

Custer County  
Commissioner Proceedings  
November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chairman Butts, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk T. Hawkins in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge, Christy Foster/Risk Manager and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mangum attended.

**Road & Bridge:** Melvin presented the Transportation Plan to the board for signature. He will continue working on the Pavement Ratings, Traffic Index, Capital Improvement Plan and will set up Committee meetings by late fall. The additional information is required within a year. He has access to traffic counters, and others available to borrow if needed. The last major up-date was done in 2006, with some minor adjustments since. ITD will do a new traffic projection (15 year) once the New Travel Plan is completed. Commissioner Smith inquired about grading on the Pahsimeroi Road? The job is nearly completed, with Hatch Lane being done this week. One of the blades is now parked at the mouth of Morgan Cr. Melvin has requested a 30-month extension for the competition of the Morgan Cr., East Fork, and W. Double Springs Road projects, and received them. Commissioner Butts asked if the fencing has been completed on the gravel pits in the East Fork area. The Spar Canyon pit still needs to have the gate installed. They have had local users purchasing gravel from these sources. Melvin reported that his crew is still working on the brush beater, as it needed a better hydraulic pump. They also need to finish the fabrication of the "material spreader" they designed. They have all the pieces, just need to get it all welded together. The contractor that is doing the Challis Airport reconstruction work is here and has arranged to park his equipment in the R&B pit by the airport. They have approached Melvin about recycling the airstrip materials that will be taken up during this job. Melvin will look into the amount of material that will need to be stockpiled. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel with Melvin at 8:45, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:00.

Discussion was held on the recent election and the purpose of the canvass process. Chief Deputy Clerk Lisa Robinson attended with the official election results, poll books and tally sheets. Each member of the board then reviewed the election records. Inquiry was made about the voter turnout, with 59% in the Mackay precinct and 22% turnout in Stanley. Deputy Clerk Lisa Robinson confirmed that no mistakes were found. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the election results and Canvass of the votes be approved for the November 6, 2019 election. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. The required papers were then signed by the board.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel with at 9:36, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:45.

**Assessor:** Jacquell Bruno has researched Idaho State Statute §63-604 and its application to the Ag. Exemptions applied to platted lands. She has found that it is an accepted practice and will not be making any changes in the methods she is currently using.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn Latimer handed out the monthly report. They are getting ready to send out the end of year tax notices from her office soon.

The board then reviewed a statement of account recently received from Valley Agronomics. Chairman Butts placed a call to get verification of the invoices listed. He requested a return phone call.

**NRAC:** Harriet Henderson reported on the proposed changes forthcoming in the USFS. The Middle Fork District Ranger and the Yankee Fork District Ranger will become Deputy Rangers of the Challis Ranger Dist. in the future. Commissioner Butts asked what the new job descriptions were, and how they compare to the former ones. It was agreed that the board members would ask some questions at their 4:30 meeting with the Forest Service.

The Dispatch Services Agreement between Custer County Sheriff's Office and North Custer Hospital District as well as the Emergency Medical Dispatch Medical Director - Independent Contractor Agreement were printed for the boards review. All agreed that they needed legal review before completing the documents. The BLM feral horse gather has been going for 8 days and they have captured 219 horses to date. The board then reviewed the letter of support for grant applications to the Challis Area Health Center. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the letter be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Chairman Butts then signed the letter.

Valley Agronomics bookkeeper Edie Robinson returned Chairman Butts phone call. She verified that the statement was accurate and the total amount on the statement was \$7,278.42. She then informed the board that there is an additional invoice in the amount of \$1,562.00 that was charged on 11/10/2019.

**Claims:** The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. Motion passed.

Current Expense	8,584.25
Road & Bridge	327.55
Election Fund	167.75
District Court	207.88
Indigent & Charity	210.00
Solid Waste	2,365.00
Weeds	<u>30.07</u>
TOTAL	11,892.50

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

**Agencies:** Jeremy Casterson/BLM Idaho Falls Office and Heather Schlenker/Realty Specialist attended to inform the board of 320 acres of private land in Custer County that has been traded in a BLM land exchange for property in Clark and Jefferson counties. The 320 acres being traded is not currently fenced, so there will be no change in any grazing allotments. The property was owned by Ted Sorensen/Reno Ditch Company and traded for property that is adjacent to his property in the Blue Dome area. The Board all felt that these land exchanges need to be done "within the county" so there is no net loss of private property for our tax base. Further discussion revealed that none of the Custer County trespass land issues have been resolved.

Allison Jackson/Lost River Ranger Dist. reported on attending the US Mint event for the Frank Church Wilderness quarter just released. She was able to obtain some uncirculated coins. The Lost River RD has biologists working on beaver projects in the Copper Basin area, as well as some bat projects. She has attended the USFS Leadership Team Meetings and they are re-organizing the recreation program. They are working on better coordination between the Main Salmon and Middle Fork river corridors. Lost River RD will be doing the "Fire Hire" program for the temporary workers in Timber, Fish, Range, Fire, Recreation and Botany again this year in mid February. The continuing resolution for the Federal Budgets is happening, so there is small chance of a furlough this January. The Mt. Borah Trailhead project is now #15 on the capital improvements projects list. The Boundary Cr. Road job is also on the list. The Tribes are not supporting the Mt. Borah Trailhead project any longer. They do not want any soil disturbance. Commissioner Smith shared his grandfather's knowledge that the Indians camped in the Rock Creek area not the Cedar Cr. area where the trailhead is located. Moving of the Bear Cr. road up out of the creek bottom in the Antelope area was the final item on her list.

Heath Perrine/Acting Challis Ranger attended and gave a short bio on his career in Idaho. He worked in Challis as a seasonal fire fighter years ago. Heath verified that the new Acting Middle Fork Ranger will report to him as a deputy, per instructions from Chuck Mark. The list of items they are currently working on include the Bayhorse Environmental Assessment, Grazing allotment work in Squaw Cr., Morgan Cr., Cow Cr., and others. The Annie Rooney timber sale was a "no bid" sale, and will be re-evaluated. Heath then asked the Board what they expected from him while he is here in Challis. They requested "honest – open conversation on plans coming from his office" and coordination with the Custer County Resource Management Plan. Heath confirmed that he is a huge

proponent of Schedule A Agreements for local roads. Commissioner Butts asked if he could confirm who has the jurisdiction on Challis Creek Road now that the access problems have been fixed?

Alex Schleuder/Acting Middle Fork Ranger attended and also gave a short bio on himself. He comes to us from West Virginia. A project that is high on the priority list is the bridge over the Boundary Cr. Road before the summer use season begins. They plan to get in early, even if they have to work in the snow. He has a new employee coming soon, Ann Gaspar/Recreation Specialist from Colorado that will be very active in river management. Commissioner Butts asked if Alex would look into the \$4.50 per vehicle fee that is charged to private river users for road maintenance, but is not charged to the bus loads of river users that are served by outfitters.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Stu Lumpkin, Dispatcher Kathy Rodgers, Deputy Justin Mitchell and Steve Rembelski/North Custer Hospital District attended. All present reviewed the Emergency Medical Dispatch Agreement, and concerns were voiced. Steve Rembelski verified that Dr. Joseph Krakker III is the Medical Director for the EMS in North Custer Co. Sheriff Lumpkin asked for legal review, and stated the agreement needs a signature line for his office, as well as the Hospital Dist. Discussion was held on the budget line items to be used for payment of the APCO medical dispatch training and supplies. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that pending legal approval the Dispatch Services Agreement and the Independent Contractor Agreement be approved and signed. Commissioner Smith seconded. All present agreed and unanimously approved the motion, including Steve Rembelski and Sheriff Stu Lumpkin. Sheriff Lumpkin then informed the board that he needs a new radio for one of the new patrol trucks. He has a quote from Day Wireless for approximately \$755.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Sheriff go ahead and purchase the needed radio, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The backup UPS units for the Sheriff's office need to be replaced. He has received a quote from Day Wireless for (8) 72V DC batteries and extended battery packs, which he feels is quite high. Stu would like to contact Glen with Robinson Electric for another quote, and the board all agreed it was a good idea. Sheriff Lumpkin has learned from ICRMP that Custer County is required to pay for any needed surgery for inmates.

**Planning & Zoning:** Christy Foster passed out copies of her monthly report on certificates. She has also been notified that she did not pass the test she took for Flood Plain Manager. The board encouraged her to give it another try when she is ready.

**Indigent:** Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session Commissioner Smith made a motion for #19-12 – Denial / due to non-compliance, and #19-13 – Notice of Suspension /pending payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the aye votes were unanimous.

**Policies:** The board reviewed the Custer County Travel Policy and accompanying Acknowledgement Page. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Travel Policy as written, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The board requested the "acknowledgement page" from this policy be used on any/all other county policies that need to be acknowledged. The Personnel Policy was then reviewed. The high cost of providing training to new employees for certain positions and then having the employee move shortly after being trained was reviewed. Different scenarios were walked through, and the ramifications of different rules. It was decided to contact ICRMP and see what some of the other counties in Idaho have done to address this issue. Carl with ICRMP called the board room.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b)for Personnel at 3:46, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 4:00.

Commissioner Smith moved that the agenda be amended to include North Custer Rural Fire Dist. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Launna Gunderson/Retiring Fire Chief, Larry Garey/Incoming Fire Chief, Richard Creason/Architect, and Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge attended. Launna made a request for gravel (approximately 125 yds) to be used for the new fire hall building. Melvin agreed that there is plenty of reject

gravel available for their use. The exact amount needed will be figured out by Mr. Creason/Architect and they will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to return to executive session under Title 74-201(b)for Personnel at 4:06, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 4:15. Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins was asked to send a list of information to Kirt Naylor with ICRMP on the Boards behalf.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. and the board members left to attend the meeting with Chuck Mark and the Challis Ranger District office.

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk