

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
May 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Also attending were Brett Plummer/Weed Supt., Brandon Jones, R&B Supt., Jerry Flatz/JUB and Mohamed Zubery with LHTAC.

**Weeds:** Brett Plummer reported that the roadside spraying in Round Valley is nearing completion, with Pahsimeroi Valley being next on his list. He has finished spraying weeds at the Rodeo Grounds, and will do the Fairgrounds this week. Commissioner Butts requested that the gopher treatment be done at the Mackay Fairgrounds again this year. Brett will contact Pat Silvers to get the job done. Ted Riley is back to work and helping spray the roadsides. Brett also has one youth coming back in July as an apprentice. Brett has located a smaller snow plow truck on the Idaho Federal Surplus site. The cost is \$15,000 including the V-plow. He attended the RAC meeting virtually and there were many good projects presented. Brett felt his project has a very good chance of being funded. The next RAC meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> in the Challis area.

**Road & Bridge:** Brandon updated the Board on the Lease culmination for the 2016 AWD Grader. Ben Winder, CAT Sales Rep. and Chris Berry CAT Product Supply Support Rep. attended the meeting. The condition is good on all but the tires that will need to be replaced due to only 30% tread left. The small overage on hours has been agreed that it is not a problem. The cost for the replacement 2021 AWD Grader is nearly the same at \$31,620.00 annual lease fee. CAT will change the plow and hydraulic valving for the wing from the old unit to the new at no charge. Clerk Lura Baker will keep copies of the signed lease agreement in her records. The new 2021 Grader has the full 5 year – fail safe government warranty. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the lease be accepted and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. The warranty will begin on the date of delivery of the grader.

**LHTAC/ JUB:** Jerry Flatz reported that the Army Corp. of Engineers wants to have a new signature on the MOA. Mohammed explained that he felt the timing of the signature on the permit is the problem. Jerry, then reported that the Cultural Report done in 2017 has been revisited, and the loafing shed located on private property could be considered historic. Commissioner Butts asked for clarification on “who” is requesting this change? There are three options 1) leave the shed as is/where is and install guard rail to protect it. 2) shift the centerline back to where it was originally. 3) shorten the project by 300’ and avoid the issue altogether. Jerry provided copies of the map showing the existing road conditions, and the proposed centerline shifts. There are some fence issues on the same property that are further up the road. The safety issue on the S-curve area was also discussed, and will probably require some property exchanges. The phone lines in this same area are not in a proper utility corridor, but laid in concrete directly down the center of the road. LHTAC Does not want to cause any phone disruption or cost the company extra money for the moving of the utility lines into an easement area.

**Brandon** reported that the contract between Custer County R&B and the City of Challis for County use of the City owned dura-patcher has been signed and is on file at the R&B office. The City provides the machine, and the County provides the gravel chips. He has moved the LHTAC Grader classwork to the SREC board room, due to the Jury Trial displacing them at CEDA. They will need to take some extra tables from the courthouse. The STOP Signs on each end of Lanier Lane have been knocked down by vehicles at least three separate times recently. The Board requested the vandalism be reported to the Sheriff’s Office, so an investigation can be done. Brandon has received a request from Ray’s Plumbing, Heating and AC to put their waste materials in the county gravel pit to dry. It contains bentonite and takes quite awhile to dry out. The Board agreed with Brandon’s decision to OK it.

**Assessor:** Jacquell Bruno attended, and Jeremy Dixon, Appraiser attended via phone. Clerk Lura Baker provided the BOE information that she has received from the Living Waters Ranch and First Fruits Foundation. Commissioner Butts inquired if the information had been reviewed by Prosecutor Oleson. Jacquell and Jeremy have met with Justin Oleson on the matter. The meeting was recessed for BOE at 9:40 AM.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:54 AM. Concern was expressed on who would be the contact person for any future questions. Prosecutor Justin Oleson and Assessor Jeremy Dixon left the meeting via phone connections.

**NRAC:** Jim Hawkins/Chairman attended and inquired about the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting between the USFS and Board of Commissioners on Timber. It will not be a Gov't. to Gov't. meeting, and Jim was asked to attend and report back to the NRAC group. Jim requested an Agenda be worked up for the May 17<sup>th</sup> G2G practice session.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session at 10:28 AM under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Those in attendance were Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, and Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 10:34 AM.

Brandon Jones and Andy Andrews / Road & Bridge verified the time line and location of vandalized Stop Signs. The possibility of purchasing a smaller sized snow plow and truck from Federal Surplus at a cost of \$15,000.00 has arisen. The purchase could enable Brett Plummer/Weeds to assist the R&B with plowing snow out of the parking lots of the courthouse and CEDA. It would be arranged so Brett would be the only operator of the smaller plow. The board took the information on advisement. The Transportation Plan has been reviewed by the Board and Brandon, Road & Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the plan be accepted with amendment possibilities as time goes on. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed.

**Treasurer:** Clerk Lura Baker presented the monthly report for Treasurer Allicyn Latimer. The County is getting penalized by the banks for having such a large fund just sitting in an availability account. The Board only needs to be able to get to the funds on short notice, and authorized her to move it if necessary. Clerk Lura Baker then reviewed the legal action taken by ID State Tax Commission on Hydro-electric generators. Custer County owes Dry Creek Hydro a refund of \$1,073.00, which will be handled as a one-time credit on their upcoming tax bill.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes for the 4/28/21 commissioners meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the OEM be signed to extend the Grant out to July 2022. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

**E Idaho Public Health:** Jerri Rackow attended the meeting via Zoom connection. Commissioner Butts updated her with the news that the Challis assisted living facility is closing soon. She will look into the situation. Jerri then presented the 2022 E ID Public Health budget. There are significant changes and it is up 17.65% from 2021. The increase will not affect the counties until next year, and they are connected to performance ratings. The 2022 Budget Committee will be formed with current commissioners from each county. There is a fear that the savings realized from the changes in Indigent Services will not equal the coming fee increases. The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

**Agencies:** Heath Perrine/Challis Yankee Fork RD, and David Hilliard/BLM attended.

Heath began with a report for Kurt Flannigan/SNRA. They have submitted 6 RAC proposals and are awaiting notification of what was successful. They will have a new Acting Deputy Ranger coming on June to replace Brian Anderson. The 2021 Projects will be presented via a Zoom call and field trip. The Redfish to Stanley trail will open on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the campgrounds are all being opened up for the summer.

Heath then reported on his district. The controlled burns in the Bartlett Point, Crane Basin and Grouse Peak areas are active and going well to date. The Great American Outdoors Act projects have been submitted. A lot of trail work and replacement of fire rings. Scoping is going ahead on the Sawmill project. The Lost River District Ranger position is at the interview stage of being filled. The front desk person in Challis has resigned, so calls are currently being routed to the Salmon office. Tom Ford is retiring soon. Jodi Wisner is the new Front Country Project Manager on the Recreational Staff. The boat docks at Bayhorse Lakes are slated for repair/replacement this summer. The ID F&G has donated time and effort in this reconditioning effort. Heath inquired if the County could assist also. The Board agreed that they could provide equipment for loading and hauling the docks, and perhaps final disposal of the old ones at the Challis Dump. Maintenance work is being planned for the Bernard Air Strip

back in the wilderness later this month. A MOU has been proposed between the Search & Rescue and the USFS. Commissioners Butts asked what the county funding amount was? Wording is being looked into that will maintain local control.

BLM/David Hilliard reported on the appeal that was filed on the Upper Pahsimeroi grazing allotment by WWP and Wild Land Reserve. Their new biologist Clay Edmonson started today, as well as 4 of the seasonal workers.

**Claims:** The following claims were approved by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli adding Westfall Logging for \$15,732.50, K & S Fencing for \$2,298.75 to the bills listed and one account number correction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butts and it passed.

Current Expense	15,289.94
Road & Bridge	9,969.04
Election Fund	172.75
District Court	4,693.16
Rodeo Grounds	294.17
Indigent & Charity	7.65
Revaluation	124.13
Solid Waste	18,131.25
Weeds	3,416.32
Waterways	277.41
Emergency Communications	2,093.81
Auditors Trust	23,446.10
S Custer Ambulance	<u>29.82</u>
TOTAL	\$ 77,945.55

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Stu Lumpkin, Deputy Justin Mitchell attended. Stu reported there were 4 prisoners in the jail and one in Bonneville Co. jail. The Stanley housing is being worked on with new floor joists to repair the water damage. The ICRMP Inspector has been on a tour of the county buildings, including the old firehall. The Challis City Law Enforcement Contract was reviewed and it was agreed that they need to pay the actual cost of the deputy that patrols the city.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to return to executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 2:50 PM, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Present were 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 3:05 PM.

**Planning & Zoning:** Jessica Clemenhausen passed out copies of her zoning certificates monthly report. There were 25 certificates listed, the most every seen in one month.

**Clerk:** Jerry and Mohammed have visited with Madge Yacomella on the Garden Cr. Road issue. They felt it went very well. Tim Marks with Gem Plan has let Clerk Lura Baker know that there will be no insurance cost increase this year. She asked if there has been a response from Prosecutor Justin Oleson on the Solid Waste Bond requirement for Wendell Gohn? Nothing has been received at this time.

**Indigent:** Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session at 4:00 PM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Butts and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. Attending the session were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Butts, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 4:16 PM Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that #21-01 be approved. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed with unanimous aye votes.

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

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk