

Custer County
Commissioner Special Meeting Proceedings
July 7, 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, Tom Coates, Hunter Deihl, Jennifer Zollinger, Sarah Baker, Chris Mattson and Justin Oleson also attended. Dave Barnhardt, Chris Holt, and Jake Zollinger attended via phone connection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corgatelli to amend the agenda and add Orval & June Hansen Irrevocable Trust to the BOE agenda at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Fair Board: Chairman Smith asked the Fair Board members present if they had any changes in mind for the Custer County Fair because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Current reports from the Health Dept. state there are 5 cases total within Custer County, all in the Stanley area. Those people have since returned to Ada county for treatment. Discussion was held on the pro's and con's of wearing a mask. Chairman Smith then read the opinions of the Fair Board members. Sarah Baker/County Agent started off by stating that the 4-H Program will be going forward. They have already held weigh-ins for the livestock and will be helping their members complete their projects. The U of I has sent their list of "recommendations". Chairman Smith inquired about any potential hot spot areas she has concerns about, with the market animal sale and the buyer barbeque being the largest congregations of people. Jennifer Zollinger then spoke about public events that have been done safely with the use of hand washing stations and masks. Tom Coates reminded everyone that the usual method of showing livestock at a fair is always outdoors and "one cow apart". He felt there would be no problems. Mike Bruno reminded everyone that the High School Rodeo Finals were just completed successfully with no COVID-19 issues. There were 500 contestants involved and they all had family support at the event. He felt the Custer County Fair should proceed. Chairman Smith expressed his concern about the serving of food at the fair, but was assured that any safety changes needed would be made by the Fair Board. Chris Holt agreed and used the Mackay Biker Rodeo held during the 4th of July as an example that it can be done safely. Jennifer Zollinger agreed that the Fair should be held, just be reasonable and as safe as possible. Justin Oleson our Eastern ID State Fair representative expressed his disappointment in the assistance not being given by the State government. They keep spouting case numbers, but give no useful information to make a thought-out decision from. His State Fair Board has received comments from both opinion extremes. Sarah reminded all that it is the public information that makes an event successful, and they need to decide today on having a County Fair. All present agreed it was a local decision and it was decided to move forward and have the Custer County Fair. Anyone that feels unsafe or sick will be requested to stay in their home. Chris Holt asked that there be some ad's placed in the local newspapers to inform the residents of this decision. The fair board members then excused themselves from the meeting.

Jacqueline Bruno/ Assessor, Jeremy Dixon/Appraiser, Justin Oleson/Prosecutor, Jace Cundick/State Tax Commission, and Mr. Christopher Hartwell attended for the BOE hearings that began at 9:00. The special commissioner's meeting recessed.

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1:15 PM. Present were Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioners Wayne Butts, Randy Corgatelli, Chairman Steve Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins were in attendance. Chairman Smith made a motion that Custer County utilize the Cares Act Property Tax Relief Fund. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion that Custer County decline the Cares Act Property Tax Relief Fund. Commissioner Butts seconded and a discussion ensued on the possibility of double taxation in upcoming years. It was felt that this tax relief proposal is a false leader and the ramifications are yet to be felt. The roll call vote was Butts/aye, Corgatelli/aye and Smith/aye with the motion passing. The Board then moved into the Budget workshop with all except the board members and the Clerk excusing themselves.

Jacquel Bruno/Assessor and Jeremy Dixon/Appraiser and Tina Hawkins/Deputy Clerk were asked to return to the meeting at 1:45 PM. Commissioner Butts expressed the boards appreciation for the great job that Jeremy Dixon is doing as the Appraiser for Custer County. The new values that were placed on Mr. Hartwell's property of \$188,710 was verified by the board, as was the new value of \$924,230 that was placed on Mr. Hansen's property. The special commissioner meeting then recessed for BOE at 2:00 PM.

Commissioners reconvened their meeting at 3:00 pm.

Executive Session: Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(d) with present all Commissioners, Clerk Baker and Court Supervisor Laila Plummer. Second Commissioner Corgatelli with a roll call vote all Aye. Commissioners stayed in executive session and Court Supervisor Plummer left session and Risk Manager Christy Foster attended.

Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 4:35 pm.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk