

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
November 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Smith, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 8:10 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli 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 8:35 AM.

Weed: Brett Plummer attended and verified that the summer spray season is over. He has been continuing work on the office trailer repairs. The ATV spray rig maintenance is done and they are ready for next season. He has the donated skid sprayer at the shop now, and is working on repairs. It needs new hoses and he is checking into price and availability. He is working on funding from the CWMA for future purchase of a side-by-side spray rig. Commissioner Butts inquired about spray work that has previously been done by Custer County on the wilderness airstrips. Brett did not do any airstrips in 2020, and will look into the requirements and matching funds offered. The CWMA Board is still being formed and they need a Custer Co. Commissioner to participate. Brett will forward a draft of the CWMA agreement to the board before he finalizes the county application in December.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer handed out her monthly report, then fielded comments on the "Big Ledger" and just how often they utilize it. The tax notices are all printed, stuffed and ready to send out. She then reviewed the balances yet to be received from 2016 - \$218.00, 2017 - \$2,216.00, 2018 - \$13,850.00 and for 2019 - \$49,344.11. Allicyn is working on the oldest amounts due and feels confident that the issues will be eventually resolved. The possible tax cancellation on one un-inhabitable trailer was discussed and will be pursued.

Karma Bragg/CWSCD attended and presented the annual financial request for funding. She reviewed how important these funds are to provide grant leverage for her office. The board thanked Karma and her office for the hard work they do within the county. Commissioner Butts made the motion to provide \$4,000.00 to the SWCD for the coming year. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The needed bridge on Road Creek was then discussed. There are many local landowners involved as well as water rights affected. Karma felt this was a very good time to begin the conversation with landowners. The Fish & Game screen shop is available to help, with Brian Hamilton the closest engineering technician available. The Board expressed their continued confidence in Karma's choice of help and asked her to explore the options available. The Wetlands Mitigation /Garden Creek Project was the next topic of discussion. The project total of \$98,000.00 has been received from LHTAC. The bill will be submitted to the Road & Bridge Dept. for signature, then it will come to Clerk Lura Baker for payment. Clerk Baker provided an Authorization to Proceed letter for the Board to review, then she will get the appraisal information back to Karma's office later today. Chairman Smith then asked Karma for her assistance with the re-submission of the Bayhorse Bridge replacement project. She agreed to look the job over and work with the county.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins attended and inquired about everyone's readiness for the Government to Government meeting tonight. The courtroom has been reserved and all is in order. Hunter Diel/Challis Messenger reporter attended the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse: The performance bonds for site operations cost Wendell \$2,000.00 per dump site. He requested the option to invest \$10,000.00 into a jointly held fund rather than pay the insurance companies fees. He inquired about the same bond required for 1 dumpster at the East Fork site, as the entire Challis waste site. He requested that the two be combined as the bid requires, he accept the E. Fork site when he bids on the Challis site. The Board will contact Prosecutor Oleson for verification of the legality of this option. Wendell felt the bond fees for Challis, Mackay and even Stanley were fair, but the E. Ford site was too high. Commissioner Butts brought up the wind fence project that needs to be completed. Russell Hamilton has been

contacted and will be coming to complete the work soon. The Board inquired about the newly purchased dozer and how it was working. Wendell responded that it was being worked on by Maxwell's Repair Service. There was a leaking converter seal that needed to be replaced. Wendell did not want a small problem to turn into a major repair.

Kristine Staten/Development Company: Clerk Lura Baker suggested the Board look over the Notice of Public Hearing in preparation for Kristine's call. The Sign-In sheet was then passed around the room. Kristine Staten called into the meeting at 10:59 AM. The meeting was recessed at 11:00 AM to attend to the scheduled Public Hearing. The meeting reconvened at 11:04 AM. Clerk Lura Baker will get the signatures required on the grant paperwork, and provide them to Kristine on Thursday.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes of the October 28th Commissioners Meeting be approved and signed as written. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker then presented the Business Radio Licensing agreement for approval and signature. It is FCC – WNSA 874 utilized by the Road & Bridge Dept. It is a 10-year license agreement and was last done in 2014.

Dept. of Juvenile Corrections: Aletia Straub-Workman attended and presented the MOU for Annual Renewal of Juvenile funding request. These funds are used to provide treatment within our local community. The County pays the initial bills, but is then reimbursed by the Juvenile Justice Dept. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the MOU be approved and signed, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed. Aletia then provided her Annual Report for review and signature by the Board. She submits it to the Idaho Juvenile Offender System. She also provided her Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report on funds that are received through the state. These monies are all utilized for personnel costs. Commissioner Butts moved that the I.J.O.S. Report be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. A motion for approval of the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report for 10/1/19 thru 9/30/20 was then made by Commissioner Corgatelli. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Discussion was then held on the current condition of our court system.

Clerk Baker presented the Confidential Appraisal Report for the wetland mitigation authorization, and the Authorization To Proceed letter to the Board. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session for Real Property under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Butts and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. The Board returned to regular session at 12:05 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Negotiation Service LLC agreement be approved and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous aye vote. Clerk Lura Baker will pay the fees by demand and our LHTAC reimbursement will replace 96.2 %. The Vern Warner/Arnold Munson Scholarship issues were then discussed. The scholarship will only be given to 4-H members. Currently the bank has the fund under the Custer County EIN# and it needs to be changed to the University of Idaho EIN#. Chairman Smith will contact the University of Idaho and see what the hold up is. The meeting was recessed at 12:20 PM for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:25 PM with Chairman Steve Smith, Commissioner Wayne Butts, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Attending from the Forest Service was Clayton Collins/ Middle Fork RD, and attending via teleconference connection were Allison Jackson/Lost River RD, and Brian Anderson/SNRA.

Agencies:

Clayton Collins/Challis/Yankee Fork RD attended in the absence of Heath Perrine. He asked for scoping comments on their eight small NEPA projects listed. 1) forest roadside projects – post and pole sales. 2) Big Creek fuels project – remove understory. 3) South zone AML project – abandoned mine small road closures. 4) Bells Canyon – 1 mile plus segment of trail. 5) Lower dredge pond/Yankee Fork – install culvert for fish fry acclimation. 6) Mill Cr. – fencing to separate allotments and exclude riparian area. 7) Cow Camp/Squaw Cr. – post and pole sale. 8) Morgan Cr. – thinning project. Commissioner Smith inquired if the affected grazing permittees were contacted? Clayton reported that 7 of the 9 projects that were submitted for funding within the Great American Outdoors Act have been tentatively approved. They will soon begin slash pile burning along Highway 21. They have had to do a suspension in the Wino Basin grazing allotment. The permittee requested an appeal, but then recanted. Their personnel have met with him to work through the issues and will go through the mitigation process to improve the

grazing. It is a 25% suspension in time, and the grazer must meet objectives. This affects 250 head of cattle.

Clayton reported that there are 5 million board feet of timber currently under contract in the South zone of the forest. This includes the Challis/Yankee Fork RD, the Middle Fork RD, and the Lost River RD.

David Hilliard/BLM attended on behalf of Matt Marsh. The new fish biologist Alan Mosley will be reporting to work in Jan. The Shop/storage shed building is currently being built behind the office, and will be a big asset. The BLM is working on plans for a bridge at Sheep Creek in the East Fork. It will be a pack bridge for livestock and outfitter traffic just south of Little Boulder Cr. Commissioner Smith inquired about their weed program. Dave reported on the re-seeding they have been doing on the Big Cr. Ranch to control cheatgrass. Their weed position is currently empty and the seasonal weed help is leaving this Friday.

Allison Jackson/Lost River RD reported that their seasonal employees have all gone home. They are now meeting with their range permittees. Bart Gamett has done some great fish projects and been nominated for a national award. The Great American Outdoor Act has made it possible to fund some needed projects. They are looking for more deferred maintenance projects to use on their next application.

Brian Anderson/SNRA expressed his appreciation for being able to phone into the meeting. They are working on winterizing all their campgrounds and housing. The Forest Supervisor Jim Demag is on detail to fill in for Dave Rosenkrance, and everyone under Jim has stepped up one notch to cover. The SNRA is working on finalizing the Phase III of road and bridge work at Redfish Lake. Chairman Smith asked if the emergency evacuation routes the County requested were included in this effort. Brian said they were not. Commissioner Corgatelli asked how the Redfish to Stanley trail turned out? Brian reported that construction was done for the season with the job 95% complete. There is still about 300 yards that is not built, and they are crushing the final surface materials. They plan to open the 4 1/2 mile trail to snow machine use this winter when snow conditions are right. They will begin burning the slash piles along 210, at Elk Mountain and in the Stanley lake area. They have put in two bridges, one across Redfish Creek to provide access to the Lilly Ponds, and one on Fishhook Creek near the lodge. They are expanding the trailer dump station at Redfish Lake and putting down new asphalt. The Volunteer Clean-up Day was a success with 900 volunteer hours and 400# of trash removed.

Clerk Lura Baker asked for a decision on the Radio Licensing renewal for the Road & Bridge Department. The fee of \$120.00 will cover a 10-year time span. It will be given to the R&B Department for a claim form signature.

Claims: The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed.

Current Expense	22,170.39
Road & Bridge	2,039.76
Battleground Mosquito	750.00
Election Fund	2,521.75
Election Precincts(demands)	8,617.92
District Court	4,720.48
Rodeo Grounds	145.71
Health District	7,201.75
Indigent & Charity	1.00
Junior College	500.00
Revaluation	81.49
Solid Waste	3,539.15
Weeds	435.59
Waterways	2,058.33
Emergency Communications	2,048.36
Auditors Trust	126.50
S Custer Ambulance	<u>1,120.45</u>
TOTAL	58,078.63

The Salmon River Excavation invoice will be held until a response to the Board's letter of inquiry is received.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin informed the board that the two new trucks that he has ordered have not arrived, but are in the process of being built. The battery backup for the Grouse Peak generator was discussed. It still needs a consistent maintenance plan. The proposal that Stu presented was reviewed, and Commissioner Butts asked if it

was for a "repeater" as stated on the bill, or for a base radio. Stu contacted Lee at Day Wireless and had him explain the charges to the Board for (2) NSB site batteries, with a low voltage shut-off to prevent battery failure. The Board will check with Mike Graham on funding for communications. Clerk Lura Baker asked Stu about the IDOC computer, and Stu has accepted their offer of a free one. Updating the county patrol boat is still being explored.

A call was placed to Brandon Jones and he was asked to attend the meeting at 5:30 PM. Commissioner Butts made a motion to amend the agenda and add Executive Session/Personnel at 5:30. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Butts made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 3:00, Commissioner Corgatelli 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 3:29 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to offer the Planning & Zoning Administrator position to Jessica Clemenhagen. Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was Butts/aye, Corgatelli/aye and Smith/abstain. The motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Clerk Lura presented the applications she has fielded this month.

- 1) Cory and Kathy Brower – residence application, \$50.00 check from K Squared Construction. It is pending approval from E. Idaho Public Health Dept.
- 2) Janelle Reynolds – Wild River Estates, provided a hand drawn map and \$50.00 check. Residential storage building 12'6" x 26'. More information is needed.
- 3) Jerrod and Jeni Farr – Wickiup Creek/East Fork, Cabin #3 - Date information on application is incorrect

Indigent: Clerk Lura Baker let the board know there will be an Indigent Appeal hearing on November 23rd.

Junior College: Clerk Lura Baker received two applications. After review Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Rivera and Riddel applications be approved and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

The ICRMP Earthquake damage claim was reviewed. The person originally contacted to do the repairs has become unable to complete the work. Clerk Lura Baker will contact the school and see who they were able to find to do the repair work.

Election Canvass: Deputy Clerk Tanae McAfee brought the General Election tally books and unofficial results. As the Board reviewed each book Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tanae fielded their questions. The particulars of special approval received from the Secretary of State for the Absentee Ballot of an ill elector to be counted through the Stanley precinct was explained by Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Canvass of the General Election be approved. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed and copies were signed.

Clerk Lura Baker read the Thank You letter received from a lost hiker on Mount Borah. He was very appreciative of the kind and professional service he received during his 911 call for help to the Sheriff's dispatch. The deed for the small triangle of unowned property in the Mackay area has been received by the County. Clerk Lura Baker will continue the procedure of selling it. The MOU with the Idaho State Office of Emergency Management was reviewed. Commissioner Butts moved that it be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Attending the meeting at 4:20 PM were Melvin and Teri Lanier, Jim Sugden, Marcus Sheppard, Eddie Martinez, Dustin Powell, Mike Shanafelt/R&B Acting Supt., and Hunter Diel/Reporter for Challis Messenger.

Dustin Powell/Morgan Cr. : Mr. Powell asked why the snow plowing was rumored to be changed from ending at his Sawmill Cr. property to the Lick Cr. area? Commissioner Butts responded "on the recommendation of his Road & Bridge Supt.". Mr. Powell asked why wasn't he called? Chairman Smith attempted to answer but Mr. Powell kept stressing his personal opinion. Commissioner Corgatelli let Mr. Powell know that no decision had been made. Chairman Smith confirmed Mr. Powell's request for a letter and provided his e-mail address to receive such letter.

Mr. Powell asked if he could be contacted via cell phone, and if any of the board members had been to his place on Morgan Cr? Commissioner Butts attempted to explain the budget cutting process has driven the need to look into shortening some snow plowing routes. Jim Sugden requested and was given time to speak on the history of why the end of the plow route was changed to Sawmill Cr. from Lick Cr. Marcus Shepphard has the logging sale in Annie Rooney Cr. just above the Sawmill Cr. turnaround. He is unable to cut timber during the elk calving season, so planned to do the cutting this winter. Mr. Powell asked if the Board had called the Forest Service, and no they did not. Melvin asked for and was given permission to talk. He inquired about the road work done on the lower end of Morgan Cr. and why it was done? The possibility of using the Lick Cr. space for the snow plow turnaround was being looked into but the adjoining landowner has not responded so no decision has been made. The verbal exchange grew heated and Chairman Smith offered to cut the meeting short unless Mr. Powell would allow answers to his questions to be given. The meeting calmed down and proceeded. Mr. Powell then demanded a list of all the County roads, and mileage involved, that will not have the snow plowed this winter. He then demanded that the newspaper print this list when it is completed. Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Powell and his group for attending the meeting. Marcus Sheppard asked if the USFS was involved with the snow plowing on Morgan Cr. road? Mr. Powell then proposed building an even bigger and better turn around at the Annie Rooney turnoff to benefit the loggers and hunters. He then offered his two snow plow dump trucks, dozer and 4x4 blade for call out in an emergency situation. Mr. Powell then demanded a decision on if the Morgan Cr. Road would have the snow plowed to his Sawmill Cr. turnaround. Chairman Smith felt that it probably would be. Those attending were excused from the meeting at 5:45 PM. The 5:30 appointment was called and cancelled.

Road & Bridge: Mike Shanafelt reported that the requested signage on Summit Cr. Road that will not be plowed during the winter has been placed. The Board felt there were some additional areas that need signage. Mike has four of the plow trucks up and ready to go, with two more to complete for a fleet of 6 plow trucks. He has been called about placing the final surface material around the new fire hall. The snow has changed the situation into a spring project. Commissioner Smith asked about the vibration unit for the sanders. Mike has it on order and will test one before he purchased any more. Mike has looked into getting the old tires recycled, but it seems to be rather expensive. He will continue looking into all options to help save the County funds.

Clerk Lura Baker reported that our wonderful cleaning lady Pat Shields will be retiring on December 15th. She will need to advertise for a new cleaning lady at the courthouse.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk