

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
July 31, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk T. Hawkins were in attendance. Karma Bragg/SWCD, Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge, Jerry Flatz/JUB Engineering and Mohamad Zubery/LTACH also attended. Commissioner Butts expressed his thanks to Clerk Lura Baker for all the long hours and hard work she does that makes the boards job possible, as he held up the sheaf of information, she provided them for this meeting.

Road & Bridge: Jerry Flatz with JUB Engineering began with an update to the board on the wetland mitigation plan for the Garden Creek road project. In the last two weeks he has been informed by the Federal Highway Dept. that they do not like the 10-year duration on the conservation easement, but would like to make it perpetual. There was nothing else in the plan they didn't approve. Karma Bragg/CSWCD discussed some of the additional plans that she is working on. Mohamad plans to go back to Lisa Applebee/Federal Highway Dept. and express the impossibility of their request. He asked what compromise could be arrived at, say "20 years" instead of 10 years. LHTAC will continue to work with the landowner to arrive at an acceptable compromise that works for everyone. Jerry agreed to accompany Karma when she meets the landowner and help explain the issue. Karma then handed out copies of the bridge bids they received. They all came in over, and she has reworked the numbers to get within \$2,900. She asked if the bond could be waived for Nate Hogan's low bid if necessary. The unknown cost is for moving the fiber optic line that goes through this project. The actual bridge is scheduled to be delivered on August 12th and they plan to place directly off the trucks. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve continuation of the Garden Cr. Bridge project with a leeway of \$4,000 to \$10,000 as situations dictate. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried.

Melvin reported on the FLAP Grant they have received for the Bayhorse Bridge Project. A MOU will need to be written up with the adjoining property owner if, the placement of the new bridge is different than the old bridge site. Jerry informed us that Western Lands will do the engineering and they will choose the best location for the new bridge. Chairman Butts has been contacted by the adjoining property owner, and the land needed for the new bridge location was offered verbally. Melvin then reviewed all the equipment breakdowns that have been happening. The excavator needs some major bucket/thumb repairs at a cost of \$8,000 to \$16,000. The mower needs \$1,200 worth of hydraulic work and the distributor truck needs more major repairs with the correct parts. Melvin would like to get the County Roads Committee started up again. He plans to integrate I-WORKS and then utilize their system and get the reports that are needed. In the past he has had to pay an engineering firm for such reports.

Challis Cr. Road was the next topic and the USFS has been no help at all. The most recent hang-up is the "storm Water Prevention Plan. Work was scheduled to begin on July 30th, but there are no permits in hand, and Melvin will not put his crew on the job until those permits are on site. Custer Co. R&B billed the USFS for the straw wattle and stakes used for Challis Cr. Road work in Nov. 2018, and has not received payment at this time. He is sending reminders to the USFS. The county road issues on private property in White Valley Cr. were then discussed. The needed rip-rap rock pit is on the other side of this private property.

P & Z: Christy Foster brought up the "All Hazard Mitigation Plan" and questions she received from Mike Grahams last e-mail. She then passed out the list of P&Z permits issued this month. FEMA is now requiring permits from irrigation districts for any ditch work other than "maintenance". Christy has looked over the CAFO policy that had been proposed at one time. It was deemed unnecessary and will be scrapped. She has received a naming request on a road in the Hintze – Ball subdivision, for "Cedar Springs Road". Commissioner Smith made the motion approving the name request, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Butts abstained as he was not in the room when the discussion was held. The Census is starting up for 2020 with Christy as their contact person. The Census has begun hiring personnel and disseminating their information.

Commissioner Butts requested John Haugh/Marine Deputy to attend the meeting. Commissioner Butts was at Stanley Lake with his family this past weekend, and the public debacle was insane. He witnessed the fact that the

SNRA is providing NO assistance to our Marine Deputy, and has remained silent on all our requests for help. There were an estimated 3500 people in the Stanley area, utilizing Redfish Lake, Stanley Lake and others. The county has "ONE" Marine Deputy and he is swamped. There is a meeting on August 6th concerning new law enforcement rules. The new campground at Stanley Lake has no signage and caused numerous problems. Cars were parking in the boat area, and there were too many people for the recreation space. Commissioner Butts asked for ideas on how to solve some of these problems. Deputy John Haugh expressed his frustration with the total inaction on the part of the USFS. He cannot even get approval to put up a "Lifejacket Loaner Station" at no cost to the Forest Service or Custer County. The State of Idaho will pay for all materials, construction and installation of the Lifejacket Loaner Station at Stanley Lake. The State of Idaho will supply lifejackets for the station. Custer County will be responsible for maintaining lifejackets at the Lifejacket Loaner Station.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins attended and introduced Lynn Bennetts from Salmon. Lynn did a quick presentation on the "FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT" for Custer County. His documented information was eye opening and much appreciated. Next will be an update on the Wildland – Urban Interface assessment. Harriet handed out copies of the FOIA information that Evelyn Bennetts has gotten on the collusion between the Salmon Valley Stewardship group and the Forest Plan Revision group. She would like to see a lot more participation from Idaho State agencies than they are currently getting. Scheduling of the next Government to Government meeting with the Forest Service on the Forest Plan Revision was discussed. Forestry and timber will be the main topic and the date of August 19th was chosen, leaving Aug 26th as a fall back date.

Homeland Security: Mike Graham attended and reported on a new communications system that is available in this area. School districts in Mackay and Butte Co, Salmon River Electric Co, Lost River Highways, and Salmon River Propane are all changing to this system. He introduced Tony with Teton Communications who then explained the system. The first changes began in 1965 with narrow banding, now the FCC is working on another round of narrow banding. Teton has been building a digital radio system that meets the FCC requirements. They currently own 28 radio towers, have access to 36 towers and will be adding 4 more by year's end. The repeater equipment is not prohibitively expensive, but they need a site with weather protection and warmth in the winter months to add additional repeater sites. Commissioner Smith asked what the differences between our current 700 system and this new system are. Tony replied that the new system can keep all the radio users in the informational loop. The new Idaho State system of P25 radios cost \$2,500.00 per radio. For this system the radio's cost between \$600 and \$700 each. Teton Communication will build and maintain the repeaters, and the system users would purchase the radios they need. There is a \$12.00 per month/per radio service charge. If you have 50 radios it would be \$10.00, and 100 radios @ \$8.00 each. Clerk Lura Baker asked if the radios will work if the power is off? Tony replied that they do need back-up power to operate. One repeater can service up to 800 radios if all are on the same channel. Teton Communication takes care of the licensing on any systems they set up. Commissioner Smith asked about the type batteries the radios use? New lithium-ion batteries are used, which are light weight and easier to carry. Tony listed three advantages to changing to his system; 1) Be ready for the upcoming frequency change; 2) You are no longer in the repeater business, 3) In an emergency you can be in contact with all radio users involved. Chairman Butts thanked Tony for his presentation and assured him the Board would take it under advisement at this time.

A request was received from Coroner Chad Workman to purchase a desktop computer to use in his new office space. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase for the Coroners office, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was recessed for the lunch break.

The meeting reconvened at 1:35PM with Chairman Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the Python 3 radio purchase requested by the Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The board then discussed radio system options. After review of the following minutes Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 7/8/19 board meeting minutes with one correction from "Horse Heaven Pass" to "Double Springs Pass", the 7/8/19 Gov. to Gov. minutes as written, the 7/8/19 BOE minutes as written and the 7/26/19 Budget Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. A motion to pay the monthly power bill on behalf of the Challis Senior Citizens, with an annual review was made by Commissioner

Smith. The County will also pay the insurance costs on their van. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and it passed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and accept Records Destruction Resolution # 2019 -05 as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Discussion then turned to Mike Graham's cell phone and just how to resolve the problem.

Trout Unlimited/Yankee Fork: Cassie Wood attended and gave the board her annual update. In the past year they have been working on the Bonanza City section of the drainage, and preserved a section of the dredge piles for the historical society. They also put in a cathodic rust inhibition system on the dredge to help preserve it. They began to work on the new channel within the fish window of 7/7 to 8/16. They were well away from the stream bed, but dug into ground water when building a log jam and caused dirty water to flow in Yankee Fork for a few days. Cassie explained the trees in the log jam come from an unsold Forest Service timber sale in the area, and some from current logging sales within Custer County. Trout Unlimited has been working with the County Weed Dept. and they will be spraying for knapweed when the construction is completed for the season. The muddy water event on July 26th caused quite a stir. They were inspected by the DEQ on behalf of the EPA. (Their Storm Water Protection Plan needed to connect with their Notice of Intent.) Trout Unlimited did not have their turbidity meter out in the stream, as they were working above the high-water mark. When they requested a copy of the report, the DEQ told them to file a FOIA to receive a copy. They have multiple agency requirements on water quality, so they follow the strictest rules from each in order to comply with them all. They should wrap up this phase of the work in a week or so. There was a cloud burst in the Yankee Fork on Monday. The muddy water drained out of 4 Mile and 5 Mile creeks. Phase III will begin next year and they plan to begin in June. They will be changing the main Yankee Fork over into the newly created channel.

Discussion turned to the current members of the Waterways Committee. The chairman has moved away and Ron Butts is the active member. A new application has been received from Blain Aldous to be part of the committee. The board agreed they need to establish a better set of guidelines and requirements for such committees. An application for Jr. College/Certificate of Residency was reviewed for Jasmine Rivera. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried with unanimous approval.

Claims: The following claims were approved with changes and additions listed below, by a motion from Commissioner Smith. 1) Hold the mileage claim for Mike Graham, 2) Remove the interest charged by Bird Tire of \$8.21, 3) add Custer Lodge #21 claim for \$262.63, and 4) add Cannon Law claim for \$366.00. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the motion was approved.

Current Expense	23,765.82
Road & Bridge	30,983.34
Battleground Mosquito	6,400.23
Election Fund	1,072.50
District Court	4,934.90
County Fair	3,500.00
Indigent & Charity	663.73
Revaluation	222.25
Weeds	4,797.91
Waterways	1,553.39
Emergency Communication	918.46
S Custer Ambulance	<u>4,282.36</u>
TOTAL	83,094.89

The meeting was recessed for the Public Hearing at 4:05 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 4:35. Discussion was held on the budget process. The carryover figures were looked over and an assessment on their effect on next year monies was made. The unspent portion of the Agents budget were considered. The Waterways monies are the only accounts that need to be utilized or must be paid back. There is a huge need for an additional Marine Deputy to assist John Haugh with the summer patrol obligations. Commissioner Smith reviewed the second Jr. College Certificate of Residency application that was received. He made a motion to approve and sign the application submitted by Katie Ryan. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The board requested Clerk Lura Baker to contact the Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare and request a public hearing for #1602-08 at the CEDA building. The upcoming schedule was then reviewed. Commissioner Butts and Commissioner Smith have reservations for Washington D.C. to attend the PILT Fly In on September 8th through 12th. Commissioner Corgatelli will not be going. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to change the first meeting in Sept. from Monday the 9th to Friday the 6th. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Upon review of the application received from Blain Aldous to become a member of the Custer Co. Waterways Committee, Commissioner Corgatelli moved that it be accepted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Butts has touched base with Chuck Mark, Salmon/Challis Forest Supervisor on the joint need for a generator maintenance MOU for the Grouse Peak Repeater site that we all utilize. He advised Clerk Lura Baker that she should be receiving the MOU via e-mail here shortly.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk