

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
February 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Chairman Butts, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Melvin Lanier, and Denay Phelps of Road & Bridge also attended.

Road & Bridge: Melvin reported the snow plowing in Morgan Cr. is going fairly well. The excavator is now repaired and work will continue on removing the rock points and blind curves on the lower end of Morgan Cr. road. He is working with landowners up the East Fork road on similar projects. The Forest Service wants them to do more work on the East Fork bridge and fix it permanently. The Cow Camp road needs more work so the R&B can have good access to the shale pit. He is currently re-working the Schedule A road agreement with the SNRA. They would like to add a few more miles of road. The Yankee Fork road needs to be bladed off, rather than just plowed as the snow floor is breaking up and getting dangerous for the plow truck drivers. R & B is putting together accident survival kits for each plow truck that goes on the remote roads in the county. Brandon Jones just attended survival classes, and is now able to teach them locally to the other drivers.

The minutes of the January 30th meeting were then read over. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve them with one change. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. The election precinct rules that have been reworked by the legislature were then discussed. It is planned to change the voter count for mail out precincts from 125 to 140. This could affect our Clayton precinct. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to accept the Election Precinct locations and boundaries as they have been in the past. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Resolution #2019-01 Open Range was then read over. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that Resolution #2019-01 be adopted and signed, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The boards comment letter for the Salmon Challis Nat'l. Forest Plan Revision was reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli made the motion that the letter be sent, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker then read a letter from Jerrod Ricks concerning our defense attorneys. He wants to schedule a meeting with Custer Co. to review our progress, and Clerk Baker would like one of the board members to attend with her. The agreement was reached on who would attend. The claims were then gone over and Clerk Baker presented the possible additions. Blue Mountain Refuse for \$660.00 to have the overhead doors at the Stanley transfer station repaired, Jim Hawkins for 14 hrs consulting, Computer Arts for the updated Barracuda Backup programs and space for \$2,645.54, and upgrade Lisa's computer in Clerk's office to handle Windows 10, \$1,373.00. Commissioner Corgatelli asked for a list of computers, (their ages and condition) to enable required replacement by the 2020 window. The election department needs to have 15 thumb drives that enables them to utilize the Express Vote Machines. There is an option to rent them at \$15.00 per drive-per election, or purchase them for \$105.00 each. The Board agreed that purchase was the best option.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended and the meeting recessed to go into BOE at 9:35 AM. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:38 AM. Commissioner Butts asked about the review on the Living Waters properties. Jeremy will be doing a site inspection on the Living Waters property this week to verify their exemption status. A 4-room mini-motel unit in the Stanley area was the next topic. Jacquell had it on the tax rolls in Upper Stanley, and now it has been moved to Lower Stanley. It was mistakenly taxed twice. Some new "mini-motel" units have shown up in Gateway Village below Lower Stanley that

were installed in December. There are also some “tiny home” rentals being built in Challis at the Pioneer Plaza this winter. After discussion, Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the tax cancellation for 207 Wall Street, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Chairman Butts brought up the subject of the County having a second web-site master. Currently Assessor Chief Deputy Tracy Barrett is the web-master for the County and there is a consensus that there should be a second for backup during absences and to help carry the increasing workload. The Board of Commissioners will decide who will do the job, after further research.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer attended and handed out her monthly financial reports. Chairman Butts began a discussion on the opinion of auditor Gary Merkel about the investment Bonds that the County currently has.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins, Chairman and Harriet Henderson attended to update the board on their last meeting. There have been many new appointees in the government agencies since the first of the year. Jim asked the board for an agenda for the upcoming Government to Government meeting with the Idaho Fish & Game director. He has confirmed that during the summer of 2019 the Copper Basin livestock grazer’s lost 80 head to wolves. There has also been confirmed cases of bangs disease found in elk within Custer County, which will directly affect the local livestock industry. Harriet asked the board if Bradley Cassera could join the NRAC as a mining industry representative. He came highly recommended for his knowledge of mining law.

Correspondence on the Windy Devil and Willow Cr. Summit communications tower project was received. All agreed it was a good project and they would like to receive e-mail updates on the project progress. The claims were then reviewed. Commissioner Butts had some questions on the Custer Soil & Water Conservation Dist. form.

Claims: The following claims were approved with 4 additions noted earlier by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion was approved.

Current Expense	41,268.95
Road & Bridge	12,622.84
Election Fund	228.00
District Court	4,637.74
Rodeo Grounds	108.30
Health District	7,828.00
Jr. College	500.00
Revaluation	1,307.19
Solid Waste	2,835.00
Weeds	29.46
Waterways – Law Enf.	242.21
Emergency Communication	1,949.51
Auditors Trust	500.00
Drug Trust	912.00
TOTAL	74,969.20

The board recessed early for lunch at 11:30.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins and Steve Freibruger attending.

Steve Freiburger/Lost River Flood Control Dist.: Steve did a presentation for the formation of a Lost River Flood Control Dist. The property owners within this district could possibly pay a levy of .06% on their taxes to fund it, if created. He has contacted Lost River Highway Dist., Big Lost Irrigation Dist., Idaho Transportation Dept., and local homeowners. The process must go through the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources and get a 50% approval vote from the property owners (per §42-31). Steve would like the county to help him put together the boundaries of such a district, and would like their representation on the board of directors. Commissioner Butts asked if he had contacted Mike Graham-Disaster Services about this matter. Steve had not, so contact information was offered. Mike has done substantial work in this same area and is currently working on a grant to get the sanded in flood gates within the river channel cleaned and repaired.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206 (1)(f) for Legal with Prosecutor Justin Oleson, Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session. Justin then looked over the letter received from Burgess and will answer for the County.

State & Federal Agencies: SNRA report was given by Allison in Flannigan's absence. They are doing a remodel of their office and are currently closed. Anna Sammer has been hired for the summer, other seasonal jobs are being filled. They have a meeting scheduled with Road & Bridge on Feb. 13th for Engineering and Fisheries discussion.

Allison Jackson/Lost River Ranger Dist. reported they are still trying to get their offices up and running after the shutdown. They have hired some new seasonal employees to fill vacant positions, but the permanent hires aren't funded as yet. They are working on the scoping for the Mt. Borah Campground project and the Bear Cr. road washout project in Antelope.

Dennis Kunhel/Middle Fork Ranger Dist. reported they to have hired their seasonal employees. They are looking for public comment on needed road and trail maintenance projects. Interest is shifting to management of "hazard trees" and clarifying forest service policy.

Kurt Pindell/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. informed the board of some personnel changes. Cheri Ford has moved to Montana, and John Rose is gone. He introduced the new Fire Management Officer Doug Kurry, and Gerald Knudsen who will be stationed in Mackay. They plan to re-stock the wood lot supply in June or July. He discussed the Annie Rooney Salvage Timber Sale that will be done this summer. The Challis Cr. road work completion is needed to allow access for the Mosquito Flats timber sale that could be released by July or Sept.

Todd Kuck/BLM also brought the board up to date on some of the new hires they have in their office. His new Assistant Field Manager will be David Hillard recently from Wyoming. The Realty Specialist job is still vacant. When asked about the wild horse gather situation, he reported they currently have the EA out for public comment on their new comprehensive horse gather plan. They are hoping for a helicopter gather this fall if all goes well. They are meeting with their "Operations and Maintenance Crew" soon and need any road washouts or issues brought to their attention. Commissioner Butts inquired about the special use permit for the E. Fork Solid Waste Transfer site access route. Todd assured him that use would continue as in the past. The ticketing of a local resident for being behind a released Wilderness Study Area sign was then brought up. Todd needed more specific information before he could respond.

A date to work on the Fire Supply Contracts needs to be re-set, due to the shutdown. The week of March 2nd was given as a possibility and Kurt Pindell will get back to us with his schedule.

Sheriff: Stu Lumpkin and Justin Mitchell attended. The brought the 2019 USFS Schedule A Law Enforcement Contract for board approval and signature. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve and sign the contract, as Sheriff Lumpkin has also approved and signed it. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Stu then handed out his monthly report to the board. They are now holding Magistrate Court on Monday mornings, and District Court on the third Monday afternoon. This makes it very hard for him to make it to the Monday board meetings. Topics discussed were the two new trucks that are in use now, Grouse Peak backup power supply, and the proposed Windy Devil and Willow Cr. Summit communications towers. Conversation then moved to Jail costs, and the expenses involved in transporting prisoners to other jails. Stu offered to provide answers to the public's questions if he can get a written list before the public meeting on the 19th. Sheriff Lumpkin then requested Commissioner Butts to work on getting the repeater sites upgraded. The coax cables are all cracking and the antennae are badly aged. It would be a great use for any extra emergency grant funds.

P & Z: Christy Foster gave her report and requested approval for vacation between March 4th and 7th.

Commissioner Butts will be in Washington D.C. from March 1st to the 7th, doing legislative work with WIR.

A teleconference call was made to Maggie Albano of United Way. She is promoting a Custer County Community Conversation meeting on Feb. 28th at the Wm. Cobbley Senior Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Commissioner Butts asked her "what are your goals?" Maggie would like to find contacts in the Custer County area for her program.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk