

Custer County  
Public Hearing Proceedings  
July 31, 2019

The Custer County Board of Commissioners met at 5:00 PM for an advertised and posted Public Hearing for an Ordinance establishing county criteria for granting property tax exemptions pursuant to Idaho Code §63-602NN. Commissioners Wayne F. Butts, Steve Smith and Randy Corgatelli were all in attendance. Also attending were County Clerk Lura H. Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, and Challis Mayor Michael Barrett.

The Commission heard Mike Barrett's explanation of his written comments from the view of Mayor and as a private citizen. His concern is that property tax incentives don't encourage business alone, as they need a work force, access to markets and suppliers. He would like to see a "claw-back" provision included in the proposed Ordinance, so if the criteria are not met, they must pay the back taxes. He also asked that a cap be put into effect, as the City Council has concerns about all the taxing district's needs being considered before a decision is made. Mike then requested this ordinance be postponed until further research can be done.

Chairman Wayne Butts thanked Mr. Barrett for his comments. In response to a possible effect on all other taxing districts, he stressed the fact that any additional tax revenues generated will be new. They have never been available or enjoyed before. Commissioner Randy Corgatelli brought up the tertiary revenue increases in additional employee housing and sales tax revenues that will be generated from new employment. Commissioner Steve Smith responded that the request for this ordinance was a requirement received from the Idaho Department of Commerce. He then thanked Mr. Barrett for the "claw-back" and "cap" suggestions.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk