

Custer County  
Commissioner Proceedings  
July 29, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioner Butts, Risk Manager Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Corgatelli was home sick unable to attend.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal at 8:02 A.M., Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 8:39 A.M.

**Weeds:** Brett Plummer/Weed Supt. attended and reported a good week's work in the Mackay area. The wind cooperated and they were able to spray full days. Ted is taking his Applicators Test today, and once they have two licensed applicators the crew will be able to split up. Next on the schedule are the ITD roadsides, then the USFS jobs. Brett asked the Board for permission to begin a "face-book weed site page" to facilitate public input and continuing education. A discussion of the possible ramifications was then held, and the Board does not want to open a negative door way for the department. Commissioner Smith asked a trial run be done before it is linked to the Custer County website. Commissioner Butts expressed his concern about the "leafy spurge" infestation at the Salmon River boat ramp near the Highway 93 concrete bridge. Brett reported that he has made another herbicide order because of a special low price available for Milestone. Commissioner Smith agreed the order should be done and the COVID-19 situation will begin disrupting supplies in the future. Brett then requested permission to utilize the department web-cam equipment for his school board meetings after hours. The board thanked him for his service on the School Board and agreed that it was OK to use the equipment.

Commissioner Butts was contacted by the Idaho Dept. of Lands concerning the East Fork shale pit lease agreement. He was reminded that the lease agreement requires a reclamation plan and informed that they would like to make some fee changes. Custer County Road & Bridge rarely uses the pit for materials and private users do not haul much material either. The board agreed to return the pit management back to the state if IDL requires changes the terms of our agreement.

**Economic Development Company:** Rick Miller and Krisi Staten attended via telephone at 9:00 A.M. Rick brought the board up to date on the New Challis Fire Station. The metal package is on order, but has not been delivered. The bids came in higher than expected, so the roof was re-designed to save funding. The alternative plans were also gone over. The State is open for an additional Block Grant Application to finish building the alternative plans, estimated at around \$150,000.00. Any County cash match requirement is already covered by the work that has been done. They ask that Clerk Lura Baker please continue to be the paper handler. The local Fire District will be putting in a match of \$226,000.00 for the additional Block Grant. The application deadline is November 21, 2020. Commissioner Butts made a motion of support for the additional Block Grant application, with no matching cash requirement from Custer County. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Rick confirmed with the Board that he would keep the Fire District updated.

Invoice #12165 from the Military Division for Basin Butte and Grouse Peak repeaters was reviewed with the input from Jim Brede received via phone. The original lease was signed by the Board in 2016 for the use of the repeater equipment at these sites, not the use of the building. The \$ 4,374.26 invoice will be paid with the claims.

**NRAC:** Jim Hawkins/Chairman attended and was given a copy of Idaho Fish & Game Director Ed Schreiber's letter about the work they have done with "Bang's Disease" in Custer County by Clerk Lura Baker. He will see that the committee members receive a copy. The first question brought forward by NRAC was, "Why are there so many variations in wolf control permits that are given to range permittees?" They are all signed by the same person, yet the rule framework within each varies wildly. His next request was, "What do you want on the Agenda for the Gov't. 2 Gov't. meeting scheduled for August 10th?" The overall subject was "Forest Plan Revision" but would you

like it refined some? Who would you like to invite to attend? Jim suggested that perhaps the Grassroots Coalition and the S. R. Collaborative could be invited to sit in the audience.

The minutes of the past meetings 7/15 BOE, 7/13 & 7/8 were then reviewed. Two corrections were noted and will be made. It was Judge Thompson, not Barrett that toured the CEDA facility. Commissioner Butts moved that the minutes for BOE 7/15/20, and the 7/13/20 regular meeting and the 7/8/20 meeting be approved with corrections. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Butts was unable to attend the N. Custer Rodeo meeting in July, but will attend in August. He will see what their plans are for the end of season shut down. Commissioner Smith wasn't able to attend the July Fair Board meeting either, but will be attending the next one. The purchase of a new pickup for the Road & Bridge was approved with a motion at the last regular meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no order was placed, so the original truck is still being used.

The payroll budget for Disaster Services was reviewed at the request of Clerk Lura Baker. Payment of past overtime has drained the payroll budget line. Mike will be informed of the situation and nothing over the budgeted 18 hrs. will be paid. A decision has been made for Commissioner Corgatelli to be the payroll supervisor for the Road & Bridge crew during the interim of administrative leave for the Superintendent and Bookkeeper.

The video of the Public Hearing held by the City of Challis was viewed, and the issues were discussed by the board. Commissioner Butts suggested the County respond with the information they requested and attend the next meeting with FULL representation. All three members of the Commission, the Clerk and the Prosecutor. Wilson Road was then discussed and the present damaged condition of the road surface due to heavy construction traffic to the airport. It was suggested that a "bond" could be required for mitigation of road damage in the future. The meeting was recessed for lunch until 1:30 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 with Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Clerk Lura Baker had questions on the upcoming budget, and what predictions they had for income. She has included the SRS funds of \$345,000. PILT fund amounts are not set until December and received later than that. The next Budget Meeting was set to August 6th from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Board then discussed the payroll portion of Disaster Services and how available funds will not cover the 4 remaining paydays in FY2020.

Clerk Lura Baker has talked to Rob Dunham about repairing the earthquake cracked grout work on the Road & Bridge shop building, and he has agreed to look into it. She has fielded a call from Jerry Flatz with JUB and he wants to talk to the board about the importance of continuing the Bayhorse Bridge project. He let her know that the Garden Cr. Road project environmental portion is finally nearing competition. The Custer Motorway is slated to have two bridges replaced, as well as culverts and a large area that is washing and undercutting the road. Clerk Lura Baker also updated the Board on the need for an ADA Transition Plan, in order to qualify for Block Grants. She has learned that the South Custer Ambulance Dist. would like to budget for a new ambulance in the amount of \$175,000 next year. They currently have the funds in their account. The City of Mackay has lost their City Clerk, so Custer Co. Clerk, Lura Baker did L2's on their behalf this year.

**Sheriff:** Chief Deputy Justin Mitchell, Head Dispatcher Kathy Rodgers, and Jailer Linda DuBiel attended the meeting. Justin filed the department request that the 2021 budget include funds for one more deputy and vehicle to handle prisoner transports. Linda handed out information on the local costs for housing inmates at \$116.00 per day. Currently Custer County pays \$55.00 per day to have inmates housed elsewhere, which is a \$75.00 saving per inmate day. She let the Board know that a "72 Hr. Hold Facility" does not have the jail standards to comply with. Commissioner Butts asked how many other Idaho Counties are 72 Hr. Hold Facilities? Bear Lake and Boise County do not have a jail at this time. Commissioner Smith asked what the transition process was to go from a county jail to a 72 Hr. Hold Facility? He wants the Prosecutor Justin Oleson to be involved in the process. Kathy came to the Board with questions on the usual process for calling in for sick leave. She would like to see more specific call in requirements for dispatch "night shift workers". Commissioner Butts asked her what would work best to keep the dispatch responsibilities covered? Justin then inquired about having an "8-hour" window between alcohol consumption and reporting to work, put into the Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy, rather than the current "4-hour" window? The Board is reviewing policies at this time and will look into the requests.

**Planning & Zoning:** Christy Foster provided copies of her monthly report on zoning certificates to those present. She reported that her office has been extremely busy this year. Clerk Baker brought forward information from phone calls she has received about who can run for a position on the Planning & Zoning Board.

**Indigent:** Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session at 3:30 P.M. for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 3:32 P.M. Commissioner Butts made a motion for #20-09 Denial / due to non-compliance, and #20-10 Denial / due to non-compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and the aye votes were unanimous.

**Claims:** The following claims were approved for payment with additions of Arco Advertiser \$66.00 and Military Division \$4,374.36 by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed.

Current Expense	47,728.51
Road & Bridge	97,680.74
Battleground Mosquito	291.48
Election Fund	1,792.42
District Court	821.05
Rodeo Grounds	130.00
Indigent & Charity	3,993.00
Revaluation	9,613.56
TORT	23,402.00
Weeds	1,472.67
Waterways	721.75
PILT	2,666.59
Emergency Communication	925.26
S Custer Ambulance	<u>1,116.53</u>
TOTAL	192,355.36

**Policies:** The ADA Transition Plan was reviewed and edited. Corrections will be made and the final version will be presented for approval at the next meeting. The Personnel Policy was also reviewed and the sick leave change request will be written in for Sheriff's Office night shift dispatchers. The policy pertaining to alcohol consumption and a return to work window will be looked into per the Sheriff's office request.

**Road & Bridge:** Mike Shanafelt/Acting Supervisor attended and reported that the Hamm Roller is down due to a sensor issue for DEF. The warranty shop has been notified and they are in process of repairing/replacing the sensor. All three of the grader crews are out working. One on Challis Cr. road, one on Bradberry/Chivers Lane, and the other is out in the Pahsimeroi Valley. The newly hired crew members are doing an excellent job. Commissioner Smith asked that all the traffic counts be sent to Brandon at Harper-Leavitt Engineering to be used in the updated Transportation Plan. Mike reported that the traffic on the Yankee Fork road over the 4th of July holiday was double of normal. The road now needs to be bladed before we lose the base work that was done last summer. The Board had it added to the list. The Board went over items discussed at the Transportation Plan Public Meeting for Mike. The Custer Road/Summit Cr. section was talked over, and the stockpiled materials in the area for re-surfacing that section of road. Corrigan Lane and what needed to be done was also discussed. The Stanley/Iron Creek landowners that are wanting the County Road & Bridge to take over subdivision roads was shared. The Board restated their position of staying clear of subdivisions throughout Custer County. Commissioner Smith then explained the presentation given on a new computer program for tracking costs of road maintenance, given by Harper-Leavitt employees. Paul Hill/ Stanley has contacted the Board about road work on the Cow Camp Road. The sign that stated "Private Road" is now missing and the public is driving into the one lane road that has to outlet or turn-around. Commissioner Smith agreed to respond to Mr. Hill's call. Mike reported that the materials needed to repair pot-holes on the East Fork Rd. are in hand. The work deadline for the current grant on the East Fork is October 31st, 2020. Commissioner Butts asked Mike to track all costs so the grant work

can be verified. All agreed that the work to be completed is bigger than the grant funding. Mike brought the odometer reading (98,709 miles) for Truck #105 that is slated to be traded in this year. Clerk Lura Baker will get the order placed. Mike has talked to the auto dealer and it is understood that the COVID-19 situation created the delay, and the County must keep using the truck. Mike then reported that it took two days to get the mudslide in Challis Creek cleaned up. Questions were fielded about the 8-Mile Project in the Yankee Fork area that Melvin had agreed to do with the Forest Service. Randall Call was put forward as a possible Cat operator by Mike, and the Board agreed with his choice. Commissioner Smith will contact Jim Gregory about the job. The surplus USFS fuel tank was then discussed. The Road & Bridge was successful bidder and owns the tank at this point. It still needs to be moved to the R&B property this fall. Mike reports that the fuel prices are rising fast, so the sooner the better. Added signage for the control of heavy construction traffic on Wilson Lane will be needed. Correct wording needed on the signs was discussed. Risk Manager/Christy Foster attempted to provide wording that would allow local traffic but mitigate road damage from heavy construction material hauling from the gravel pit. The "test" traffic counter that will be provided by Cecilia/ITD will be placed on the East Fork Road, as a 2020 count has not been done there. Mike reported there were three pages of traffic count numbers that he will get to the board once Jamie Whiting returns to work on Monday. Risk Manager Christy Foster has reviewed the Special Use Permit for the Piva Gravel Pit, and found no mention of road access. The Board encouraged Mike to be sure that any job he is working on is done well, and not to rush through trying to keep to a deadline. The Board then expressed their appreciation of his hard work and "can do" attitude during this tough time of transitions. Mike finished up with letting the Board know that the concrete cattle guard on the Morgan Cr. Road at the mouth of VanHorn Cr. will be replaced with a metal one that Andy has built when scheduling allows this fall. It will be replaced before snow needs to be plowed in that vicinity.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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Steve W. Smith, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk