

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
July 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Brett Plummer/Weed Dept. also attended. Commissioner Butts updated those present on the direction the Dist. 7 Health Dept. is taking with the COVID pandemic. Discussion was held with an exchange of ideas.

Weed Dept: Brett Plummer reported spending most of last week in the Mackay area on Houston Road. He has finished up at Sayers, Whitworths, the Rodeo Grounds and the Fair Grounds. The BLM has accepted the 2019 performance report and now they are working on this year's plans. Leafy Spurge has become a big problem within the county and Brett is putting together a meeting with affected land owners. He is utilizing bio-control methods, and has been able to get the bugs through the Nez Pearce tribe for free. Brett picked up the office trailer from Doug and found there has been a leak around the window and it now smells like mold. He has no spare time to deal with it right now, but will when he can. Wayne informed him that the trailer jacks and skirting is available, we just need to go pick it up.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session §74-206(1)(d) for Indigent at 8:23 AM. Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. No decisions were made during this session and they returned to regular session at 8:35AM. Commissioner Butts moved that they go back into executive session §74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 8:40AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. No decisions were made during this session. The Board returned to regular session at 10:10 AM.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins attended and Commissioner Butts thanked him and the NRAC committee for the help they provide to Custer County on important matters. The issue of BLM claiming the stock-water rights, and asking the permittees to sign an agreement giving them the water right was discussed. Many permittees are not willing to sign the agreements, mainly because there is no legal description of what they are signing for, or Exhibit A. They have other options if they choose not to sign. Jim then asked about their progress in putting up the "Open Range" signs within Custer County. The Board responded that the County has started installing the signs, but they weren't sure about the ID Transportation Dept. The Idaho Roadless Rule was Jim's next question. Has the Board received a response from Gov. Little? Jim recalled that each state had the option to write their own roadless rule, or utilize the federal rule. Only Idaho and Colorado wrote their own, the other western states used the federal plan. The governor can request the Roadless Rule be revisited and updated, and it hasn't been done since 2003/2004. Jim requested a Government to Government meeting with the USFS on the Forest Plan Revision progress be scheduled. He understands that the Salmon group has been holding meetings, but nobody from Challis has attended as far as he knows. A date of August 10th, 6:00 PM was chosen to set the meeting for. Jim then asked about the land exchange with Nature Conservancy and the BLM to straighten up the boundary lines near Whiskey Springs. Hold ups have evolved from agreement wording to rights-of-way. Mary D'Aversa needs a letter of support for the exchange from local government, and asked that it be sent to the BLM, and all the congressional delegation. It was then asked "WHY are two Salmon River Forest Service campgrounds still closed, when the camping space is needed so badly?" Commissioner Butts remembers asking about the same situation years back and the excuse is it is for vegetation regrowth.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer, Treasurer handed out her report. Account balances and cash availability were then discussed. Currently Custer County has collected 96% of the 2019 taxes due. The interest collected on the amounts owed in the first half of FY2020 was over \$100,000.00.

Clerk Lura Baker presented the All Hazard Mitigation Plan signature page for the Board to sign. Chairman Smith questioned some of the additional projects listed. Mike Graham attended the meeting and was able to explain that many are left over from the 2008 Plan, and are mainly ideas that can be either dropped or pursued. The plan

has been approved by the State and FEMA. The State decided all the additional entities would be very cumbersome for the original grant, and said they could be added back on later. Mike has set up his dashboard with all the links for the EMS set up. The signed form is due in by Wednesday for the Mackay Dam Grant to continue. Mike has received a bid of \$2,768.70 for a 64" TV screen to utilize for Zoom meetings. He would like to get a wireless set up, but was warned by Clerk Lura Baker that the concrete walls in the courthouse cause problems. The board weighed in on the camera styles, and the consensus was to get the "entire room" style. The actual installation will be coordinated with Computer Arts. The Red Cross has contacted Mike Graham/Disaster Coordinator, and will be working with him on a plan for Custer Co. Steve Botti/Stanley Mayor has asked if the County has a COVID-19 plan? With no county wide plan, it was suggested by Mike that we should continue following the Dist. 7 Health Dept. plan rules. It will help remove controversy. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve and sign the Custer County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. It was suggested to Steve Botti that he create his own "Stanley City plan." Mike then reported that Mike Clements has been replaced by Josh McIntosh at IOEM. Mr. Clements will be missed.

The minutes of 7/7/20 were reviewed. One correction in wording was noted by Commissioner Smith on page one. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the 7/7/20 minutes be accepted as corrected. The minutes of 6/22/20 and 7/7/2020 BOE were to be accepted as presented. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Claims: The following claims were reviewed and approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed. Commissioner Butts abstained from the Garden Creek Cabins billing.

Current Expense	20,159.85
Road & Bridge	152,067.74
B/G Mosquito Abatement	192.59
Election Fund	218.08
District Court	14,959.52
Rodeo Grounds	274.02
Health District	7,598.25
Indigent & Charity	21.90
Revaluation	1,016.44
Solid Waste	3,829.15
Weeds	7,033.41
Waterways	153.54
PILT	27,789.20
Emergency Communications	2,446.83
Auditors Trust	1,172.72
S. Custer Ambulance	<u>2,973.19</u>
TOTAL	241,906.43

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:10.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 with Chairman Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, SNRA-Kirk Flannigan, Challis/Yankee Fk.-Heath Perrine and BLM-Matt Marsh in attendance. Calling in via teleconference, were Allison Jackson-Lost River RD and David Duchene-Acting M. Fork RD.

Agencies: Kirk Flannigan/SNRA reported on their office opening. The front desk is now open outside, and other clerks are working via-phone connection. All the ground crews are out and about working. They have some concerns with the extremely busy season that has begun and the sheer volume of visitors. The boat mooring signage is up on Sandy Beach at Redfish. The new mooring order is ready for signature, and will be enforceable within two weeks. The "Bear Food Storage" order has become a rule now, and will apply from Memorial Day to Labor Day. They have done a ZOOM calls with the outfitters, and will concentrate on the "education" of the public to begin with, rather than citations. They have timber sales for mistletoe mitigation and forest health on Road 210 and Elk Mountain. These will be larger logs than have traditionally been harvested in the area. The first fire of the

season was an escaped campfire in Slate Creek this weekend, that was contained. They plan to work on the campground timber thinning in the fall, after the campgrounds empty out. Commissioner Butts asked what was planned for the Redfish Lake area campground thinning? He also inquired about their access rules for anyone that is handicapped. Ranger Heath Perrine interjected that the Salmon/Challis NF is also looking at public access and use of thinned out timber for firewood. Commissioner Smith then asked about the Salmon River Campground that is still closed, and why it is closed at this time. Kirk is aware of the closure, but will get back to the commissioners on the "why".

Heath Perrine - Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger (#71) reported this is his 6th day on the job. The original plan to remove the Bayhorse Lake's docks for repairs has been changed. Heath inquired about a mutually beneficial partnership with the County for the removal and replacement of the old docks. It was suggested that Heath get in touch with or Waterways committee chairman, Ron Butts for further details. The "vegetation plan" has produced a timber sale by Bonanza and Bayhorse that will be re-scoped by month end. It will be timber thinning work. Squaw Cr. will be next on the list. They are working on a "Timber Stand and Wildlife Improvement Project" much like the Big Lost River plan that is currently being done. It streamlines the NEPA process for many acres of work projects. The Middle Fork Ranger will be hired soon, and his focus will expand from wilderness into range and fisheries. The new FMO is Cody Kid from the Boise BLM, and they are hiring a maintenance person for the first time in years.

Matt Marsh/BLM reported that Jessica French their new range specialist is coming on board. Their road crew is working at the Boulder Cr. campground. He attended the Bayhorse Bridge ITD meeting and was able to inquire about assistance possibilities on the Little Bayhorse bridge that enters the old town. Andy Goodwin on Barton Flat in the Trail Cr. area has had a lot of mining claim staking done around his property by a company from New Mexico. The BLM is staying in COVID – Phase II, with 50% staff and only allowing groups up to 50 persons. The Goldberg grazing renewal is soon to be signed. They are now offering "electronic" grazing permit renewals" to allotment holders.

Allison Jackson/Lost River RD updated the board on wildland fires and the COVID pandemic. They have had their protocols tested already this season. They are only committing resources to fight fires when there is a reasonable opportunity of success. They have used a helicopter to sling in fence materials on the Lead belt grazing allotment to complete a boundary fence. Mike Graham/Disaster Coordinator assisted with the project. Marie Sheafer has retired from their office after 29 years of support services work. Mason Southwick/range specialist is transferring, so they will be accepting applications. The firewood road in upper Sawmill Cr. is gated and will be opening July 15th. The post and pole areas are in the North Fork area. Bart Gamett reported on the fish salvage project of the 2500 feet of de-watered Yankee Fork. There were 25 persons that caught 23,000 lbs. of fish, 150 chinook salmon, 7 bull trout, 2 white fish and 2000 sculpins.

David Duchene/Middle Fork RD reported the staff is at Boundary Cr. for the summer. They are working on the forest wide Vegetation Improvement Plan, that will include timber projects besides fire.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin and Chief Deputy Justin Mitchell attended and Sheriff Lumpkin handed out his monthly report. The Stanley housing sewer system has been repaired. The main sewer drain line was crushed and had to be replaced. Commissioner Butts made a motion that the 2020 Salmon/Challis National Forest Cooperative Law Enforcement agreement be accepted and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Clerk Lura Baker had the signatures affixed. The possibilities of utilizing the Cares Act funds was discussed and looked into. The Board discussed the office building upgrade for the Sheriff, and the need to get it completed this construction season. Clerk Lura Baker will try to get verification from the City of Challis. When the construction commences, Day Wireless needs to be able to move all the dispatch wiring into the new office building. They will be contacted and asked for a schedule. Commissioner Butts inquired about the status of the City of Mackay Law Enforcement contract. Clerk Lura Baker will contact acting mayor Bob Burroughs and find out.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the board go into executive session at 2:50 PM for Indigent under §74-206(1)(d). Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Those present were the full board, Indigent Director/Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 3:02 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that for #20-04 to be approved. Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Commissioner

Corgatelli then moved that #20-08 be denied, for non-compliance and we are not the obligated county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butts and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

Commissioner Butts moved that the board go into executive session at 3:08 PM for personnel under §74-206(1)(b). Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Those present were Commissioners Smith, Butts, and Corgatelli, Christy Foster/Risk Manager, and Deputy Clerk/Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session,

Christopher James of Living Waters Ranch attended the meeting. He gave the number of employees he has that utilize the Garden Cr. Road. There are 23 at the co-pack plant. He brought up the road work that is ongoing on Garden Cr. He then offered to pay for the asphalt that is needed to upgrade the road. Christopher would like to choose the engineer he would work with and did not plan to include any road base work or road widening as the existing plans require. His offer could affect about 4.1 miles of road in the Garden Cr. drainage. He complimented the county on the new bridge that was put in last summer as a big improvement. The board thanked him for his offer and took the information on advisement.

The meeting was recessed for BOE at 3:58 PM, and the regular meeting was reconvened at 4:00 PM. Clerk Lura Baker presented the new amended contract for the Development Company. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the contract be approved and signed for the Mackay Dam. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker then presented the McMillan Jacobs Assoc. Letter Agreement for consulting services on the Mackay Dam Advanced Engineering Assistance Services Project. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the agreement be signed, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Lura then presented the Salmon/Challis National Forest – Custer County, Grouse Peak equipment permit to the board.

Judge Thompson has toured the Community Center to decide if it will work as a venue for upcoming jury trials with Clerk Lura Baker. Both agreed that it would work well. The request for a refund from the Salmon River Electric was then explained. Commissioner Smith made a motion to refund the \$75.00 paid by SREC for rights-of-ways that were not completed. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the motion passed. Clerk Baker delivered the paperwork for the purchase of the 2010-CS54B roller by the Road & Bridge Department for signature by the board. Discussion was held on the Care Act request by John Haugh, it was decided to defer to the Prosecutor. A second attempt was made to contact Ken Hyatt via telephone about his concerns for the Garden Cr. watershed. Commissioner Butts left his phone number on the recorder.

Rodeo Committee: Smith contacted Terri Stillwaugh with the call-in numbers so she could join the meeting. Once Terri joined the meeting, she was asked for any concerns at the Rodeo Grounds. She reported that the yard hydrant is working much better but still needs to be replaced. The Weed Dept. has sprayed the weeds as of Friday the 10th. Questions were asked about any more events this season, and if there are none should the grounds be shut down? Terri will verify the summer schedule with Kurtis Koeppen before a decision is made. She reported a small building has been donated to the Rodeo Grounds by the airport. Commissioner Butts verified that mowing of the lawn is the responsibility of the Rodeo Committee. He also made sure they knew the water system would be shut down and winterized on September 1st.

The board discussed the unraveling of Wilson Lane due to the heavy construction traffic for the airport rebuild. There is still a huge amount of material that needs to be hauled to the airport job site from Piva's gravel pit. Commissioner Smith e-mailed Prosecutor Oleson with questions on load limits and a request he draft a letter to the City about an agreement for repairing the road. Commissioner Butts will contact Oleson via phone also.

Road & Bridge: Melvin attended and inquired if the roller purchase paperwork had been received and signed. He reported on the traffic counts that they have been doing around the county from July 2nd to July 9th. The counts were comparable to the Braun Brothers Reunion numbers, and almost off the charts for the Redfish Lake area, with 2850 vehicles per day! Melvin reported that the work in the Pahsimeroi is almost complete and he plans to move to Burnt Cr. next. He explained his experiment with Mag and beet juice dust suppressants on sections of the Double Springs road. The lower Morgan Cr. cattleguard has been replaced with a new lower profile unit. He felt it

still needed some blade work as it is a bit rough yet. Prosecutor Oleson returned Commissioner Butts' phone call. He was asked to write a letter to the City of Challis to facilitate the quick repair of the damage on Wilson Lane. Melvin has the traffic counts on Wilson Lane from past years, as well as the 2020 count just completed. Commissioner Butts inquired about the dispersal of the road crews. Melvin let the board know that Mike Shanafelt his foreman had wrenched his back over the weekend and wasn't at work today (Monday). David Philps attended and asked what to do about the washing on Stevenson Lane that his sprinkler system caused due to a blow-out. Installation of a culvert where the washout occurs was offered. Melvin has been asked by another landowner about straightening the 90-degree corners in that area, and perhaps all improvements could be completed at the same time. Due to job load it would not be scheduled until the fall. It was also noted that the cattleguards on that section of Challis Cr. need to be cleaned.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 5:00 PM, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Those present were the full Board of Commissioners, Road Supervisor/Melvin Lanier, Risk Manager/Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 6:14 PM.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk