

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
June 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Commissioner Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins were in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge and Matt Montelius/Weed Dept. attended.

Road & Bridge: Melvin reported that work is nearly complete in Morgan Cr. They have a chip seal scheduled on Hot Springs Road and then will be moving to Yankee Fork next to do a chip seal. It will be done with the new beet juice sealer that cures within an hour or so. They have worked on the Iron Cr. road in Stanley area to keep it passable. It is the dirt section that wasn't repaired last year that is bad this year. Commissioner Smith asked if they were using water trucks and rollers with each grader? Melvin assured him they were. The Schedule A road agreement with the SNRA was then reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the new agreement. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Clerk Lura Baker will complete the agreement process. The next topic was the Challis Cr. Road. The meeting scheduled with the USFS has been changed to July 3rd, which doesn't leave much time within the fish window. Commissioner Smith delivered the Idaho Transportation Dept. awards for "Shifting Toward Zero STAR Awards" for Custer County and the Custer County Sheriff's Office. The certificate will be hung in the courthouse.

The quantity of road materials that will be needed for the new Mackay Solid Waste Transfer Site was then discussed. Melvin will touch base with Lane and Lost River Highway Dist. and see if he will be using a crusher in the Mackay area that we can also utilize, keeping the costs down for both road departments. The materials needed to build a spreader box for the cat has been ordered, and the work will begin soon. Commissioner Butts then led a discussion on the erosion caused by leaving a dirt berm along a road. The condition of the "brush hog" was then inquired after. Melvin said it will be operational as soon as the new controls are installed.

Weeds: Matt attended and reported that he has the weed information on the Custer County website updated now. He is still looking to hire one more full-time applicator, but needs someone that already has their applicators license. He has been to Mackay to spray the fairgrounds, but forgot the Mackay Rodeo was this weekend. He will have to go back. They are working on spraying the "leafy spurge" on the Cutler ranch up river, and wants to utilize some "bugs" on sensitive sites. He has gotten the organic sites on Garden Cr. done, but still has Pahsimeroi and Bayhorse to do. Commissioner Smith asked about chemical sales to date. Matt reported he is selling mostly 24D, not as much Glyphosate/Roundup as in the past. He has called David Philips about the spurge infestation in his field and left messages, but received no response. He will call again and mail a registered letter. The board urged Matt to let Prosecutor Oleson review his letter before sending it out. Commissioner Butts requested that Matt call the Philips ranch again today, and then follow up with the letter A.S.A.P. The Weed Dept. has been spraying the roadsides and has Willow Cr. Summit completed on both sides down to the private property. The field dodder problem that was encountered in Round Valley has been taken care of. Commissioner Butts requested an executive session under §74-206(1)(b) for personnel at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the board go into executive session, and commissioner Smith seconded. The 3 roll call votes were unanimous ayes. No decisions were made during this session. The board returned to regular session at 9:08 AM. Matt was asked to establish a routine of Monday AM safety meetings and be sure to have eye wash stations available on the trucks. Matt agreed to use safety check lists, and will be getting better respirators and installing eye wash stations.

Planning & Zoning: Christy Foster attended and passed out an invitation letter to the board members for the FEMA Discovery meeting in Salmon, ID tomorrow. She has one flood plain application that needs approval and signatures. To date there have been sixteen structures removed from the flood plain in the Lower Stanley area. The possibility of setting up an "alert call" system within the courthouse was discussed to keep everyone informed during a situation within the building. Christy attended an excellent training at the P&Z Conference taught by Jerry Mason. County options to having a full planning & zoning board were discussed, as current members are retiring soon.

Clerk Lura Baker reviewed the Roundtable Budget Meeting schedule and confirmed it with the board. The MOU for the 7th Judicial District Court Fiscal Agents was then reviewed by the board members. Tammie Whyte has redistributed the expenses per the feedback she received from the counties to make the financial load bearable for all. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve and sign the MOU, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Minutes for the June 10th BOE meeting were approved as written with a motion by Commissioner Smith, and a second from Commissioner Corgatelli. The motion passed.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins chairman attended and asked for verification of the topics for the next Government to Government meeting with the Forest Service. Range, Timber and Wild & Scenic Rivers will be discussed as originally proposed in April. A discussion was held on recent information received and the Forest Service use of the term "grazing suitability". The county has not received any response to their letter to Dave Rosenkrance. Commissioner Butts has repeatedly tried to contact Margaret Byfield, but received no response from her. Jim then asked about the "Open Range" signs that were requested by the Farm Bureau members. Have they been posted? Upon reflection it was decided they have not and the matter will be looked into.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman attended and explained the issues she is having with the new court program Oddessy. She has Windows 10 on her county computer, and the Oddessy program requires Windows 8. The best solution seems to be a separate computer with windows 8, to handle the mandated Oddessy program requirements. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the purchase of a desktop computer within a spending cap of \$2,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Aletia will contact Computer Arts with her request.

Wilderness Study Areas were the next item of discussion, and why they have never been released back into multiple use, but continue to be managed as pseudo-wilderness areas. This will be talked over with the Congressional staff attending this afternoon. The Custer Co. Coroner is moving into the office vacated by the Agent. The telephone connection boxes will need to be replaced for the ether-net to work. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to pay the IOOF office rent and power in full, Commissioner Butts seconded. The roll call vote was Smith/nay, Butts/aye and Corgatelli/aye. The motion passed. Grouse Peak repeaters were the next topic. Clarification is needed on who is responsible for the maintenance of the back-up generator at the Sheriff's office and the USFS generator on Grouse Peak. Commissioner Butts will look into the details of what is needed at Grouse Peak with Glen at Robinson Electric.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under §74-206(1). Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioners Butts, Smith & Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins were in attendance. No decisions were made during this session. The board returned to regular session at 11:25 AM.

Coroner: Chad Workman attended and has began moving into the available office space. Clerk Lura Baker asked him to read the electric meter each month on the 20th and relay it to her office. Chad agreed and is looking for any available office furniture and equipment ie: printer/copier, lockable file cabinets, storage shelving, desk, chairs, etc. Chad was given clearance to go look in the Federal Surplus Store in Boise to find items he needs. Chad reported on the high costs of the ongoing FBI investigation. Ada Counties Dottie Owens has been working with Custer Co. to assist with the high costs of body preparation and shipping for the FBI case.

Christy Foster/Planning & Zoning has requested vacation time from July 8th through July 12th. The board approved her request. Commissioner Butts has received information from the District 7 Health Department that he will relay to the N. Custer Rodeo Committee secretary Terri Stillwaugh, on concession stand rules and requirements. Commissioner Smith reported on the Custer Co. Fair Board meeting that he attended. The Fair Board is planning to hire some folks from Idaho Falls to provide horse drawn wagon rides during the Co. Fair this year. The land transfer to the Co. fairgrounds from the City of Mackay is almost completed. Commissioner Corgatelli noticed at the Mackay Rodeo that all the fairground trailer hook-up sites were filled. It should be a good fundraiser for fairgrounds maintenance funds. The meeting was recessed at 12:00 for lunch, and a visual

inspection drive-by of Morgan Cr. road work, the Jobe Lane spurge weed infestation, and Rod & Gun Club Loop road right-of-way issues. Commissioners Butts, Corgatelli, Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins went on the tour.

The regular meeting resumed at 2:25PM

ID Congressional Delegation: Senator Risch's Regional Director Amy Taylor, Senator Crapo's Regional Director Kathryn Hitch, and Congressman Simpson's representative Brannon Summers all attended the meeting and were welcomed by Chairman Butts. Amy passed out handouts and offered to help residents with Social Security issues, Veterans Benefits, Medicare, IRS or Forest Service problems. Commissioner Smith brought up the local VFW hall maintenance costs and asked if there was any assistance available for them. Home Depot offers building materials to Veterans Groups at no cost, but doesn't provide cash. The Custer County jail dilemma was then discussed and the process we have gone through to date, without success. PILT monies were then brought up and the way the funds are allocated was reviewed. It was asked why counties that have small amounts of Federal lands receive large PILT payments? Commissioner Butts went over his "No net loss of private property" bill that was introduced in the state legislature in 2018 and will be coming up again in the future. Amy let the board know that the USFS has actually won a lawsuit with PAC/FISH in the Stanley area, and one on the Stanley/Redfish Trail system. Clerk Lura Baker arranged a quick tour of the Custer County Jail for the delegation. The board members walked them through the facility, from dispatch & the driver's license testing area to the jail kitchen and actual cells. The inmates were all removed to the exercise yard. Upon completion of the tour the delegation asked what the Board was planning to do next to get the Custer County jail into compliance. Commissioner Smith asked if there was any Federal financial help for building jails? Commissioner Butts walked through the options they have already tried, and the building plan that was proposed. The 1% Option Tax was brought up that could be utilized for jail compliance. The eternal nature of Wilderness Study areas was then brought up by the Board. Amy responded that they always send the request on, but the NGO's demand a trade off every time a release is proposed, and stop the process. The newly proposed wilderness does not meet the 1964 wilderness requirements, and the Forest Service is in the process of removing obstacles from proposed areas, rather than following the letter of the law. Commissioner Butts requested they set up a meeting with President Trump for him, and they all smiled and said they would give it a try. Commissioners Smith and Butts thanked Senator Risch's office for the excellent tour of the national capital they received when in Washington D.C.

Upon return to the meeting room, the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Corgatelli moved they be accepted and signed, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. The Clayton Election Precinct is now eligible to become a mail-out precinct. A questionnaire has been mailed to the registered voters in Clayton and a large majority were in favor of becoming a mail-out precinct. A motion to change the Clayton precinct to a mail-out precinct was made by Commissioner Corgatelli. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. A suggestion to hold the commissioners meeting on August 28th in Stanley was made by Clerk Lura Baker, as the last two scheduled Stanley commissioner meetings have been cancelled. The payments from the City of Mackay for law enforcement were then talked over, and options discussed.

Claims: The following claims were approved by a motion from Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it was approved.

Current Expense	6,922.34
Road & Bridge	91,332.33
District Court	3,839.17
Rodeo Grounds	111.48
Indigent & Charity	2,464.65
Jr. College Tuition	4,450.00
Weeds	5,969.67
Emergency Communication	<u>1,952.00</u>
TOTAL	117,041.64

The Board then discussed the upcoming Budget Roundtable meeting and which departments haven't turned in their requests. Clerk Baker received a letter from Homeland Security/Mike Graham, but not the form she requested. Mike Graham did not attend today's meeting at his scheduled 11:00 AM time. The board went over the letter and discussed his requests. Chief Deputy Clerk, Lisa Robinson attended to provide information on the needed microfilm scanner replacement machine. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the suggested microfilm scanner in the amount of \$4,653.00 for the Clerk/Recorders Office. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried.

Assessor- Jacquelin Bruno attended to complete the final BOE meeting. The regular meeting was recessed at 5:11 PM for BOE. There were no appeals or complaints filed. The BOE meeting was recessed until July 8th, 2019.

Returned to regular session at 5:15. Commissioner Butts suggested contacting INL for assistance with drawing plans for the proposed court buildings.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk