

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
March 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli, with Commissioners Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, Will Naillon and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

**Road & Bridge:** Brandon Jones provided the Lease Agreement for the new Cat Roller for signatures by the Board. His department is scheduled to deliver the chlp spreader on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the rebuild to begin. The District #6 ITD Highway Meeting held recently went very well. Those attending were able to make great networking connections with each other. Brandon has secured \$30,000 for signage through the Safety Grant. This will enable him to keep the county sign inventory in good condition. Brandon's research into the satellite phone system process has revealed they are rigid about monthly payments being made with a credit card automatic withdrawal. No decision was made and options will be considered.

**Trout Unlimited/Lost River Fish Ecology:** Cassie Wood and Jim Gregory attended. Cassie Wood reported on the Bonanza Flood Plain Project. She was able to show some comparison photos of Before and Present conditions. She then reported on the Yankee Fork Projects/Pond Series 4 that they are working on with the Tribes, Simplot and the Idaho Fish & Game. The goal is to improve fishing access and repair the inflow structure where it is restricted. The project engineer will be coming this year. The Silver Creek floodplain reconnect proposal was then explained. This project will be contained on the Simplot property. Cassie expressed her appreciation for the Commissioners comments on the road, and for teaching her about FLAP Grant requirements. This project is still in the feasibility phase and information is still being gathered. Brandon explained why the Road & Bridge Dept. does not want to see any more bridges on any section of road that they maintain. Jim Gregory added that the additional fish habitat was more important than doing the actual stream reconnect. Brandon requested that a joint "Walk Through" be scheduled before any final decisions are made. This Silver Creek reconnect is a 2028-2029 project. Cassie then moved on to explain the historical mitigation that has been done for the "dredge piles and the dredge". In the future this section of the Yankee Fork Road will be turned over to Custer County by the USFS. Cassie agreed that the "walk through tour" will be scheduled.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 9:15 AM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:20 AM.

**Mackay Search & Rescue:** Jim Gregory provided the background information on the previous agreement they had with the Forest Service. It has been nullified due to the timelines for payments. He stressed how important radio communications are for a Search & Rescue mission. The helicopter use is not as critical, as they have been able to utilize 2 Bear Air or the National Guard when needed. Jim provided a copy of the Lemhi County S&R/Forest Service collections agreement, as a template. The maximum billing amount is \$15,000 (helicopter fees). He will send a digital "Word" copy of the agreement to Clerk Lura Baker, for her to use. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about how many calls they get per year. Jim responded it is around five per year.

**Emergency Management:** Levi Maydole/Em. Manager, JD Bennetts and Shelby Simons/Custer Telephone Co-op. Inc. attended. JD reviewed the assistance that CTCI is able to provide Custer County on the county wide Communications Project. Getting fiber service installed to Grouse Peak was then discussed. Commissioner Smith stated the costs presented per site was acceptable to the entire board. JD will get the paperwork completed with his board of directors.

Levi then presented the All Hazard Mitigation Plan update for board review with a cost of \$11,000.00. The All Hazard Mitigation Plan is a requirement for almost all grant applications. He also reported that the last two AED's have arrived and will be placed in the Road & Bridge office and the CEDA Building. The deputy safety vest

equipment ordered for the Sheriff's Office is expected to be delivered on April 4. Levi has also heard rumblings on the \$7.8 Million Mackay Dam Grant through FEAMA.

**Coroner:** Chad Workman attended and requested to upgrade his office paperwork to a digital format. He is looking into grant applications for the next funding cycle. We would like to purchase tablets for each coroner to complete their reports with, needing 4. Commissioner Smith inquired about matching funds and the budget line he plans to utilize? After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved that Chad be approved to continue with the grant funding application process. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal Review at 1033 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 10:39 AM.

**Probation:** Aletia Straub-Workman attended and provided her monthly report for the Board. She reviewed the workload that comes with each juvenile case. Aletia then went over the different types of cases she handles for adults and juveniles.

Commissioner Smith moved to amend the agenda and put Lost River Economic Development on at 2:00 PM and drop Planning & Zoning. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith then moved to approve Credit Card request for Hotel reservations in Boise for the FEMA Flood Plain Management Course, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> for \$577.80. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith then moved to approve the use of the County credit card to purchase the flag pole and flag light for the Search and Rescue building, in the amount of \$227.49. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zollinger and it passed unanimously.

**Court Annex-Rick Forestier** --Rob Dunham attended the meeting to discuss the concrete work. After review of the roofline, Commissioner Smith doesn't want the angles presented. A committee needs to redraw the roof to reflect the different truss roof line.

The meeting was recessed for a luncheon at EIPH at 12:00 Noon and reconvened again at 2:00 PM. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, Emergency Manager Levi Maydole, Waterways Deputy John Haugh, Mike Evans/LRED, Will Naillon and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

**Lost River Economic Development:** Mike reported on their grants and expenditures. He thanked the County for their continued support of LRED. The Lost River Valley website is now active, and they have a "Local Events Calendar". Commissioner Zollinger requested they add the Custer County Fair to the dates on the Events calendar. The Mackay Theater will be opening on Memorial Day weekend for the summer season, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation meeting is coming up in April.

**Waterways:** John Haugh the Waterways Deputy and Crissi Gilchrist Chief Deputy both attended the meeting. Clerk Lura Baker asked about the WIFI service in the Stanley area? Crissi will be sure that one of the Stanley deputies gets the modem plugged in and check it. John inquired about the Sheriff's office facilities in Stanley this summer? The former office building has been remodeled into deputy housing. Commissioner Smith provided the update to all on the current building plans and a 40 x 40 layout for Sheriff's Office, Waterways and Search & Rescue use. Levi suggested using the mobile S&R office by the Stanley Sheriff's office until the new facilities are able to be moved into. The Stanley S&R group has offered financial support for the project. Discussion on putting in an upstairs apartment in the new office building was held. It could be utilized by the ID State Patrol or Waterways deputy. Stanley S&R need a 20' wide garage door to park their ambulance inside for the winter. John then inquired about where he should park the Boat during the summer season? The layout for trailers, and electric connections were then discussed. It was agreed that the County would continue payment of the electricity and phone costs until the transitions are complete. John then let the Board know that he needs to have the boat trailer axle checked, as his tire is wearing badly. Commissioner Smith moved that he look into getting the axle repaired, with a cost cap of

\$2,000.00 to cover needed repairs. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Crissi then requested the use of the county credit card to pay for lodging at the Holiday Lodge for the trainer that is arriving. Commissioner Zollinger moved that the card use be approved in the amount of \$89.99 for trainer lodging. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The Sheriff's office has received a quote of \$12,764.00 to change the grill guards on (9) nine vehicles. Commissioner Zollinger moved that the quote be accepted and approved the changed of grill guards on the Sheriff's vehicles. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

**Clerk:** Lura reported the ES&S elections maintenance contract for 2024 need to be renewed. The cost for 2-years is \$4,070.00, which will be billed at \$2,035.00 in 2024 and the other half in 2025. Commissioner Zollinger moved that the 2-year Elections Systems Software contract be approved and renewed for \$4,070.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Clerk Lura Baker has had a request for public use of the Commissioners phone bridge system. After discussion the Board rejected the request for privacy reasons. It was suggested that they use their cell phones. The All Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be completed. LBYD has quoted \$7,000.00 for the AHMP update. \$4,000.00 of this expense will be paid from the SHSP Grant. Commissioner Zollinger moved that the update be approved. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Zollinger moved that the minutes from 3-11-24 be approved as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Zollinger then moved that the Claims for 3/26/24 in the amount of \$146,228.45 be approved with one addition of \$3,000.00/Coach Works-collision deductible. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Current Expense	28,880.93
Road & Bridge	19,167.80
District Court	6,526.85
Rodeo Grounds	79.79
Weeds	94,424.58
Auditors Trust	116.50
Odyssey Court Trust	32.00
TOTAL	149,228.45

**US Dept. of Agriculture:** Noel LaRoque/Programs Director and Taylor Pratt attended the meeting via Zoom connection. Discussion on the \$600,000.00 CDS Grant was held, and Noel asked how he could help. Commissioner Smith inquired about what sideboards were involved with the grant? Noel inquired about how far along the project was? The USDA needs a copy of the construction contract, as it will dictate how procurements are handled. A list of needed information was then listed by Noel. 1) Application form -SF144; 2) Operating budget; 3) Current Balance Sheet; 4) 3-years Audited Financials; 5) Copies of any contracts; 6) Architect Information/situation; 7) Inspector for foundation & framing; 8) Preliminary Architecture Report; 9) Environmental Review; 10) Public meeting requirements; 11) Certifications; 12) Other funding sources; 13) SAM's Number; 14) ADA & ABA Requirements; 15) Buy American. Clerk Lura Baker will gather the above information and return it to Noel. Discussion turned to previously planned projects and the two failed bond elections for a jail/courthouse remodel.

The meeting was recessed at 4:15 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 4:16 PM.

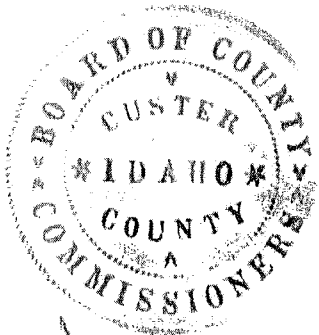
Commissioner Zollinger moved that the minutes for the 3/11/24 BOE Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Custer Telephone Co-op has suggested some internet plan upgrades that will provide cost savings and faster speed communications. Commissioner Smith moved to upgrade the County accounts to the better internet plan. Commissioner Zollinger seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith then moved that Commission Chairman Randy Corgatelli be added as a signer for the Custer Telephone accounts for Custer County. Commissioner Zollinger seconded and the motion passed.

**Clerk:** Lura Baker provided the 2024 BOE applications for Board members to review before the Friday meeting. She then reviewed the Public Defender situation in Custer County. Dave Brown has agreed to be a Public Conflict Attorney for Custer County. Prosecutor Justin Oleson has provided the verbiage needed to correct the old contract for the above addition. Commissioner Smith moved to accept David Brown as a Public Conflict Defender for Custer County. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The request for a corridor from ITD has not been completed due to scheduling.

The Board members took a visual tour of the surplus Sheriff's vehicles to assess their condition. The possibility of passing them on to other county departments was discussed. Commissioner Zollinger agreed to attend the Custer Telephone Co-op Inc. Annual Meeting on behalf of Custer County. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal Review at 5:10 PM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Emergency Manager Levi Maydole and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 5:15 PM.


**Prosecutors Office:** Chris Matson Prosecutor Secretary attended. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel Review at 5:23 PM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Secretary Chris Matson, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 6:00 PM.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.



  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk