

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
March 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, Road & Bridge crew Brandon Jones, Janene Fox, Andy Andrews, Karma Bragg and Solid Waste Supt. Wendell Gohn in attendance.

Weeds: Brett provided a copy of the new “No Spray Agreement” that he has worked up for 2022. He has sent it to the Prosecutor for review. The knapweed in the Pahsimeroi area needs to be addressed. After reviewing the agreement and requesting the addition of State Statute numbers when cited it was approved. Brett has checked into upgrading the Weed cell phone and found that the insurance will cover a replacement for the current broken one. He has placed a large herbicide order from three separate vendors. With looming shortages in delivery and supply he is working on getting the entire seasons supply on hand. He will be participating in the Educational Trailer at the schools on April 13th & 14th. Brett received his certification for inspection of weed free certified hay. He will be attending and “Aquatics Training” in Salmon with the Lemhi Weed department this spring. The twine that is required for “weed free hay” is in short supply and hard to get. He has enough twine for the big producers, but may have to use the weed free bale tags with some of the smaller growers. Brett has agreed to work with Sherray Kranz, Supervisor of the Lemhi County weed department for the June 21st Pahsimeroi Spray Day. Commissioner Smith inquired about facilitating some “weed certification trainings” for local landowners to maintain their spray certifications? Brett has found that so much is offered on-line that attendance is very low. Commissioner Smith moved that the “No Spray Weed Control Agreement” be approved with the State Statute numbers included. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Solid Waste: Wendell presented the quote he has received for the new digital scale for the E. Fork waste site. It is set up to be operated with solar power and the solar set up with cost around \$400.00. The scale unit quote came in at approximately \$3,400.00. Wendell would like to sandblast and repaint the Conex unit before installing it, as it has some blister rust starting in places. He also plans to put in some flooring to provide longevity. Commissioner Smith moved that the digital scale and solar set up for the East Fork waste site be purchased, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Wendell expressed his concern about the looming fuel situation and how to be prepared. Everyone agreed fuel costs will become a big problem soon and all departments will work together.

Road & Bridge: Karma Bragg has received bids for the Road Cr. bridge from three companies. RTI bid \$133,000.00 but later withdrew their bid. Con-Teck of Colorado bid \$148,850.00, and True North of Missoula, MT bid \$99,999.00. The True North bid includes pour in place super cells. All the bids included the bridge rails, but no road railing. She has met with the Maloney family and discussed the pipe that crosses the water which will not be included in the County bid process. After further discussion of budget involved, Commissioner Smith moved that the True North bid of just under \$100,000.00 be accepted. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Signatures were then affixed. Karma has put the Bayhorse Bridge on the back burner until she has assurance that all property owners are on board. The BLM has yet to sign off on the proposed project, but Chairman Wayne Butts informed her that the landowners are agreeable. The Board of Commissioners would like to meet with Karma to discuss the grants that are available in the federal pipeline at a later date. Karma has heard from Byron Pehrson and provided contacts and resources for him. She doesn’t want to create any conflicts. She has a signed agreement from the Bobo family and ID Transportation Dept. and a place to unload the spoils from this bridge project.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins, Chairman brought in his draft of a promotional invitation latter for the upcoming Coordination Training. The corrections suggested will be made before sending it out. Jim has made arrangements for Real Deal Smokehouse to provide the meat for the noon meal. Beverages will be purchased by the Board as well as plates/napkins/utensils/etc. Jim then inquired if a “continental breakfast” of coffee/tea, a roll/muffin and an assorted fruit tray would be in order? Harriet is working on writing up a news article to be run in the Salmon

newspaper "Recorder Herald" to encourage people to attend the training. It was suggested to hand out a promotional flyer at the Stop 30 X 30 Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska also.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 9:15. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Brandon Jones, Janene Fox, Andy Anderson, and Prosecutor Justin Oleson. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:24PM.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones has found a crane truck that meets his specifications. It lifts 18 tons and has a cost of \$59,900.00 from Diesel Depot in Pocatello, Idaho. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the purchase of a crane truck by the Road & Bridge Dept. not to exceed \$60,000. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Brandon reported on the dump trucks that are in the Zollinger shop for repairs. Linc found more cracking on the frames and is welding up all that he has found. He is expecting to put the dump bed back on one truck by the end of the week, and begin on the second truck. The pickup that R&B put on the auction site with a minimum bid of \$1,500 has been sold for \$7,600.00. Discussion was held on if the old army surplus crane truck should be put on the site. It was agreed that it should, but with a clear explanation of the damage that has been done to the boom. The Road & Bridge Dept. will participate in the Natural Resources Day celebration at the schools and bring their equipment for the kids to experience. Brandon reported that he is changing the road plan of doing a chip seal on Valley Road to a friction seal coat. The oil surcharge has risen from \$25 per ton to \$60 per ton this year so far. This change of plans will keep him within his budget. He has filled all of the R&B fuel storage capacity just before the price took the last big jump, and should be set until August. He has also ordered in a supply of cutting edges, antifreeze and barrels of oil to keep ahead of the shipping issues and rising prices.

Indigent: Lyndee Kauffman attended to present the information. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(d) for Indigent at 8:30. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Lyndee Kauffman and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 8:35 AM. Commissioner Smith moved that #22-04 – be denied, failure to cooperate, #22-05 – be denied, application stated assistance was not needed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Lyndee then updated the board members on new assistance rules. The applicants must apply for Medicare, Medicaid or Health Idaho and be turned away before they are eligible for county aid.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker reviewed the Idaho Code on what constitutes a charitable status, and provided copies to the board. She then presented the BOE applications she has received listed below.
Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise (2) - Challis Community Church (1) - Sawtooth Valley Meditation Chapel (1)
Commissioner Smith moved that the BOE applications be accepted and approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Lura then updated the Board on the Waterways Grant given by the ID Parks & Recreation Dept. that was applied for by Deputy John Haugh. Commissioner Smith moved that the Waterways Grant Application be approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The statement of loss provided by the insurance company was then reviewed for the 10/25/2019 earthquake damage done to the Road & Bridge shop building, and county courthouse. The county has been unable to hire anyone to repair the damage to date and the insurance company will pay the county up to \$11,232.12. Commissioner Smith moved to accept the insurance company payout for the earthquake damage. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli asked the Board to send a letter of recommendation to the Idaho Legislature to pass House Bill 22. After reviewing the wording of HB22 it was agreed that Commissioner Smith would write up a letter to be submitted.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno provided additional information on the BOE application received from the Sawtooth Valley Meditation Chapel. It is not owned by a church denomination, but by a private individual who rents it out. Commissioner Smith moved to rescind his previous BOE motion. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion to rescind passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the BOE applications from 1) Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise for 2 churches, and the Challis Community Church be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Butts inquired of the Assessor on timber exemptions. Jacquell will present those applications when Matt with ID Tax Commission is here to explain the rules.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer attended and provided her quarterly reports. She is delaying the pending issues due to projects in process that may affect them. Once the research result is known she will then proceed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to pass Resolution #22-01 Thresholds for County Department purchasing. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Brett Plummer/Weed Supt. returned with the final copy of the “No Spray Agreement” for review and signature. Homeland Security/Mike Graham sent an e-mail via Clerk Lura Baker to request dry storage space for items he has on hand. He currently has (2) 9000 KW generators as well as PPE & Covid supplies and other miscellaneous stuff stored in the Sheriff’s boat garage, that is gathering moisture. Wayne visited with Sheriff Stu Lumpkin and the generators can be stored in the building if needed.

Probation: The 2021 Annual Juvenile Justice Report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction as reviewed, as well as the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report. Commissioner Smith moved that they be approved and filed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Butts has looked over some possible vehicles to replace the county van. Discussion was held on the mileage and interior space, as well as how each department can utilize the vehicle. The Board agreed that a test drive is needed before actual purchase. Commissioner Smith moved that the possible purchase be approved with a cap of \$17,000.00, pending the final inspection by Chairman Butts and full board approval. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Election Canvass: Deputy Clerk Kristen Walker brought the March 8th school election results and poll books for the board to review. She answered all questions from the board members. Commissioner Smith moved that the Election Canvass for the March 8, 2022 Mackay/Leslie School elections be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk Lura Baker has looked into the Drought Declaration that was done in March of last year. Commissioner Smith verified that the weather service is predicting that this will be even dryer than last year. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with the full board and deputy clerk attending. Jonathan LeBlanc/Lost River, Matt Marsh/BLM, Heath Perrine/Challis-Yankee Fork, and Clayton Collins/Middle Fork were welcomed by Chairman Wayne Butts.

Agencies: Heath Perrine/Challis Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. relayed the meeting time of 1:00 PM set for the March 21st, 2022 meeting for fire wise. The small NEPA projects in process are spring burning, the reroute of the Ramey Creek Road, and Big A. The Idaho Team Leader is Bart Gamett. The Bay horse project is back out for comments for 30 days. The timber sales for Flat Creek, Jordan Creek and Iron Bowl areas are continuing. Commissioner Butts inquired about the timber sale in Annie Roonie Cr. and if it was completed? Heath will check into the details. The USFS is sending a letter to the “Rally in the Pines” group and requesting they apply for a special use permit. **Clayton Collins/Middle Fork Ranger Dist.** is starting the AOI’s for their permittees the end of March. They will cover the drought conditions and explore options available. His Sno-Tel weather reports show dry, dry and drier. They have three new positions to fill in the weed department, as well as two new positions in archeology. Commissioner Butts inquired about a new mine beginning exploration for gold in the Barton Flat area? No inquiries have been received by the agencies, either BLM or the USFS about mining in that area.

Matt Marsh/BLM has forwarded an e-mail on regional name changes. (Squaw Creek) They are looking at proposed names and we welcome local comments. Clayton interjected that the USFS is working on the same item. The BLM has hired a new Range Management Spec, and are working on hiring a new Fire Ecologist/Forestier. The permit renewal is in process for the Pines-Elkhorn allotment. They began the EA process for the Bay horse fuels projects and then switched to a CE (categorical exclusion) for fuels management. They are still using the bait & trap method to catch feral horses. They have caught 16 head so far, and will soon move their equipment to the Bradberry Flat location. The BLM has accepted the Thompson Creek Mine Phase 8 Plan of Operations, and now they must provide a bond. The Empire Mine in Mackay still needs to submit their revised Plan of Operations and his office has seen no updates at this time. The allotment meeting for Mountain Springs Ranch will be held April 15th, at 10:00 AM. The BLM is proposing road agreements like the USFS Schedule A programs for maintenance. They are unable to keep ahead of the work needed and the Board of Commissioners is open to proposals. The Rally in the Pines events are scheduled for July 17th and August.

Jonathan LeBlanc/Lost River Ranger Dist. reported on the Mt. Borah Peak trail head work funding. They have received \$125,000.00 to use for resource concerns and additional parking space. They will be moving the campsites away from the spring area. The Board reminded him that they have tried to assist with gravel for the project through the ID Dept. of Transportation.

Bobbi Filbert/SNRA reported that they have hired a Law Enforcement Officer for the Stanley area. They are struggling with fire staffing and hiring summer crews. The GAOA projects for this spring & summer are a re-route of Redfish Roads and campground work. The NEPA projects they have planned are Hell Roaring and May's Creek residents need a new access road. They will move the route away from the creek. The Redfish to Stanley Trail court decision is expecting an appeal. They are trying to finish up the construction for the 50th Anniversary of the SNRA on August 15 to 22. They are opening the Mormon Bend campground in time for the steelhead season. They have an ID Parks & Rec. grant for rebuilding the Redfish trailer dump station. It will have 4 spaces rather than 2. The diversions have been separated into three watersheds in 2021, to build a more complete picture of the system. The roads will be opening in May. There are timber sales in Bull Moose, 210 Road, and Lake Ridge. They plan to seed White Bark Pine on Railroad Ridge in late June. Commissioner Smith inquired about progress for the additional Redfish Lake emergency escape route? Commissioner Butts requested the boat check station for invasive species be opened as soon as possible, the earlier the better. He felt Memorial Day was too late to catch every boat. Commissioner Smith inquired if there would be another vehicle count done at Redfish lake this year?

Sheriff: Stu Lumpkin gave his monthly report to the board. The new Personnel Policy has been signed by his employees. The Stanley housing unit is finally completely remodeled and ready for occupation. He shared photos of the unit. Commissioner Smith updated Stu on the "Rally in the Pines" group and what the BLM and USFS plans are. Commissioner Butts asked if Civil Defense-Mike Graham could store two generators in the Quonset shed? Sheriff Lumpkin said it would be fine. Commissioner Butts then brought up the ID State statute for "commissary funds". Stu explained the process his office uses for each inmate. Possible scenarios were walked through and another county process will be reviewed. Housing for the Mackay deputy was then discussed. Prosecutor Justin Oleson returned to the meeting. The Stanley Housing Rental Agreement was reviewed. Chief Deputy Levi Maydole attended the meeting. A printer is needed for the Live Scan Fingerprint Machine, as well as the software at a cost of \$1,300.00. Commissioner Smith moved that the necessary printer and software be purchased by the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen attended as well as Prosecutor Justin Oleson. Jessica has received a call from Donna Gaskill about refunding her P&Z fees. Prosecutor Oleson said "No" those fees are not refundable once paid. Jessica has fielded calls from an irate citizenry in the Mackay area about the Mackay City Plan and the incoming copper mine. Discussion was held on the 1 mile wide "area a City impact" around Mackay. Jessica provided a copy of the Mackay City Plan to Commissioner Smith. Rally in the Pines was discussed and the P&Z rules and requirements involved. If they plan to operate a campground, they need to apply for a special use permit to be legal. Waste tires were the next item of discussion, and the DEQ is the agency in charge of "tires". The large increase in mining interests in Custer County was brought forward by Jessica.

After a quick discussion, the board approved up to \$100.00 to get Kugler to check over the pop machine again.

Claims: Commissioner Corgatelli moved the following Claims be approved for the Election Fund. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Election – travel, salaries & meals	\$2,770.19
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Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims with an addition of \$727.20 for 30X30 plane fare and the crane truck purchase of \$59,000.00 be approved and paid. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	27,885.16
Road & Bridge	89,532.43
Election Fund	2,642.98
District Court	5,576.37
Fair, County	13,000.00
Rodeo Grounds	79.90
Indigent	386.91
Revaluation	9,033.77
Solid Waste	3,394.15
Weeds	420.25
Waterways	294.00
Emergency Communications	5,704.47
Auditors Trust	<u>93.25</u>
TOTAL	158,043.64

Clerk Lura Baker brought copies of the Residential lease/rental agreement for the Stanley housing for the Board to review. The meeting was recessed for South Custer Ambulance at 4:10 PM, and reconvened at 4:25 PM.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes from the 2/23/22 meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes from the Special meeting of 2/25/22 be approved. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The Public Hearing Appeal minutes of 2/16/2022 were then reviewed for the US Calcium conditional use permit. Commissioner Smith moved they be approved with a correction on PTC, not PCT on page 1, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The Custer County "Residential lease/rental Agreement was approved, pending legal review by Prosecutor Oleson with a motion from Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk