

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
July 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM by Commissioner Chairman Butts with Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge and Matt Montelius/Weed Dept. also attended.

Road & Bridge: Melvin reported on his crew getting moved up to Yankee Fork to do the scheduled dust abatement project. They will be doing some road work with the zipper in front of the dust abatement application. There is a storm water prevention plan that is needed before any work can commence on Challis Cr. road. He has driven the length of the motorway and it is passable, with just a few places that need trees removed and the borrow-pit cleaned up. He reported moving a total of 1,450 truckloads of materials for the Morgan Cr. project, and the huge saving on fuel realized by being able to utilize materials on site from the private landowner. Forward progress on the Challis Cr. Road was then discussed. New engineering plans are still need from the USFS before the County can proceed. Commissioner Smith inquired about the insurance claim on the chip spreader? Clerk Lura Baker has found that any equipment valued under \$25,000 is covered by our ICRMP equipment insurance, and this is the used chip spreader. The insurance adjuster has been here and gotten the photos he needed. We will await the insurance company response.

Weeds: Matt met with Mike Thomas, and Mike showed him the large patches of knapweed in his area. Matt reports the leafy spurge on the Cutler property is responding to being sprayed. He will return and spray the strip that was missed. Commissioner Corgatelli asked if Matt could contact Tom Butts about getting the leafy spurge on his property sprayed also. The Weed Dept. has a spray day planned at Peach Cr. aimed at knapweed and toadflax. Commissioner Smith has been to the top of Double Springs pass and reported a large infestation of henbane and thistle. Matt added this information to his list of projects. When asked, Matt reported he is holding Monday AM Safety Meeting with his crew before they leave the shop. He is still looking for "official" eye wash stations to install on each truck. Matt has called David Philps and left a message. He has mailed the first weed letter of notice. Cindy Philps has responded that they want to harvest their crop of hay and then treat the spurge with Plateau in the fall. They also plan to till the fields this fall. Matt would like to treat the spurge with Tordon & 24D now if possible, and they could still harvest their hay crop. He will continue to try to work with the Philps's and get the weeds sprayed. A request to spray the Mackay Solid Waste Transfer Station was received from Blue Mountain Refuse, so the weed seeds don't continue to spread throughout the county.

Blue Mountain Refuse: Wendell Gohn attended to request a change in garbage fees. He would like to see corrugated cardboard billed at (.064) the same price as household garbage, rather than being collected for recycling. He currently has 6 maxi-loads of baled cardboard and no buyers to take it. Challis is currently getting 800 to 1000 lbs. of cardboard from the Stanley area each week. The cardboard brokers pay from 0 to \$5 per ton and he needs to receive \$75 per ton to break even. The board and Clerk Lura Baker agreed to get the public hearing process started on charging for cardboard as household garbage at .064 per pound. The price currently charged for tires was then discussed. Commissioner Corgatelli asked Wendell what type of snowplow he would like to see purchased for the new Mackay Solid Waste site. It was agreed that a large heavy push plow truck will be needed. They will also need a D6 dozer and a backhoe to handle the garbage and keep the C&D pits in shape, and the first draft building plan will need to be enlarged to handle a bigger transfer truck.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer attended and passed out copies of her monthly report. The Treasurer's office has collected 97% of the 2018 taxes to date.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended to answer questions from the board. There are currently two properties up for tax deed sale. Transient tax rolls are down this year, as construction projects are just getting started. The meeting was recessed at 9:54 AM for BOE. The board returned to regular session at 9:56 AM.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins, chairman attended and discussed getting a letter of response to Dave Rosenkrance - USFS. Harriet Henderson provided copies of his letter to the board and asked for a response to the letter so Custer Co. can keep moving forward. Margaret Byfield has since been asked to respond to the letter on our behalf, by Harriet. A discussion of what the people of Custer County want presented ensued. Jim then asked for a priority order of topics for tonight's Government To Government meeting with Chuck Mark and the Forest Plan Revision Team. Grazing, Forestry and Wild & Scenic Rivers are the topics on the agenda.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session at 10:50 AM under Title 74-206(1)(d) records exempt from disclosure. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. No decisions were made during this session. The board returned to regular session at 10:55 AM.

Budget questions were then discussed by the board and Clerk. Clerk Lura Baker asked the board members to send their thoughts to her via e-mail before July 25th. Redfish Lake was the next topic, with lack of parking for day use, as well as a shortage of camping spaces for all.

Challis Senior Citizens Center: Members of the Challis Seniors Citizens Center attended. Tom Johnson acted as spokesman and thanked the Board of Commissioners for the assistance they received from the county in 2018. He provided print outs of their proposed budget and put in a request for 10% of their annual budget, or \$5,820 for 2019. Commissioner Butts asked what the Seniors Center power bill was. Tom estimated \$300 per month in the winter, and \$100 per month in the summer. Chairman Butts thanked them for their attendance and the board will consider their request during the budget process. Commissioners Smith and Corgatelli also expressed their thanks for the work the Senior Center does.

District #7 Health Department rules will be given to the N Custer Rodeo Committee by Commissioner Butts. Their last meeting was cancelled due to poor attendance. The concession stand at the Rodeo Grounds was discussed and the board agreed that it needs to comply with Health Department Rules or be closed up. It will be the county that gets sued, not the Rodeo Committee. Clerk Lura Baker brought up the need to re-appoint Fair Board members at the next meeting. The new lease agreement for a postage meter with Pitney Bowes was presented for signature by Chairman Butts. The Clerk's Office is working on another Old Records Destruction Resolution for 2019. It is before the Prosecutor for approval at this time. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins present.

Agencies: Middle Fork Ranger Dist.-Dennis Kuhnel and Jeff Sammer attended and reported the summer season is going well. The water level of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River is dropping and is currently below 3. They have the Main Middle Fork trail cleared from Marsh Cr. to Bernard Landing Strip. The next big project is to rebuild the trail around the double ford on Loon Cr. at Yellow Cat. This job requires blasting, and there is only one powder man on the Salmon/Challis Forest. The 3-person FS trail crew based at Indian Cr. guard station is focusing on trail maintenance in that area. There is currently a fire on Waterfall Creek of about 300 acres, that is burning in grass and brush. They are watching it. Three lookouts are currently manned, Pinion, Rough Neck and Twin Peaks. BLM – Bart Zwetzig reported they are still trying to fill the BLM-RAC. They have 14 names but need more. Budget cuts are coming but it is not known just when or where yet. The Wild Horse EA for Idaho was cancelled, due to problems with the holding facilities and funding. They will still go forward for next year as it was written for multiple gathers – 10 years. The \$2,000 incentive paid for adoption of a wild horse or burro is starting to work. One man plans to adopt 90 head of burros.

SNRA – Kirk Flannigan attended and thanked the Commissioners for attending the Redfish Lake Meeting last week. The thinning project in Elk Mountain East near Stanley Lake is in progress. The Stanley Lake boat launch area and campground is now finished and open to the public. They will close the old boat ramp this October. The Stanley to Redfish Lake Trail project is out of court and work will commence soon. Pioneer Park in Stanley will be the jump off point. They are doing the scoping on a trail system within the Redfish Lake complex, hoping to keep the pedestrians off the vehicle roads. They are proposing an overflow parking lot for Redfish Lake to relieve the overcrowding. Commissioner Butts requested the USFS move the boat trailer parking lot away from the lake and

make it 10 day or 2-week parking, not seasonal. The ICL Sawtooth irrigation diversion lawsuit did not prevail. The SNRA is now engaging with other agencies and will begin to work through the process.

Lost River Ranger Dist. – Allison Jackson via e-mail/read by Kurt Pindell. Their road crew is currently working on King Mountain roads. The Mt. Borah trail is to be signed, but there is no funding currently.

Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. – Kurt Pindell reported on the timber sales in the area that are active. Big Hill and Bonanza have sold, Thatcher Cr. and Mosquito Flats are going to sale soon. The Annie Rooney salvage sale will go to sale by July 31st. Custer Days are coming on July 13th. The Good Neighbor Authority projects are authorized through the Farm Bill, and there is no NEPA required. They still have to have ESA and CWA authority over them. Kurt then explained the Yankee Fork dirt plume event. Trout Unlimited contractors got into the ground water when they were re-digging the channel. The FS wasn't directly involved, and it was Grouse Creek Mining that filed the complaint. The work still needed on Challis Creek was then discussed. The final BO has been signed by NMF and Kurt is waiting for the hard copy. Christine will get the " storm water prevention plan" mailed out to all involved, so the project can be completed. Kurt then discussed all the repairs needed on USFS facilities. Commissioner Butts inquired about the ownership of the generator at the Grouse Peak repeater site. It does belong to the USFS, but is in serious need of regular maintenance. For Custer County to provide a routine maintenance plan it was agreed they needed a MOU.

Sheriff: Stuart Lumpkin and Justin Mitchell attended. The possibility of a regular generator maintenance program for the Sheriff's back-up generator and the Grouse Peak generator was discussed. It was agreed it is needed. Clerk Lura Baker asked about the septic issues at the Stanley Sheriff's housing, and if they were resolved. They have a mitigation plan they would like to try for this winter. Commissioner Butts asked Stu and Lura to let the board know what is needed to keep it working. Stu has been informed that as of Jan 2020 they will need to upgrade to Windows 10 on all 7 computers. He needs to know if they will need to be replaced or can handle the upgrade.

A motion to go into executive session for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) was made by Commissioner Corgatelli, the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session Commissioner Smith made a motion of Denial for #19-10, and also Denial for #19-08. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous – Ayes.

Claims: The following claims were approved with additions of \$3,061.26 by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. Motion was approved.

Current Expense	28,455.60
Road & Bridge	154,776.00
Battleground Mosquito	67.88
Election Fund	.09
District Court	12,747.97
Rodeo Grounds	548.76
Indigent & Charity	15.15
Revaluation	9,074.55
Solid Waste	2,465.00
Weeds	80.12
Waterways	384.13
Emergency Communication	1,949.97
Auditors Trust	686.50
S Custer Ambulance	653.01
TOTAL	211,904.73

The minutes of the June 24, 2019 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. One date correction was noted. Commissioner Smith moved they be approved with the correction, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Smith moved the minutes of the June 24, 2019 BOE meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker left for her next appointment.

Commissioner Butts asked for clarification on what subjects need discussion at the next meeting he has with the USFS leaders. (1) The lack of any answer from Nora Rasure at the Regional Office, to our last letter. (2) Why are the USFS facilities years behind on maintenance and repairs?

Commissioner Butts will be attending the next Challis City Council meeting to check into the zoning change process on a property purchase for the County at 1:00 PM on July 9, 2019. Clerk Lura Baker will also attend if possible.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk