

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
September 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioners Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Christy Foster/Planning & Zoning and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Planning & Zoning: Christy brought the embroidered jacket and framed certificate that were chosen as gifts to be presented to retiring Planning & Zoning Board Chairman Jim Mullens. Christy also gave the Board her notice and asked her last day be October 15th. Commissioner Corgatelli moved to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b)for Personnel at 8:15 AM, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was Smith- Aye, Corgatelli-Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 8:35.

Weeds: Brett Plummer-Weed Supervisor attended and presented some part bids he has received for rebuilds of the ATV sprayers. Commissioner Corgatelli moved to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b)for Personnel at 8:38 AM, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was Smith- Aye, Corgatelli-Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 8:47. Brett has rebuilt the pumps on two weed trucks, and is winterizing the other equipment. He is still working on roadside spraying as the temperatures permit in the Challis area. Twin Peaks Spray has been purchasing their chemical from the County Weed Dept. this year. Brett is working to set up some weed spraying contracts for the SNRA. The many different weed control grant opportunities were then discussed. The CWMA with its 50% cost share on herbicides as well as the BLM, SNRA, and Salmon/Challis Forest agreements. The CWMA is in need of a Custer County resident to be their chairman. Gary Chamberlain has been the chairman in the past. Board members inquired about the "goat-head" or "puncture vine" that was found at the Challis City Park. Brett has not gotten any response from Mayor Barrett, and is not comfortable moving forward without coordinating with the City.

Commissioner Smith reported on the Fair Board meeting he attended. Proud Source Water did some damage to the overhead door when storing their water last year and the concrete floor is damaged in the center. Kelvin has been contacted and has agreed to do needed repairs in the spring. The Fair Board has contracted with Proud Source for water storage again, but for a smaller amount of product on site. A path will be left for access to the upstairs office for Sarah Baker/U of I Educator. The fair ground water lines have been drained for the winter. Commissioner Smith reported that the area needs someone local to work on large equipment. There has been some interest in the Bailey's Auto property but it has not sold, as all offers have come in very low. The RDA Board is negotiating a settlement with a past account to retain their funding base. Clerk Lura Baker returned to the meeting at 9:25, and Hunter Diel/Challis Messenger Reporter attended at 9:30. Commissioner Wayne Butts phoned into the meeting at 9:35. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b)for Personnel at 9:36, 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 9:49. Jim Hawkins-NRAC attended at 9:55. The Law Enforcement Contracts with the City of Mackay and the City of Stanley were then reviewed. The Mackay contract was edited and some deleted items were added back to the contract. The Stanley contract is up for renewal on October 1st but is still being considered. Discussion was held on the Morgan Cr. Road Maintenance payment status for the 2016 work from forest fires. The County has received the \$12,000+ payment and the agreement is complete.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins presented the Timber/Fuels Planning comment letter the board asked him to author. Once the letter was reviewed, Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the letter be accepted, signed and sent, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Forest Plan Revision comment period will end on October 4th. The board agreed that Commissioner comments need to be made, and requested Jim to put them together on their behalf. Parameters of "Amend" not revise; and two (2) separate forests, the Challis Forest and the Salmon Forest were discussed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the comments be approved and sent by the Oct. 4th deadline. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed with unanimous approval. Chairman Smith thanked Jim for writing the comment letters on behalf of the County.

The Board members then reviewed the WIR situation, and Commissioner Butts' appointment as backup. Skip was appointed to the position and will do the voting required. Commissioner Butts reported on the N. Custer Rodeo Grounds. He will take care of blowing out the water lines, and would like Latimer Sprinklers notified that the job has already been done. The written complaint from Jennifer Purvine was then reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Butts suggested that Mike Shanafelt-Acting Road & Bridge Supervisor be asked to contact her and look at the problem box culvert. Commissioner Butts will also go look at the situation.

LHTAC: Attending the meeting at 10:52 AM were Mohammad Zubery/LHTAC, Jeff Miles/LHTAC, Curtis Jorgensen/ITD, Hunter Diel/Challis Messenger, Karma Bragg/Custer SWCD, Jim Dowton/Custer SWCD, Gary & Linda Peterson, Joe Piva, and Howard Cutler. The first item discussed as the **Garden Creek Road wetland mitigation** project. Karma presented a copy of the MOA to the Board for signature, to facilitate the property appraisal. Mohammad explained the need for the most recent information on the maps and MOA. He also explained the spreadsheet that explains the costs involved in the mitigation process. Joe Piva was then asked if he had any unresolved questions or concerns, and he did not. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to sign the MOA on the Garden Cr. Road mitigation, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion was approved. Mohammed and Jeff thanked everyone involved for working through a difficult process and getting the project completed. Mohammed will release the LHTAC funds as soon as the signatures are affixed. Getting the fencing completed and the stock water system installed will be first priority.

Bayhorse Bridge Proposal was the next topic discussed. Mohammed has received the letter from the Custer County Commissioners concerning the placement of the new bridge. The preliminary scoping work that was done for the bridge replacement has been done for a new bridge at the current site. Commissioner Smith voiced his stand for putting it in a different location. Gary Petersen then spoke on the public access to the Bayhorse area that goes right through his door yard. They purchased the property in 1959, and since then the public traffic has increased dramatically up to 1,900 separate vehicles over the July 4, 2020 weekend. Safety is a huge concern of his, especially for the ATV riders that ride from the Bayhorse Campground along Highway 75, up to the current bridge in order to have access to the Bayhorse area. His other concern is the unsafe speed public vehicles pass his home. Gary and Linda would like to see the new bridge placed at the site of the old cable car crossing, and the current steel bridge structure left as is, with access/ownership given to adjoining landowners Howard Cutler and the Petersen Family.

Jeff Miles/Western Federal Lands Public Decision Committee works to gather all the information for projects and is pleased to be hearing local land owner's opinions and wishes. He would like to submit the additional information on an application on Custer Counties behalf, while also voicing the Boards concern about delaying the repair or replacement of this old historical bridge, so public access is not lost. Curtis Jorgensen/ITD shares feelings about hearing the adjoining land owners concerns about the location and specifications of the replacement bridge. He is currently locked into the scoping, per the original application. Any changes of location for the project will require a new application, new scoping data and the turn around time involved. Once the new application is received it will be required to go through the voting process, and that will be in 2021. Howard Cutler voiced is irritation that he was not asked to attend the original scoping meeting. He would like the old steel bridge to be left in place and not dismantled. Gary Petersen felt the original application was not done correctly, due to the exclusion of the adjoining land owners. Commissioner Corgatelli asked if the Bayhorse Campground location would be a problem for moving the site of the bridge closer to the campground? Jeff Miles suggested Custer County re-submit the application and work with Western Federal Lands to get the issues resolved. Commissioner Butts e-mailed into the meeting that he is "Opposed to replacing the Bayhorse Bridge at the current location!" Jeff then offered to help with the topic points to be sure and address on the new application. After fielding comments, Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that Custer County abandon the current application on the Bayhorse Bridge and re-apply. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Homeland Security: Mike Graham presented two proposals that he has received on the equipment needed for the Zoom meeting capability for the Commissioners room. He asked for authorization to use the SHS grant funds to pay the bill. Chairman Smith will e-mail Mike with the Board's decision. Mike let the board know that he has received many requests for PPE supplies from nursing homes. As the "Point of Vaccine Delivery" coordinator, Mike has set up the system through the Fire Departments. He has requested 2,000 doses of vaccine. Clerk Lura Baker asked if Mike had added Lost River Irrigation Dist. to the AHMP. He will be adding it on Friday, along with the

Challis Senior Citizen Center. Chairman Smith asked that the Commissioners be kept updated on who is being added to the AHMP. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, U of I Educator Sarah Baker, and Challis Messenger reporter Hunter Diel.

U of ID Extension: Sarah inquired about the University of Idaho MOU that she sent to the Board of Commissioners. The matter has been tabled until Chairman Smith can contact the University to clarify matters. Sarah then gave a report on the 2020 Custer County Fair. The numbers of Fat Stock Sale animals were down, but the sale total was the highest ever. The customary Buyer Bar-B-Que was cancelled due to COVID restrictions, but there were no negative comments. The U of I has reopened their office, and staff are mandated to wear masks. The Vern Warner/Arnold Munson \$500.00 Scholarship was then discussed. It is currently for 4-H members only, and the FFA would like to be approved to apply. The family members are being asked to decide. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about Sarah getting some help in her office? Sarah has received some applications and is currently interviewing three people. She plans to fill the full-time position first.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin attended. The annual Law Enforcement contracts with City of Mackay, City of Challis, and the SNRA have been returned for renewal with no major changes from 2020. After review and discussion Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the above-mentioned contracts be approved for renewal and signed. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Sheriff Lumpkin has been asked again by Deputy Pumphrey about returning the donated sick leave he didn't utilize. The Board stood by their previous decision of NO. Sheriff Lumpkin asked to be cleared to purchase two new pickups for the force. A 1/2-ton Dodge for \$21,715 with a trade in that has 94,078 miles, and a 3/4-ton Dodge for \$27,264 with a trade in that has 91,288 miles. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Sheriff Department be allowed to purchase the new pickups, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Jim and Jeanie Mullens attended at the Board's request. Christy Foster-Planning & Zoning Administrator provided an embroidered jacket and a framed certificate of appreciation for Jim's years of service as the Planning & Zoning Board Chairman from 2005 through 2019. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Corgatelli presented the gifts and offered their heartfelt thank you.

The minutes of the Sept. 9th and Sept. 14th meetings were reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that they be approved as written and signed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and it carried. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the Computer Arts Inc. contract for annual maintenance for 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Road & Bridge: Mike Shanafelt-Acting Supervisor attended and was given a copy of the Jennifer Purvine information. Jennifer explained the drainage problem that have occurred in 2017 and again in 2019. She asked if the drainage problem could be fixed? Commissioner Smith offered to work on a solution, and will confer with Commissioner Butts when he returns, as he has first hand knowledge of the situation. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel at 4:14 PM, 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 4:25. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Risk Manager Christy Foster, Acting Supervisor Mike Shanafelt, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. Mike then gave the Board a worksheet on the East Fork Road work from Mile Post #7 to #9 that has been completed this summer. The Grant funding has been ongoing since 2011 and can be renewed each year. Grant extensions were made on the upper Summit Cr. Road with Mike Graham. Mike reported that they are currently blading the large rock off the road that is raveling loose. Discussion was held on re-surfacing work that needs to be done next spring. The distributor truck (1985 Kenworth) that quit has a seized engine, and Mike feels that it needs to be replaced not repaired. Winter truck maintenance has begun, and one of the snowplows needs to be rebuilt. The entire plow setup costs about \$17,500.00. The Mac water truck is up for replacement next. The Teton Communication radio system offer will still give trade in value for the old R&B radios. The Board asked that Mike get the cost figures on

switching over to the Teton Communication radio system back to them for a decision. Payroll time approvals will be switched to Mike verifying hours worked first, then the final approval will be done by Commissioner Corgatelli. Winter signage was then discussed for the Upper Pahsimeroi Summit Cr. road. A sign crew will be put together as the other projects get finished up. Commissioner Smith inquired about the truck that R&B ordered from Young's Auto last spring. Mike has heard nothing yet, but will inquire again.

Claims: As the Board reviewed the claims, Deputy Clerk Tina requested that the Mackay City water and sewer bills be paid as a demand in the future to avoid late charges. The Board agreed. The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed.

Current Expense	10,410.24
Road & Bridge	89,759.35
Election Fund	542.52
District Court	5,140.67
Indigent & Charity	25.45
Revaluation	16,715.00
Solid Waste	600.00
Weeds	677.91
Waterways	632.25
Emergency Comm.	923.98
Auditors Trust	193.00
S Custer Ambulance	<u>3,185.97</u>
TOTAL	128,806.34

Butte County Soil and Water Conservation District has requested funding for fiscal year 2021. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to fund Butte Co. SWCD in the amount of \$3,460.00 for FY2021. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion that Custer County pay the Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board \$5,500.00 assessment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Lura Baker let the board know that Public Defender Dave Cannon is due for his annual report. She will get it set up for the next board meeting. The Conflict Attorney contracts are up for renewal as of today. Murdock and Snook will be contacted. Clerk Baker needs more space to file the mylar copies of recorded surveys in her office. She would like to use her "Under threshold" funds to pay the cost. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the new filing cabinet for the mylar survey copies be purchased, not to exceed \$3,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Baker will contact Stanley mayor Steve Botti and put him on the agenda for the next meeting.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk