Schmidt with ITD has offered excess road materials to the Custer County road departments. The materials are in a gravel pit near the Hwy 93 turn off to Old Chilly Road, and consists of reject millings that have been oiled. Brandon outlined his proposal to use the material for maintenance of the Garden Creek Road above the new bridge. The savings on road oil costs, would more than pay for the expense of hauling it. The Lost River Highway Dist. will also be using from the same excess materials pile. The R&B Department has received some applications for the job advertised. Brandon will be working through the hiring process this coming week.

Commissioner Butts updated those present on the fence work being done around the property that was purchased for the Court Annex. The fence materials are finally on site and K & S Fencing will be doing the work, all the while maintaining a good relationship with the neighbors.

Kyle Jones/Harper & Leavitt delivered bound copies of the Custer County Transportation Plan update. He explained the ongoing process to keep it updated on the traffic counts, road conditions, and inspections by doing at least 1/3 of the system each year. Commissioner Smith inquired about the Excel program his company has been working on. Kyle offered to send the program to Brandon to look over and try it out. The discussion turned to the actual ownership of bridges that are on a county line. It was decided that the bridges listed on our plan belong to Custer County. The Board will review the Transportation Plan during the coming week and it will be approved or amended at the next meeting. Brandon and Kyle excused themselves from the meeting.

Weed: Brett e-mailed a letter to Clerk Lura Baker, who read it to the Board. Brett is currently welcoming a new grandson in Fargo, North Dakota. Ted Riley is completing his final applicators test, and will begin work on May 2nd. The 2007 ATV has been repaired and is home again. Brett has been asked to assist with the spray day at the Flying B Ranch in the wilderness area, but is not sure if the scheduling will work for him. He started work on spraying the roadsides around Challis, and plans to be done by mid-May. The District #6 Idaho Transportation Department Weed Agreement for 2021 through 2026 with Custer County was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Smith moved that it be accepted and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk Lura Baker presented copies of the Public Hearing Notice of the S Custer Open Burning Ordinance for the board for review. She will get the approved notice into the paper at the proper times in May. The meeting schedule was then reviewed. May 26th the regular commissioner meeting will begin at 8:00 AM in Challis, the Board will travel to Mackay and reconvene at 2:00 PM, the Public Hearing for P&Z Fees will begin at 4:00 PM in Mackay, and the Public Hearing for the S. Custer Burn Ordinance will commence at 6:00 PM in Mackay. The Tax Deed Sale was set for 10:00 AM to Noon on June 7th on the Custer County Courthouse steps. Clerk Lura Baker reported that ICRMP Insurance has paid \$20,850.00 for the needed repairs on the Stanley housing. The State Tax Commission has informed the County that the 2018 litigation settlement is final for the Ida Hydro-Electric suit. Taxing districts that were paid will need to be notified of the settlement and the amount they owe back. A Certificate of Residency has been received from Kelsey Johnson and reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the certificate be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and reported on the American Stewards 30 X 30 meeting he attended in Lewistown, Montana. They concentrated on effects of the American Bison Preserve, that is being pushed by Soros' Center for American Progress, on private lands and private business. Many other states and counties are working hard to counter the 30 X 30 land grab that is being executed by executive order. A request for another Government to Government meeting on the Forest Plan Revision has been received from Chuck Mark. NRAC scheduled the practice session for Monday 7:00 PM May 17th at the courthouse.

Disaster Services: Mike Graham attended, and Commissioner Butts delivered Krisi Staten's message of "please call her" to him. Mike reviewed his process of getting with Sage Dixon and getting the application re-submitted. Commissioner Smith inquired about the level that the application was rejected. Mike's response was that Lori Paul and Susan Cleverly rejected it because the information was not properly formatted on the application. Mike needs one more signature from Lucas Yockey and the proper date to complete the application. He let the Board know that the State wants the information on this grant to go through him, and not others. He reminded the Board that the All Hazard Mitigation Plan will only run through this year and we will need to complete a new one next year. The next grant application for the Mackay Dam project can be done via Krisi Staten. Any attendance to meetings by the Board members can be utilized toward the match money requirements if documented. Mike then spoke on the Covid funds in the amount of \$850,000.00 that have been sent to each county. There are no current guidelines or rules on the use of the funds, but it is required you only utilize it per the rules, and there is a penalty if you just return the funds. Some counties are depositing the grant funds in a Trust Account where it will be held until the rules are known. Mike is doing tabletop exercises for Stanley and for some medical providers. He is starting to update the Emergency Plan, as it is getting quite old. Commissioner Butts inquired about the iWork Program currently being used by the Road & Bridge Dept. The billing for their program is currently tied into the N. Custer Rural Fire Dept. and the City of Stanley. R&B have paid their part, but neither of the other groups have and they keep threatening to close the account. A copy of the invoice was delivered to Mike at the meeting and he is requesting they bill each entity separately to get things straightened out. He has SHRS funds available to pay the amount owed, and will do what he can as FEMA really likes the program results. The Board expressed their concern that Road & Bridge be able to access their information in iWork. Mike then visited with the Board about getting 6 monitors for his Emergency Dashboard system. The original estimate was for \$9,000.00 and the actual cost of what he currently has was \$3,700.00. The cost of additional monitors would be around \$2,400.00. He has also been asked to replace a monitor by the Stanley Fire Department that was dropped. The Board agreed to his dashboard monitor plan and asked that all the purchase information be given to the Clerk's Office to be included in the inventory. Mike will purchase the monitors with SHSP funds and bring the records to the Clerks Office.

Commissioner Smith stepped out of the meeting to attend a Zoom meeting with the BLM. The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 with the full Board and Clerk Lura Baker attending. Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins returned to the meeting at 1:45.

Rodeo Committee: Attending the meeting were Rodeo Committee members Terri Stillwaugh, Bill Bradshaw, Kurtis and Krista Koeppen, and Trish and Justin Farr. Secretary Terri Stillwaugh spoke and thanked Wayne and the Board of Commissioners for getting the weeds sprayed and replacing the water hydrant. She wants to be proactive and not reactive. If the committee has a problem with something they will come to the Board with a possible solution. She asked that the Board not discuss issues out in the community, but they come to the Committee and talk to them. We all need to be on the same team. Chairman Butts spoke about the use of the Road & Bridge water truck to keep the arena in condition, and past issues with the arena sprinkler system. Terri responded with the versions that she has heard from the community. Chairman Butts then talked about the old system of pre-inspection and post-inspections that were done for each event. Terri requested that the Board address any and all issues with the “Committee” and not with others. Commissioner Smith asked the Committee how the High School Rodeo went. Trish Farr requested more information regarding use of the water truck. Commissioner Smith responded with the ICRMP insurance requirement for an employee to drive the water truck. Trish Farr then inquired about the insurability of the “crows nest” announcers stand? Smith responded that it is a liability. Some counties donate their facility use, and some such as Canyon County charge. Commissioner Corgatelli offered to donate a water tank to the Rodeo Committee once he no longer needs it for his grazing allotment. All present agreed that working together is the answer. The Board of Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the Committee’s efforts. Bill Bradshaw brought up the past tractors, and how things have improved with time. Now is the time to move forward. The Rodeo Committee members excused themselves from the meeting.

Clerk Lura Baker notified the Board that the 2nd Grant application done by the N. Custer Fire Department in the amount of \$175,000 was successful. She then reviewed the BOE information request she recently received from the Confluence Institute. She will send them a copy of the BOE meeting minutes. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the April 12, 2021 minutes of the BOE Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith then moved that the 4/17/21 Commissioner Meeting minutes be approved with 1 correction. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded, and the motion carried. The correction will be made before signatures are affixed. Commissioner Corgatelli then moved that the Commissioner meeting minutes for 4/12/21 be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Claims: The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Hall Plumbing bill of \$444.00 for Rodeo Ground repairs will be held. Motion passed.

Current Expense	12,339.41
Road & Bridge	4,344.98
Election Fund	637.85
District Court	281.64
Rodeo Grounds	200.00
Health District	7,201.75
Revaluation	3.08
Weeds	6,965.81
Waterways	40.00
Emergency Communication	13,601.75
S Custer Ambulance	<u>251.17</u>
TOTAL	45,867.44

Planning & Zoning: Jessica brought in four (4) flood plain permits that are completed, to be closed out by the Board. She then presented the new P&Z Fee Schedule printout she received from Brant Tritthart. They went over the multipliers involved in arriving at the new fees to be charged. Discussion was held on a shop/garage with living quarters attached. The P&Z Boards recommendations were reviewed and explained. The handout was very informative, and the Public Hearing dates and times were verified and approved.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson/Prosecutor attended at 3:30 PM and assisted those present with legal questions. The R&B Fuel Island situation was explained, and the advice given was to send a letter to the Leonard Petroleum company involved, to get the equipment up and useable within 30 days or please remove your devices. Road and Bridge will get the letter sent.

Clerk Lura Baker informed the Board that the required tax refunds for Hydro Electric Plants have been dismissed for 2019 and 2020. It will only be the 2018 taxes collected that need to be refunded. Lura then let them know that the US postal sorting hub for our area is being moved from Salt Lake City, UT to Portland, OR effective May 11th. The Board looked at the mileage claims for Fair Board members that have been submitted. As a County entity with their own budget, all such claims need to be given to Fair Board Secretary Natalie Teichert. Commissioner Smith will explain it to Extension Specialist Sarah Baker and the Fair Board members at their next meeting. The Challis Clean crew that washed the courthouse windows put in suggestions on replacing some windows. The rollers are completely gone and it is the latch that actually holds the window in the frame on some sections. Overheating of the computer server room has already become a problem. It was suggested that Ray's Heating and AC be contacted for a bid on installing an AC unit in the server room before summer. It was also decided to get a bid from some window suppliers on costs for replacing the defective windows with vinyl. Clerk Lura Baker then went over the SRS Funds that Custer County has received and how the funds will be divided up.

The Board reviewed the ICRMP Employment Application vs the Custer County Application and suggested some minor changes be made. There has been a request for comments from the USFS on the Bear Track Mine. Commissioner Smith agreed to respond with a comment.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 4:45, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Present during this session were Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioners Butts, Smith and Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 5:00 PM.

The Personnel Policy was then looked over for any errors or corrections. Page 18 was reviewed and it was decided that paragraph 1 was the one to include. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Personnel Policy be approved with the change noted. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk