

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
September 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 AM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Risk Manager Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Members of the Custer County Road & Bridge crew also attended; Mike Shanafelt, Deb Atchison, Diane Wetherbee, Tami Rice, Don Dockery, Steve Barrack, Corey Rice, Ryan Oerke, Ryan Devine, Gary Covington, Jamie Whiting, Gary Hansen, Brad Smith and Don Dorrell. Missing was Andy Andrews who is on vacation.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel with at 7:10 AM, Commissioner Butts 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 7:30. The Road & Bridge crew were thanked for their efforts during this difficult time and excused them to return to their regular work.

Road & Bridge secretary Denay Phelps attended the meeting at 7:40 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel with at 7:42 AM, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending during this session were the Board of Commissioners, Risk Manager/Christy Foster, R&B Secretary/Denay Phelps and Deputy Clerk/Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session 8:20 AM.

Weeds: Brett Plummer/Weed Supt. reported that spraying is about done. He is finishing up with some leafy spurge spray work in the Mackay area, and right-of-way willow work. Commissioner Butts reported "goat head weed" has invaded the Challis City Park, and wanted Brett and his weed crew to be informed as well as the City of Challis. Brett has inspected the Challis Creek washout area and found that the spring treatments have been effective. Commissioner Butts asked that next spring the road side spraying begin earlier. Personnel replacement this year caused the late start and the weeds are going to cause problems for snow plowing. The office trailer situation will be look into by Commissioner Butts, he wants it to be useable. The looming problems on availability of supplies due to COVID was discussed. Adequate chemical has been ordered ahead by Brett. The unusable weed equipment was discussed. The seat from the old white Ford will be given to the R&B, then the truck will be scrapped along with the ATV with a broken frame. Brett is currently winterizing the spray rigs as they finish using them, as well as the chemical storage room. The grant funding that has been received from USFS and the BLM in the past, is being re-activated. Finding licensed help has been the biggest problem this year. The 2021 Weed budget was looked over. Brett will look into the cost of a UTV with a tank and spray pump, and get a bid amount.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer reported that the IBM 400 computer needs some maintenance. Stephenson's Computer has sent a disc for a computer save, before the State does an upgrade on the program. Allicyn showed the board her letter on solid waste corrections that she will be sending to the affected taxpayers. Commissioner Butts made a motion that the letter be approved and mailed out. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The Clerk will be paying the costs involved from the solid waste accounts. Allicyn then informed the board of a duplicate solid waste fee that was charged to the BLM for 2020. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the duplicate fee of \$1,659.78 be cancelled, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Allicyn then handed out her monthly report.

Clerk Lura Baker informed the Board that the City of Challis has gifted their old firehall building to the County. Janice Haugh/Assessors Office clerk is retiring on September 25th. They have hired a new employee, Heather Daffron. The status of the approved signers on the Wells Fargo Bank accounts was reviewed with Allicyn. She will re-contact Sarah Baker/Extension Educator and see that the necessary changes get made. It was agreed that Rick Miller/Development Company be contacted about the RFQ grants. The All Hazard Mitigation Plan that was just completed needs to have the Lost River Irrigation District added to it. Mike Graham/Disaster Coordinator will be contacted about the amendment process. Clerk Baker asked what the Board would like for a County work schedule during the upcoming holiday season. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Friday, Nov. 27th be a

holiday, Thursday Dec. 24th be a holiday and Dec. 31st be a 1/2-day holiday for Custer Co. employees. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Certificates of Residency were then presented and reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Maxwell, Spencer, and Ziegler applications be approved and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. It is time to renew the Coroner Pathology Agreement with Ada County. The document was reviewed. Commissioner Butts made the motion to accept and sign the 2020 agreement, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. A discussion on the Custer Co. Children's Lifejacket rules, and the letters received about citations given was held. The Board of Commissioners stand by their ZERO TOLERANCE stance on this rule. One child is too many to lose.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins attended and reminded the board that the scoping for the fuel's reduction project closes soon. Items listed for inclusion were 1) Make immediate salvage logging after a fire standard practice. 2) Reduce the distance from a stream to 150' from the current 300'. 3) Request a USFS definition of "capital products". 4) Access needs to be included for all projects, even if just temporary. 5) Speeding up the paper work process. Jim agreed to write the letter on behalf of the Board.

The minutes of the August 6th Special Meeting and the August 17th meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Butts made a motion that they be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Disaster Services: Mike Graham attended and responded to the Boards question on Zoom meeting equipment installation. Mike has been in touch with Steve with Computer Arts, but needs to know if the Board would like to have 1 or 2 TV screens. Commissioner Corgatelli felt 1 screen would be adequate, and they could move to the other side of the table to view it if necessary. Mike will get proposals for the Board to choose from. They asked for the equipment to be usable by months end. Mike has been asked by District 7 Health Dept. to head up the Point of Vaccine for Custer County. He has contacted the Fire Departments about using the fire halls for the voluntary procedure. There have been 6 measurable earthquakes in the Stanley/Cape Horn area recently. Mike would like to check the temperatures of the many hot springs in the area. The USFS geologist feels there is a 12% chance of a 7.0 or greater earthquake in the region. Other earthquake faults in Idaho, McCall's East & West fault, and Sun Valley's North & South fault, are also active. Mike has met with Larry Garey/Challis Fire Dept. on coordinating their training sessions. They will continue to work together whenever possible. He is working with the City of Stanley on the iWork program for the SHSP Grant. It will assist them in recovering funds from their grants. Commissioner Smith asked Mike about the amendment process for adding Lost River Irrigation to the AHMP. Mike will complete the necessary forms and get them back to the Board for signature.

Rick Miller/Development Company: Rick Miller attended for the Status of Funded Activities Public Hearing. Those attending at 11:30 AM were Commissioner Wayne Butts, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins and Rick Miller/Development Company. The Status of Funded Activities Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant commenced. Rick handed out a meeting roster for everyone's signature. He explained that when a grant reaches 50% monetary expenditure, the public has an opportunity to ask questions. The project is now 54% complete with a January 2021 goal for final completion. The Grant total stands at \$1,163,000.00, and currently \$563,000.00 has been spent. The concrete work is completed and the metal work is going up now. The engineering and architect costs are included in the amount spent. No problems have been encountered to date. The Hearing closed as 11:35 AM. The Board asked Rick if the Development Company could assist in the RFQ for the Court Annexation building. He offered to review this for the County. An ad is needed in the newspaper and he suggested e-mailing the bid information to local firms. The County will need to solicit bids from the contractors. Rick let the Board know that Block Grants can be used to fund up to \$50,000 for needed ADA upgrades. If the use is non-general public then it doesn't require a full ADA upgrade. The LMI (Low to Moderate Income) index will also apply. The next Public Hearing will be in early November. Rick will get the dates and financial information to Lura for the ads. Commissioner Butts inquired about the rules for replacement of the 14' x 72' Sheriff's office. Rick suggested getting 2 or 3 quotes (not bids) as long as it is under \$150,000.00. No public works license is needed if it remains under \$10,000, or perhaps \$50,000.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Agencies: Kurt Flannigan SNRA: Due to the current status of COVID they are still using their outside office setup for wood permits and maps. They currently have two timber sales going at Elk Mountain near Stanley Lake. Campfire restrictions are still in effect for the forest. Blaine County has a fire of about 100 acres burning in the wilderness. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the huge numbers of campers and how they are leaving their campsites? Kurt reported that all campgrounds have been crowded, even the dispersed sites had campers on top of campers. Commissioner Butts asked about the disabled parking at Stanley Lake boat ramp. Kurt said the signage is not effective. Commissioner Butts stated that there is NO Disabled parking available at the boat ramp, and the big rock they placed in the way is still there. The USFS is using an ID Parks and Recreation Grant to enlarge their RV dump station. Commissioner Butts suggested they contact the Stanley Sewer Department and get their blessing, before they proceed.

Clayton Collins/Middle Fork Deputy Ranger introduced himself on his first day on the job. His training is as a Range Specialist and he comes to us from Cedar City, Utah.

Heath Perrine/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger updated the Board on the Buck Fire at 13,000 acres, mostly in the Boise Forest and bordering the wilderness. He reported a new fire at Trap Creek near Blind Summit today. He just sent out the fire crew. Information on a downed airplane near the Lost Packer Mine was shared. Heath offered to assist Search & Rescue if they needed help. Project scoping for forest wide fuels reduction and the Bayhorse project is due Sept. 16th at 4:00. The ID Dept of Parks & Recreation has offered to help with funding on the replacement of the Bayhorse Docks. The County Waterways Committee will also assist where they can, perhaps with transportation of the docks. Heath will contact Ron Butts, committee chairman. The 8-Mile Road has been completed and they have put up signage to re-direct the traffic. Commissioner Butts inquired about a tracked vehicle that was rumored to be driving on the Yankee Fork Road.

Matt Marsh/BLM: Reported the BLM is still in Stage II & 50% staffing in the office. Their realty specialist is leaving soon for Pinedale, Wyoming. This transfer will leave 5 positions unfilled in his office. Bayhorse Bridge comments have been submitted by the BLM. The Bayhorse Townsite bridge has been replaced with a temporary rail-road bridge for this season. The 30' cell tower on Willow Cr. Summit is being replaced with a 100' tower. The Salmon River boat ramp at the Challis Hwy 93 bridge site is scheduled for work in 2021. Waterways Chairman Ron Butt's phone number was given for coordination on the project. The Cottonwood Campground boat ramp is scheduled for work in 2022. The location of the ramp is such that it will sand in during high water each year. Commissioner Butts suggested it be moved to a better location. National Public Lands Day is Sept. 26th and they are looking for volunteers to gather trash. The BLM is moving to a 15 person state wide RAC board. The final 15 are soon to be chosen. Nine (9) BLM feral horses were auctioned and brought from \$200 to \$1000 each.

Allison Jackson/Lost River Ranger Dist. reported a problem she is having with the Pass Creek grazing allotment usage reports. They will be sent a letter for non-compliance due to an exclosure that has been eaten down. This is the second time they have been up for suspension. The 3rd time they receive a suspension notice they can lose up to 10% of their permit numbers. If the violations persist, they could lose their permit entirely. Commissioner Butts inquired about the height of the fencing, and Commissioner Smith asked about the elk numbers in the area. After discussion the board felt it was a fencing issue that needed to be addressed, not a management issue.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin and Deputy Justin Mitchell attended. The Mackay Law Enforcement Contract was reviewed and needed corrections were noted. The monetary amounts don't match the monetary wording, and section (I) will be put back into the contract, "No animal control will be done by the Sheriff's deputies". Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the contract with the corrections, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Lura Baker will get the corrections made on the contract. Sheriff Lumpkin reported that the plane went down near Grouse Cr. in Upper Loon. There were minor injuries and the people are all OK. The FAA is now doing the investigation.

Indigent: Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session at 2:55 PM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 3:05 PM Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for #20-12 – Denial / due to non-compliance, and #20-13 – Denial / due to non-compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butts and the aye votes were unanimous.

Planning & Zoning: Christy Foster informed the board that the P&Z job is exploding, and she is barely able to keep up. She has put in an ad for another P&Z member from the Mackay area. Inquiry was made about a possible 1/2-acre lot that has a house being built upon it. Christy asked if it was surveyed in before 2007 there were no Planning & Zoning rules. There has also been a request for special use permit for a private airstrip. Commissioner Butts inquired about asking the power companies to provide their list of new hook-ups, to assist the county in verifying new residences to be added to the tax rolls.

The board received a report that State Highway 21 was been closed due to the new fire in the Stanley Area. IAC sent a survey for the 3 most pressing issues currently being faced by the county. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve and sign the August 26th and August 28th minutes. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to accept Resolution #2020-06 Transfer of Funds for Carry Over, Resolution #2020-07 Battleground Mosquito Abatement, Resolution #2020-08 – S. Custer Ambulance Dist., and Resolution #2020-09 – Budget Adoption with transfer of PILT funds to maintain the budget. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The Board then reviewed levies for City of Challis, City of Mackay, and the City of Stanley. The other levies will be clarified by Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the levies be approved for 2020, pending certification. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Road & Bridge: Acting Superintendent Mike Shanafelt and Secretary Denay Phelps attended. They have found that the FEMA file is missing from their office. Denay has contacted Mike Graham but not received a response as yet. Denay brought the quarterly report from for the Yankee Fork Road Project that needs a signature before being submitted. Mike reported that the loader tire that has been causing problems has been replaced by Tunnel Rock Tire at a cost of \$2,800.00. The used tire will be tubed and kept for emergencies. There will be a Transportation Plan meeting in Mackay on September 17th at 1:00 PM. The Board inquired about the test radios that were provided by Teton Communications. Both Mike and Denay felt the radios worked great for the two weeks that they were able to test them. Currently SREC, Challis Schools, and Custer Telephone are using that radio system.

Commissioner Butts moved that a Fire Disaster Declaration #2020-10 be made. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

With snow plowing season coming soon, Mike requested two more sets of plow edges be purchased. The Board asked him to get the price and availability information. A discussion was held about the snow plow turn-around area in Morgan Cr. at the mouth of Lick Cr. The property owner will be contacted about a proposal to enlarge it. The need for "NO Daily Snow Removal" signage on certain county roads was noted. The county line on Summit Cr. needs one as well as the Goldberg area, where vehicles can turn around. The Transportation Plan update was reviewed. A copy of the minutes will be forwarded to Denay for her records. The Bayhorse Bridge Project Plan information will be copied for the Board. The encroachment concerns will be voiced and the adjoining landowners will get an opportunity to be heard. There is LHTAC training available for Flagging Certification and CPR & First Aid classes. The Board encouraged the Road and Bridge to look into what is needed. The newly placed fuel tank at the Road & Bridge shop was discussed and the vulnerability to fuel theft. Commissioner Butts inquired about what type of system Lost River Highways and Lemhi County use to protect their systems.

Claims: The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Butts. An Invoice for \$54.00 at Western States will be deleted, as the item was returned. Motion passed.

Current Expense	31,603.27
Road & Bridge	131,019.72
Battleground Mosquito	195.09
Election Fund	239.47
District Court	9,936.64
Rodeo Grounds	79.60
Indigent & Charity	40.75

Revaluation	49.00
Solid Waste	3,539.15
Weeds	2,314.03
Waterways	1,864.22
Emergency Comm.	1,031.93
Auditors Trust	127,483.50
S. Custer Ambulance	<u>71.27</u>
TOTAL	309,467.64

LRED: The annual amount that was provided to Lost River Economic Development was reviewed. In 2019 the County provided \$5,000. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the County provide \$3,500 to LRED for 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Roll call vote, Smith/Aye, Corgatelli/Aye, Butts/abstain.

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

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk