

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
February 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia in attendance.

Road & Bridge: Clerk Baker gave presentation of information from Supervisor Brandon Jones. Schedule A agreements, now have full original agreement of the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement for review and comparison. There is a modification that extends agreement #004 to March 25, 2025, if agreed upon. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the agreement #004 modification to extend the agreement to March 25, 2025. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion. Motion passed. Modification to agreement #001, in regards to cattle guards, also extends the agreement to March 25, 2025. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the Forest Service modification agreement #001, regarding cattle guards, for financial amounts of \$41,170.23 non-cash, cash \$9,717.00 and cooperator non-cash \$500. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zollinger, all in favor and motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 8:20 AM Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:08 AM.

Road & Bridge: Clerk Baker advised that the bid for the desk at the R&B shed came in for the amount of \$1512.00, this has already been approved previously but Brandon just wanted to keep the Commissioners updated.

Superintendent Jones had received a proposal from Trout Unlimited, Jim Gregory, for a modification of Yankee Fork Road. This proposal is on a section of road that the county does not own now, USFS owns this section but could be turned over to the County. Commissioner Smith advised that he would like to talk to USFS before any discussion.

Meeting was recessed to travel to the Mackay City Hall at 9:20 a.m.

Reconvened meeting at the Mackay City Hall at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Randy Corgatelli, with Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia in attendance and Marnie Spencer from the University of Idaho joined the meeting.

U of I Eastern District: Eastern District Director Marnie Spencer gave a short history of her position and the assistance her department provides for the County Extension Agents Office. Discussion of staffing the County Extension office and evaluation review status. The position for a full-time staff member has now been split for two part-time staff positions. Commissioner Zollinger asked if Ms. Spencer had any recommendations for the Commissioners to help the Extension Office stay successful. Ms. Spencer offered some suggestions for encouraging growth and success within the Extension Office. Marnie will have the Agents Office provide the Commissioners with the new job description for review, would ideally like to end up having a full-time educator and a part time assistant in the future for that office. Commissioner Smith asked about a response to the correspondence that was sent back to the U of I, regarding county livestock auctions. He advised that the U of I had sent an agreement for the

Commissioners to review and the Commissioners had sent back a letter without a response to items that were addressed. Ms. Spencer advised that she would look into that and get back with the Commissioners. Ms. Spencer asked when the Commissioners would like to meet with her next, it was agreed that a meeting be scheduled at least twice a year, in February and August of each year. Clerk Baker will schedule the next meeting. Commissioner Zollinger asked Ms. Spencer if there are other programs or suggestions that possibly other counties are implementing. Ms. Spencer gave a number of programs that can be utilized and communication is important, there is also a U of I calendar for state wide programs.

Lin Hintze joined the meeting audience.

Dept of Parks & Rec: Clerk Baker advised that the annual waterways grant that the county receives will be \$9847.00, the match is \$4923.00. John Haugh applied for the grant with assistance from Clerk Baker, will need to be signed if the Commissioners so choose. Commissioner Smith made motion to sign the Parks & Rec grant, Seconded by Zollinger. Motion passed.

Clerk Baker brought in the credit card invoice request that Deputy Chris Harvey has submitted in the amount of \$3356.60 for repairs on the Mackay Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Zollinger made motion to approve credit card charges in the amount of \$3356.60, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made motion to amend the agenda to hear from the County Assessor at this time rather than at 2:00 PM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded, motion passed

Assessor: Assessor Jacquell Bruno brought in the tax cancellation for George McQuiston for the amount of \$114.20. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the tax cancellation in the amount of \$114.20, Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli advised Assessor Bruno that there needs to be some increase for solid waste fees. Commissioner Smith advised that there needs to be a workshop to increase these fees, and a date for this was set for March 18th at 1:00 pm.

Clerk Baker advised that due to a state lawsuit that started in 2019, the county now has to refund collected tax revenue to the owner of a hydro-plant by the name of Dry Creek Hydro. The amount of this refund totaling \$4626.00 will be collected from a total of three taxing districts within Custer County and sent back to Dry Creek Hydro.

LRED: Bob Bagley and Lin Hintze gave an overview of the Mackay Winterfest and due to this successful event, they have decided to establish a permanent committee called the LRED Event Consul. This Event Consul will help coordinate the Mackay Rodeo Parade, support of sponsorships and other events for the Mackay Rodeo event, working along with Kevin Donahue. Are considering organizing a Rodeo Concert on Main Street. They have agreed to assume responsibility for operation of the concession shack for this year's High School Rodeo. Had a meeting with and will be helping the Mackay's Baseball League. Will be having a booth at the Annual Tourism Expo in Salt Lake City in March, as well as the Off-Road Expo in Boise in April and a local event in May. Discussed data from the Department of Commerce regarding funds that are potentially lost in our county that could be recouped through a Corporate Sponsorship Program.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:13 AM and reconvened again at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Zollinger, Clerk Baker and Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia in attendance.

South Custer Ambulance: Randy Ivie attended in behalf of the South Custer Ambulance. Advised that EMS just came out with another grant due in June, will be putting in for another automatic loading gurney. Would be a \$40,000 grant with a \$25,000 match. New ambulance is almost completed and should be delivered within the next few weeks. Commissioner Zollinger asked how many EMS personnel, Ivie advised that there are about 30 firemen with 14 that are committed. There are about 14 EMT's, had a class but the students didn't go and test, correspondence went out to them to remind them to go and test or they will need to reimburse the cost of the class. Ivie advised that sometime within the next few years he would like to have the ambulance shed parking lot resurfaced as it is really broken up. Commissioner Smith advised that possibly contact the city or state to see about the schedule for resurfacing in this area and see if we can get the ambulance shed on the schedule. Reported a good working relationship with the Arco Hospital. There is a question as to what to do with the ambulance that is being replaced, it was a vehicle that was obtained on grant in 2005. Clerk Baker will look into what the county can do with the replaced ambulance, if we have to transfer it to another department within the county or if it can be sold, as Shelley/Firth Fire District QRU would like to purchase or obtain the ambulance.

The meeting was recessed at 2:22 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District by Chairman Corgatelli. Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$2,240.23, motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith, motion passed. The regular meeting was reconvened at 2:24 PM.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 2:24 PM, Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 2:34 PM.

Claims: The claims were then reviewed with additions of \$6357.94 and \$2900 to Snake River Computer Systems. Commissioner Zollinger moved that the following claims from 02/27/2024 be approved and paid with the additions. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	39,147.05
Road & Bridge	87,881.21
Election Fund	19.37
District Court	18,094.87
Revaluation	5,570.00
Solid Waste	1,201.25
Weeds	423.85
Auditors Trust	<u>156.50</u>
TOTAL	\$152,494.10

Motion Made by Commissioner Zollinger to approve the retail liquor license for Challis Floral and Gifts, seconded by Commissioner Smith and motion passed. License was signed by Commissioners and will be mailed tomorrow.

Motion made by Commissioner Zollinger to approve board meeting minutes from 02/12/2024 with one correction, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve TUSA minutes from 02/27/2024, seconded by Commissioner Zollinger, motion passed.

Audits for Fair Board and Sheriff's Jail Commissary were reviewed and discussed. Recommendations were made for each department to assist in more accurate future bookkeeping. Audits will be conducted on a regular basis.

Discussion regarding the USDA invitation to be a Cooperating Agency in the development of the Middle Big Lost Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment. It was decided that more research and information is needed to be able to make a decision on this.


Commissioner Smith mad motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1) for Legal at 2:47 PM, Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia. No decisions were made during this session and the board returned to regular session at 3:29 PM.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk