

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
October 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts (via phone connection), with Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, R&B Supervisor Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett reported that his seasonal employees are finished up for this year and he has the vehicles winterized and put away. Commissioner Smith asked about the status of the Quagga Mussels in the Snake River. Brett has heard that the cleanup treatment has been completed, and there was a large fish loss as they predicted within the 5-mile reach of river. The ID Fish & Game are monitoring things closely to see the results.

Road & Bridge: Brandon attended and requested an Executive Session. Commissioner Smith moved to go into executive session for Legal at 8:08 AM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Butts and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. Those attending this session were Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Supervisor Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session. Returned to regular session at 8:19 AM. Custer County Road & Bridge will be attending the IACERS annual meeting from Oct 30th to Nov. 4th. He will be taking Alex with him. Brandon has been in touch with FEMA and they are reviewing the 2017 Flooding expenses, to double check for any reimbursements missed. They are updating all the Road & Bridge prices to match the FEMA rates. The proposed new plow truck is currently at Diesel Depot being gone over with a fine-tooth comb, so all information is shared with Road & Bridge. There are three trucks that are set up with snow plows, knowing that one day they will be needed. The new truck will provide the county with a 4th plow truck in their fleet. Three bids have been received on a trailer for the new Skid-steer. Brandon will check the load clearances before he purchases a trailer.

#1 Avenue Rentals bid \$11,985.00 for a 22' trailer with 8,000 LB axles

#2 Quality Trailer Sales bid \$11,995.00 for a 18' deck with 7,000 LB axles

#3 Snake River Trailer bid \$12,695.00 for a 15' tilt with 7,000 LB axles

Commissioner Smith moved that the Avenue Rental bid be accepted at \$11,985.00. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Discussion was held on training that is needed for the new grader operators, and how it will affect job competition next summer. Use of the county truck by the Supervisor for after hour call out jobs was then discussed, and approval for him to drive it home at night. Commissioner Smith moved that the Road & Bridge Supervisor be authorized to take his county truck home for use on after hour call out jobs. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. Brandon and Commissioner Smith set up a meeting with a Garden Cr. property owner on October 25th.

Clerk: Lura provided copies of the NACO invoice for National Center for Public Lands Counties dues for FY24 and FY25. It was agreed that Custer County needed to participate and will be sending their FY24 offering of \$13,284.00. The contract with Conflict Public Defender, Tyler Dodge needs to be updated, and Clerk Lura Baker explained the changes needed. Commissioner Smith moved that the new contract be for \$150.00 per hour and mileage be paid at 56 cents per mile to Tyler Dodge. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The Law Enforcement contracts that are still outstanding were then discussed. The City of Mackay has sent their signed contract back with their annual payment amount set at \$42,436.00. The City of Stanley has returned their contract with a reduction in annual payment by half. It was agreed that the Sheriff needs to have input on this decision. A letter from the public, with suggestions on Forest trail safety was reviewed. All agreed that forest trails are not our jurisdiction.

Treasurer: Treasurer Allicyn Latimer attended. With no treasurer business to discuss, she updated the Board on the water meters needed for the Court Annex building that is being built. The fire suppression system needs to have a 4" meter and the general supply meter can be 1". Such meters are very slow to be delivered, so it was agreed that it should be ordered now. Clerk Lura Baker is taking the zip drive with all the court annex plan to a Commercial Printing service tomorrow

The regular meeting was recessed to go into South Custer Ambulance at 9:19 AM. The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:22 AM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

Claims: The claims from FY 23 and FY 24 were then reviewed and all questions were answered. Commissioner Smith moved that the FY24 bills listed below be paid, including the total additions of \$90,742.77. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed.

FY 2024		FY 2023	
Current Expense	36,824.95	Current Expense	8,417.64
Road & Bridge	60,076.47	Road & Bridge	40,516.97
Election Fund	115.82	Battleground Msqto.	750.00
District Court	7,811.36	Election Fund	6,870.00
Rodeo Grounds	22.18	Weeds	214.00
Solid Waste	3,980.34	Em. Comm. Fund	<u>368.00</u>
PILT	<u>2,516.07</u>		
FY24 TOTAL	111,347.19	FY23 TOTAL	57,137.01

Commissioner Smith moved to change the agenda and move NRAC up to 9:40 AM, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins informed the Board that the next meeting with the Lemhi County Commissioners was scheduled for November 2nd in Elk Bend at 2:00 PM at the Dusty Mule Café. Jim then forwarded the information he received from the American Stewards of Liberty on the upcoming changes being proposed for the Securities Exchange Commission. They would like to monetize Natural Assets as an investment vehicle for total control of the world's natural resources, particularly in the United States. As a resource based economy here in Custer County, we all need to contact our Congressional Delegation and get this stopped. All agreed that the livestock, forestry and mining industries would be affected. Clerk Lura Baker contacted Fish & Game's Ryan Hilton and was able to forward the locations of the Lemhi County, Idaho grizzly bear sightings. One was East of Gibsonville, ID and the second sighting was East of Tendoy, ID. She forwarded the information to Mary Darling.

Commissioner Smith moved that the minutest of the 10/10/2023 Commissioners meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk Lura Baker provided the funding request letter for the Challis Area Health Center. Commissioner Smith read the letter, and then moved that it be approved and sent. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson attended the meeting. Commissioner Smith inquired about rules and regulations around building inspectors. Resolution #2021-09 has "building inspector" included in the wording and it needs to be deleted. Prosecutor Oleson explained that if it was a clerical error, then it can be corrected as such.

Commissioner Smith moved that Planning & Zoning be moved up in the agenda to 10:35 AM. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Planning & Zoning: A request for a vacation of the right-of-way for Kootenai Walk has been received. The subdivision plat was provided by Jessica Clemenhagen/Planning & Zoning and the request will be reviewed. Jessica has received another road name request. The formal paperwork will be presented at the next meeting.

Manuel Murdoch attended and discussed future court scheduling, as well as his contract amount with Clerk Lura Baker and the Board. A value of \$70,000 was agreed upon and the contract wording will be verified for signature.

Sheriff: Stu brought the prices for new 2023 Dodge Ram trucks, of \$42,850.00. The Board approved the purchase of two new vehicles to keep the fleet updated. The City of Mackay Law Enforcement contract has been received in the amount of \$42,436.00. Sheriff Stu approved the Mackay contract. After review of the City of Stanley contract

Sheriff Stu did not approve it. There are now two deputies in the Stanley area and the housing remodel is in process. The animal control issues were also discussed. Stu will continue to work with Mayor Steve Botti. The Bill Rick's Towing bill in the amount of \$682.50 will be held for the vehicle owner to pay. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of two new trucks for the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$42,850.00 each. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Mackay be approved as received. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. The City of Stanley – Law Enforcement Contract was then gone over and discussed. The \$35,000.00 does not cover the cost of two deputies. Sheriff Lumpkin will contact Stanley Mayor Botti for further negotiations.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break after 12:00. The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts-via phone connection, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

Great West: Travis Pyle attended the meeting via ZOOM at 2:00 for the Solid Waste Kick Off Meeting. Travis updated the Board on his visits with John Gentry who hauls solid waste in the Mackay area. He inquired about possible Solid Waste site locations within Custer County? Site #1 is the Challis Solid Waste Transfer Site and #2 the Mackay Solid Waste Transfer Site off of Bar Road. Travis asked for property information and was directed to the on-line Custer County map server. If Custer County chooses not to build a landfill, then the other option is to continue transport waste to another landfill. Ie: Butte County landfill, the Mud Lake landfill, or the Lemhi Co. landfill. Travis then asked for any available information on the soil structure at the possible sites? Commissioner Butts remembered the drilling that was done previously at the Challis site. These old files will be researched and the information forwarded to Travis at Great West. Travis will also be contacting Clear Creek Disposal that hauls solid waste in the Stanley area and Blue Mountain Refuse that hauls solid waste in the Challis area.

Sarah Baker/U of I Extension: Sarah reported on her work at the E. ID. State Fair, where she was in charge of the Rabbit Show. The tri-state Beef Quality Assurance class with Idaho, Washington and Oregon that she participated in was also reported on. The Custer County Fair went well this year, and all entries were up from last year. The Market Animal Sale Committee is on the 3rd round of billing to get the buyers money available for dispersal to the 4-H kids. There were new project areas at the Fair this year, Leather Working, Photography and Poultry. A senior project this year is being done to promote non-animal 4-H projects. Her office is currently working on getting the 4-H Leaders certified. The Extension Office job has been posted and she has received two applications which are being reviewed. Sarah provided the updated University of Idaho/Custer County Office Agreement for this year to the Board in the amount of \$50,000.00. After review, Commissioner Smith moved that the 2024 Agreement be approved and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. The applicants for Fair Board are still needing to finish their background checks, and it was agreed that they could be done through the U of ID.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.



Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk


Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner