

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
December 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioners Steve Smith, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer and SWCD Admin. Karna Bragg in attendance.

Road & Bridge: Brandon deferred to Karma to provide information on the Road Creek Bridge project. She has been successful procuring a Pacific Coast Grant in the amount of \$112,000.00 to help pay for the project. The draft Memorandum of Agreement was reviewed and she needs to have our attorney look it over and get it returned. The repair work will need to be completed during the fish window time slot of July and Aug. There is a 33% cost share that the County can meet by doing the approach dirt work at each end of the bridge. The BPA Funding of \$220,000 will only be available through August 31st, but the Pacific Coast Grant will be useable over the next 2 or 3 years. Brandon added that the Road & Bridge Plan includes doing zipper work on that same stretch of the East Fork Road next summer, so the bridge approach work is a great fit. Commissioner Butts updated the group that the DOT Infrastructure Bill funds will possibly be available for use as matching funds. He felt the funds should be used for the Bayhorse Bridge and as needed on the Road Creek Bridge job. Brandon then reported that he was unsuccessful with his bid for the mobile crane that transpired last week, as our financial limit was surpassed. Discussion was then held on just what jobs the crane would be used for throughout the year, and all options of getting those jobs done. Brandon is updating the bolt/nut/washer bins at the shop to keep a good supply on hand when needed. The cost is between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to provide a complete inventory. The board agreed that having a good supply on hand is necessary for a busy shop. Custer county will be eligible to apply for the FLAP Bridge Grant next year and he is getting prepared to apply for the Bayhorse Bridge again. Keeping abreast of possible upcoming grant opportunities has been difficult, so Brandon is working with Jolie Turek at CEDA. He is also working with HLE on the FLAP Grant application for Phase II of the Garden Cr. project. The two Chevy trucks that Road & Bridge ordered through Smith Chevrolet in January 2021 are now in stock. Brandon is getting the vehicle Vin# information and was assured the cost is the same as the original quote. There are some more special fittings, (ie: lights, tool box, racks) that will need to be ordered and installed also. The Cattle Guard Ordinance wording, and the Snow Plowing Ordinance are still awaiting legal approval from the Prosecutor. He is also waiting for direction on the Hamm Roller/Modern Equipment situation from Justin. One of the chain saw's the R&B has is beyond reasonable repair. Replacement cost for a Husky 460 "Rancher" saw is between \$500 and \$600. Commissioner Smith moved that the R&B be approved to replace the broken saw with a Husky 460 with 24" bar. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session for Personnel at 9:50 AM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:02 PM

Weed: Brett updated the Board members on the status of the 2016 Central Idaho agreement. The final 2016 amount of \$27,616.50 has been utilized. The new 5-year 2021 USFS agreement is for \$65,000.00 and there is still \$7,800.00 in funds available for use from the Lodgepole RAC agreement. Brett is working with Tommy to get all the proper reports completed. Jerrod Meyers is the new Weed man for the BLM, and Brett is working well with him. There was \$15,000.00 left in last years BLM budget, that is being transferred to the County Weed Dept. Brett has been unable to even get bids from UTV suppliers, due to the supply chain problems, but he has found UTV's that are available for cash purchase. He needs a renewal of the 2021 FY approval for purchase of a UTV, that was not completed. Commissioner Smith moved that the \$16,900.00 be re-approved for purchase of a UTV side-by-side for the Weed Dept. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Brett clarified the purchase would be made by the County, and then reimbursed by the BLM. Two of the trucks that the Weed Dept. uses are 20 years old and getting very hard to keep operational. Brett has been watching the Idaho Surplus inventory for possible replacements. He needs prior approval from the Board to be able to purchase for the Weed Dept. Commissioner Smith made a motion that \$32,000.00 be approved for the purchase of a truck through ID Surplus

and Brett will call the Chairman for final verification of the actual purchase amount. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. There are two weed trucks that need their windshields replaced, the Ford and the Dodge. The new windshields will cost around \$300.00 each and Brett will install them. The Board approved the repairs. Brett is scheduled to meet with the Custer SWCD at their meeting to look at a small (6' wide) no till drill for road side seeding projects, that can be pulled with a 4-wheeler. He will report his findings at the next meeting.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer attended and provided copies of her monthly report. The IBM 400 computer that the County purchased last year came with only 1 year of software maintenance. The cost of a needed 1-year software maintenance program is \$1,759.99. Allicyn will get this fee included in her budget next year. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the 1-year software maintenance agreement as requested. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended and presented a list of 2021 Tax Cancellations. The Mackay Cigar Store/Clock building is now tax exempt (museum owned) and needs 2021 taxes of \$188.68 cancelled on RP#B0013012006AA. The Roadhouse Bar-Restaurant caught fire, closed and needs a 2021 Hardship tax exemption in the amount of \$280.60 for RP #A0004002003A. Commissioner Smith moved that the Homeowner Tax Cancellations for RP#001170010030A - \$860.77, RP#00016000080AA - \$183.46, RP# B0023004003AA - \$588.31, and RP/MH #B002100001175A - \$150.68 be approved, as well as the Cigar Store/Clock building taxes for RP#B0013012006AA of \$188.68. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the Hardship Tax Exemption be approved for the Roadhouse Bar- RP #A0004002003A for \$280.60. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session for Legal at 9:50 AM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 10:12 PM.

Clerk: Lura Baker reviewed the paper work for the FEMA Dam Grant, and the looming deadline. Wording in the required "Impoverished County" letter was gone over by the Board. Butte County has a building inspector, where Custer County does not. The letter is asking to combine our application with Butte Counties because of the joint use of the waters from the Mackay Dam. Commissioner Smith moved to accept the FEMA GO Grant Application, and the SF424 Form as completed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker then presented the Indigent Defense Expenditure Report, and how it was used for transcripts, attorney fees and professional services. Commissioner Smith moved that the Indigent Defense Expenditure Report be approved and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The BOE minutes for November 22, 2021 were then reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved they be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes of the Public Hearing for Solid Waste Fees be approved as written. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session for Personnel at 11:16 AM under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. Prosecutor Justin Oleson attended the meeting. No decisions were made, the meeting returned to regular session at 12:00.

Prosecutor: The Snow Plow Authorization form was gone over by Justin and approved as written. The Cattle Guard Agreement was also OK'd as written. The new fee of \$2,000.00 will require holding a public hearing. Commissioner Butts inquired about the "tire fence situation" and where enforcement jurisdiction lays, as the DEQ was working with Planning & Zoning but no citations were written. The Antelope area tire problem with over 200 tires will be handled by DEQ. Winter snow removal agreement was then discussed. Justin didn't feel a contract was necessary, just a written understanding of what is expected and proof of insurance on any plow vehicle that is used in the parking lot.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:25 PM, and then reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending the meeting were Riley Rhodes/Salmon Challis RD, Jonathan LeBlanc/Lost River RD, and Dave Hilliard/BLM along with the full board of Commissioners and Deputy Clerk.

Agencies: Dave Hilliard/BLM reported they have a new Outdoor Recreation Manager Gabby Lukins. Their agency has sent a letter to the “Rally in the Pines” group requesting a special use permit application. Commissioner Smith inquired about range reports, and Dave said they are not returned as yet. Their Range Specialist position is open. Jonathan LeBlanc/Lost River reported that they have sent out 4 non-compliance letters for range conditions. They are currently working on some water projects to help during the drought conditions. The office is transitioning back to being fully open. The process begins in Dec. and they hope to be fully open by March.

Riley Rhodes/Salmon-Challis attended on behalf of Heath Perrine that is welcoming a new member of his family. The small NEPA projects are now out for scoping comments. They made it through review by the Idaho Roadless Commission with no hiccups. Sherry Hughes and Donna Leuzinger are both retiring soon. Jodi Wisner has also left their office by accepting another on-line position. Commissioner Butts reviewed the generator situation on Grouse Peak for Riley. The current generator is a 1960 model and a grant through the county has been written to cover the cost of a new one. Bayhorse projects are in the final stages of standard objections and the corrections are in process. The Agency personnel were thanked for coming and offered the opportunity to return to their offices.

Bobbi Filbert/SNRA sent her report via e-mail. The Sawtooth Avalanche Center will begin providing daily reports on Dec. 13th. The ITD has submitted a proposal to work on Hwy 75 from Torrey’s to the Slate Cr. Bridge and needs USFS endorsement. It will widen the road bed, replace culverts and guard rail sections, beginning in 2024 if successful. There has been a proposal for additional fiber optic installation in the Sawtooth Valley to incorporate the locations that were missed in the last installation. NEPA will begin this winter for this project. The Stanley Outpost Project for SREC is currently getting NEPA analysis, with a goal for late spring implementation. The 3-acre site adjacent to the ITD site on Hwy 21 will have a 30,000-gallon propane tank and warehouse facility with a bathroom. The Custer County letter of support was appreciated. There are 2 active timber sales on Elk Creek Road. The Highway 21 Hazard Tree sale may also begin operations later this winter.

Commissioner Butts will be traveling to Ogden, Utah to attend a meeting on the Bio-Mass Generator project presented by Dr. Dennis Becker at the USFS Regional Office. Randy will be provided with information to connect and attend on January 5th via Zoom connection at the courthouse. Wendell Gohn/Solid Waste phoned into the meeting to Chairman Butts. He inquired about the new Conex storage building at the East Fork transfer site. The county will pay for materials needed, and Blue Mountain Refuse will do the work needed. Wendell will get materials at Allied Builders for the job. Wendell then inquired about “asbestos inspections” and the conflicting costs between Salmon and Challis. Demolition debris from the recently burned “Roadhouse Bar” will be coming to the Challis Transfer Site soon.

Claims: Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the additions of \$197.18 for Aletia Straub-Workman, \$14,951.85 for Data Works, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	64,615.70
Road & Bridge	21,762.73
Battleground Mosquito	133.41
Election Fund	82.53
District Court	9,817.86
Rodeo Grounds	179.95
Indigent	1,704.53
Revaluation	49.00
Solid Waste	5,125.04
Weeds	956.34
Waterways	1,152.57
PILT	14,591.85
Emergency Communications	2,047.45
Auditors Trust	159.75
S Custer Ambulance	<u>3,228.12</u>
TOTAL	125,606.83

Tami White with the Idaho Supreme Court sent sample drawing of a court facility, which were reviewed. After review of the minutes, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Nov. 22, 2021 Commissioner Meeting minutes with one correction in the dollar amount in 1st paragraph to \$25,555.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Butts had to leave the meeting.

Sheriff: Chief Deputy Justin Mitchell attended and reported on the problems getting a cooking stove for the completion of the Stanley housing remodel project. Stu has found some at Lowe's and Home Depot at a cost of \$550.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Sheriff's Office be approved to purchase a cook stove directly not to exceed \$550.00

Planning & Zoning: Jessica attended and reported on the Ivie Subdivision in Mackay. She also provided plat copies to the board. The Planning & Zoning Committee approved this final plat at their last meeting. The Board members reviewed the plat and questioned the 20-foot septic pipeline easement that crosses the property, and just how someone that purchased Lot #2 would be able to build without problems with set back requirements. Jessica reviewed the minutes of the last P&Z Board meeting, and verified that they did address the 20' sewer pipe easement issue. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the final plat of the Ivie Subdivision. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Jessica has received an official Certification for her recent FEMA Flood Plain training. She thanked the Board for enabling her to attend the training.

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