

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
March 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioners Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, candidate John Keppner, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones and Weed Supt. Brett Plummer in attendance.

Weeds: Brett attended the District #6 Weed Supervisors meeting in DuBois and felt it was very worthwhile. Chemical prices have risen sharply, with 24D costing 200% more than last year. He has enough supplies to last the summer except for Dicamba that is currently unavailable. He plans to begin on roadside spray work, but the lack of ground moisture makes it ineffective. The spray requires ¼" of moisture to activate. He will spray the County Fairgrounds soon, and has checked the N. Custer Rodeo Grounds which look good. He has met with Glen Elzinga, Lemhi County and other agencies and they have started a weed plan for his "organic designation" on permitted public and private ground. The plan is not complete but is in process. The group is also working with the Idaho Fish & Game on wildlife management. Brett has located a 1995 ¾ ton Chevy that will work for the Weed Dept. and fits his budget. There are still no UTV's available that meet his specifications. The Forest Service RAC funding was then discussed. Brett makes a point of returning to his spray jobs after about 2 weeks to see how successful it was. Now that he has passed the aerial applicators test, he needs to get the #107 permit. He is also researching possible funding sources for a spray drone.

Road & Bridge: Brandon reported that the summer crew will begin on Monday. He will start with grading the closer dirt roads, then move up to the zipping project on the East Fork Road. The next job on his list is with Idaho Transportation Dept. on the Spar Canyon Road reopening. The state will be helping with up to 8 trucks. The job was about 2/3 complete last fall, and they will finish it up this spring. The public has been upset that the road is closed, and has driven around the signs. The Jersey Barriers that R&B installed were actually drug out of the road at one point. Brandon is lining up trucks and crew for the Summit Cr. road capping this summer. Some of those that had agreed to help are backing out due to the high fuel costs. The county trucks, #202 & #205 are almost finished. #205 is completed and looks great, #202 is slated to be finished up by this Thursday. Once the beds were removed additional frame repair work was found that had to be done. R&B has also gone over the pups and found some needed welding repair work to do on them also. Truck #212-water truck is currently having the Jake brake rebuilt at Diesel Depot. The water tank is baffled, but the air bag suspension is causing problems when on the river roads. There is a heavy rubber stop system available for \$3,700.00 that will make it much safer for everyone to drive. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the suspension repairs for truck #213 be approved with a spending cap of \$4,000. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. There is a Public Meeting for the Garden Creek Road scheduled for April 20th. It will be held at the CEDA building starting at 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Brandon will get the notices into the newspaper and on the radio. Harper Levitt Engineering will be meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the Road & Bridge Dept. via zoom, on April 11th. The county needs to have a negotiator and an appraiser on board for the right-of-way work involved. The crews are currently sweeping roads to clear the winter sanding. The barriers up E. Fork, placed at Fox Creek are full of sluffed materials and need to be cleaned. Brandon will meet with Doug Baker to confirm arrangements for dumping of extra material. Brandon currently has two full crews, but is short one grader operator right now for the 3rd crew.

Lawn Maintenance Bid: There was one bid received on the Lawn Maintenance advertisement. Jordan Oerke bid \$2,830.00 for April thru October lawn mowing and removal of clippings. It figures out at \$566.00 per month. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the bid of \$2,830.00 be accepted for 2022 courthouse lawn maintenance. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the agenda be amended to add an executive session for personnel. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 8:47AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, 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 9:15 AM.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided photos of the Bonneville Courtroom setup for the Board to review. Commissioner Butts will talk with Court Clerk Laila Plummer and get any additional information. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about any further communication from the person we contacted about an elevator system? Commissioner Butts has heard from him, and will be receiving a “draft idea” soon. The financial assistance that was offered through Tammy White/Courts was discussed and will be checked into again. Clerk Baker brought a liquor license transfer request from Perk’s Bar to Mother & Daughter Inc. Commissioner Smith moved that the transfer be approved, as well as the regular license when the full application is received at renewal time. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Certificate of Residency: The application received from Bowen was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that it be approved, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. The board then reviewed two Event Applications for the N. Custer Rodeo Grounds. The High School Rodeo is applying for dates of April 15th & 16th, and the Spanky Martiny Bronks and Bulls is applying for June 4th. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the event applications be approved and signed. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Butts has been approached by the Rodeo Committee about some dirt work that needs to be done at the rodeo grounds. He will continue working with them to get the project done.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided copies of Resolution #2022-03 Disaster Declaration for Drought that was reviewed by the Board. It will be a county wide declaration. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the resolution be passed and the letter to the Governor of Idaho be approved and sent. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The E. ID. Public Health Board elections were discussed. Commissioner Butts agreed to continue serving as a board member if re-appointed. The term is for 5-years. The Board agreed to appoint Commissioner Wayne Butts for another term as EIPH Board member. Resolution #2022-02 & Treasurer Investment Policy was then reviewed and a discussion ensued. Clerk Baker suggested conferring with Prosecutor Justin Oleson on any future use of precious metals. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-02 Investments as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Treasurer Allicyn Latimer attended the meeting and responded to the board questions. The current list of key executors (Commissioner Chairman, County Clerk, County Treasurer and Chief Deputy Treasurer) are on all of the Custer County bank accounts.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and inquired about how many letters of invitation for the Coordination Training with American Stewards of Liberty have been sent out. He would like to see all the western regions invited to attend. He then asked if anyone was aware that the BLM has closed the Darling Cr. Road? This is a RS-2477 road, and he personally verified the signage on the Darling Cr. end of the route stating it was closed to the public. The opposite end of the route in Morgan Cr. has no closure signage. The Board of Commissioners have not had any comments on this, nor received any notices from the BLM. Chairman Butts is scheduled to attend the American Stewards of Liberty, Stop 30 X 30 Event being held in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 23rd.

Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the 3/21/22 Special Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the minutes of the S. Custer Ambulance meeting be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Homeland Security: Mike Graham attended and verified his intention to retire from his position on April 1st, 2022. The Board thanked him for his service to Custer County. Discussion turned to getting the current inventory of equipment and such transferred and safely stored by the county. The types of equipment and locations were discussed and listed. Printer and office equipment, Grouse Peak generator, (2) portable generators, Big TV & Owl camera, TUSA Contract, PPE & medical supplies, Files, (2) lap-top computers, Screen, Cell Phone and Keys to courthouse. Mike informed the board that the Tusa contract was not signed, and he has reached out to another company from Colorado. Commissioner Corgatelli asked if any new hire for his position could contact him with

questions? Mike agreed to help. Mike passed on that IOEM is changing quickly, and the decisions that come from Custer County are to slow to please them. The AHMP needs to be updated, and was originally completed with North Wind Portage. The SHSP Grant will need to be re-applied for, as all old projects will be cancelled. Mike has notified the Stanley and Mackay mayors of his decision to retire. He offered to help and coordinate with Salena Gregory, the setup of the emergency dashboard system. Clerk Baker brought the required payroll Memo for signature and verification of his retirement. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 NOON.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, U of I Extension Regional Director Marni Spencer and Extension Educator Sarah Baker in attendance.

Agent: Regional Extension Director Marni Spencer thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of the extension programs. A copy of "Extension Trends" that highlighted Ms. Baker was given to the board members. Marni verified that all pandemic decisions have been left up to the counties now. Sarah then reported on the work she has done recently. They sponsored Ag Day Events in Stanley, Challis and Mackay, and did presentations for the schools in each community. They also handed out over 200 free breakfasts in the area. The 4-H Programs are gearing up, with a very active Teen Leader group from Custer Co. The Idaho State Teen Leader President is Kaleb Hampton from Mackay. The Beef weigh-in was held March 5th and gathered 11 new members. 32 kids weighed in 40 steers for 2022. The Hog weigh-in will be in May, and the Lamb weigh-in will be the end of May. The Fair-board has elected new officers and Jake Zollinger is the new Fair-board president. Sarah reported on Pesticide Applicators License renewals are coming soon, but credits are available for on-line classes if needed. She then addressed the Extension Office items that are stored at the courthouse, and that she is now ready to accept more at her office.

Sheriff: Stu Lumpkin attended and suggested the County Per-diem for meals be raised up to cover the inflated costs of eating during a training or meeting. Discussion was held between the Board, Sheriff and P&Z Administrator on the extreme garbage situation along highway 75 and how it could be handled. Clerk Baker updated those present on the Water Ways Grant Application submitted by Custer County for the new boat and trailer. The boat and trailer will not be completed or ready for delivery until June or July due to supply chain issues. Inquiry was made about when the Challis Fire Department is moving into their new firehall? The last version heard was perhaps "July". Commissioner Smith inquired about the Stanley Housing Rental Agreement and if any response had been received from the legal review. A correction on the number of bedrooms was noted.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica attended and was asked about ordinances that could be involved in the extreme garbage situation up river. She will look into the matter. The Lake City Law Office has appointed a new attorney to assist our P&Z Office. Kaitlin is no longer working there and Faunda has taken her place as our representative. Discussion on the proper actions during a public hearing was held. During a "deliberation" no new information can be given. Jessica provided a copy of her letter to be sent on a non-conforming lot issue. The lot is too small and a home is currently being erected. She also reported receiving some lot-split surveys that are of illegal size. Such action can generate a violation notice. Jessica will continue with informational letters to all of the Title Companies and Real Estate Offices to keep everyone informed. The Board responded that she has their support for all her hard work in keeping the P&Z ordinances effective. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes for the 3/14/2022 US Calcium Appeal Deliberation be approved with one correction changing "Chairman Corgatelli" to "Commissioner Corgatelli" on page two. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. A small correction was noted for the Findings of Facts for the US Calcium Appeal Deliberation was noted on page 2, G, 1., A should be "been" amended.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes of the 3/14/2022 regular meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Claims: Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims be approved and paid Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	36,840.48
Road & Bridge	15,399.31
Election Fund	92.95
District Court	117.49
Indigent	4,620.50
Revaluation	<u>271.24</u>
TOTAL	57,341.97

Commissioner Smith moved to rescind his earlier motion to approve the minutes of the South Custer Ambulance meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion was rescinded. The meeting was recessed at 3:23 to go into South Custer Ambulance Board. The meeting returned to regular session at 3:29 PM.

LRED: Mike Evans, Executive Director attended and thanked the Board for fitting him into their agenda. He is working on grant submissions through the ARPA Tourism Grant process. He has met with Jolie/Challis, Tammy/Salmon, and Monica/Arco to join the rest of the Custer/Butte/Lemhi team. The Board inquired about the mechanics of doing a grant submission, and Mike answered their questions on required numbers such as SAMS# and DUNNS#. He then offered to assist if possible. Chairman Butts inquired about the "Idaho Scenic Byway's" contact information for another issue. Mike is currently working on a North Custer County ATV Map. He was interested in the many loop roads in the area around Challis. LRED is working on having community engagement sessions to help pursue and promote events that support the community.

Indigent: Lyndee Kauffman attended with her information files. Commissioner Smith moved to go into executive session at 3:54 PM for Indigent under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. Those attending this session were Deputy Clerk Lyndee Kauffman, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 3:58 PM Commissioner Smith made a motion for #2022-07 – Denial / due to lack of cooperation, and #2022-06/ Denial / other resources, and #2021-14 / Continued until 4/27/22 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the aye votes were unanimous. Lyndee excused herself from the meeting.

The wording of the Custer Co. Investment Policy was reviewed and changes discussed. The possibility of investing in precious metals was to be discussed with legal counsel.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 4:15 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, 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 4:26 PM.

With no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk