

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
April 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, R&B Foreman Andy Andrews, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett Plummer will be at the Challis Elementary School this Thursday for Natural Resources Day with the Noxious Weed trailer. He is looking forward to a fun and educational day with the kids. Chairman Butts commended Brett for the improved condition of the area roadsides. There are not near the weeds or problems as in the past years. Brett plans to begin spraying the roadsides in earnest as soon as the weather warms up.

Road & Bridge: Brandon has contacted the Twin Falls office of Leonard Petroleum to get the fuel station upgrade completed. This company will inventory the equipment that was left behind by the unsuccessful installation attempt made last year and see what can be used by them. The N. Custer Fire Department has contacted R&B about getting the final grading done around the new fire hall. It was agreed that they should be helped and the next time the needed equipment is nearby the job will be done. Brandon reported that he was able to hire some new crew members with CDL's. He is having trouble getting the local private contractors to help with hauling road materials on the Upper Pahisimeroi Road job. One has backed out due to the high fuel cost, and others have not returned his phone calls. Brandon recently learned that the Jervois Cobalt Mine is getting shut down on their use of the Morgan Creek Road due to the soft spring road conditions.

Zoom Session: Connections were made with Mohammed Zubery/LTACH, Larry Rincover/ Negotiation Services, as well as Chris Pettigrew/JUB Engineering to meet with the Board of Commissioners and Custer Co. Road & Bridge to discuss the next step forward for the ongoing Garden Creek Road project. Brandon inquired about the federal match requirements on this portion of the project. Mohammed verified that 92.7% of the costs will be reimbursed leaving the county with 7.3% share to pay. The county will send the paid invoices to Dennis Wagoner for review and reimbursements. Brandon then reviewed the contract from Negotiation Services with Larry. Chairman Butts will get the contract to our Prosecutor for legal review, and then return it to Larry. The start date listed on the contract is based on the "stamped" plans, and a legal description for the rights-of-way properties is needed. They are wanting to get this portion completed before June. Chris will get the final design submitted as quickly as possible after the next meeting. Larry has sent a status report to Chairman Butts, showing which rights-of-way and Temporary Construction Easements will be impacted. The surveyor needs to stake the properties, as the old staking is gone. Fencing was then discussed and the landowner will be able to utilize the pastures as the project is being done. The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and Mohammed, Chris, Andrea and Larry will all be in attendance. There will be a sign-in sheet, refreshments and display boards provided. This meeting is to bring the public up to date on the project. No official records or comments will be taken. Brandon has advertised the meeting in the newspaper and on the radio. The Zoom session was adjourned. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the contract with Negotiation Services LLC be approved and signed pending legal approval from Justin Oleson. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer presented her monthly report.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended and was asked by Commissioner Butts if prefabricated storage sheds or greenhouses need to have a building permit. Jacquell responded yes, they do. Commissioner Butts reported the BOE Training put on by Matt Virgil from the ID State Tax Commission was very informational and Matt has been a huge help to everyone. Jacquell then brought a tax cancellation on John Piva's Storage Units for the solid waste fee. The commissioners discussed the issue. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the solid waste fee for John Piva's Storage Units be cancelled in the amount of \$50.00, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Jacquell then presented the BOE Exemptions she has received to date. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the BOE exemptions be approved for Challis Community Church, the HUB, and Challis Senior Center. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Jacquell then informed the Board about the letter of non-compliance she

has received from the State Tax Commission on the taxing rates for Residential and Bare Land. All 44 counties in Idaho have received this letter. The taxes must be raised in order to comply with the State Tax Commission.

Clerk: Lura provided copies of the draft Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the US Calcium Appeal. As it was reviewed one correction was noted that will be taken care of. The Election Polling Places for the May 17th Primary Election were reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the polling places be set as follows;

Absentee / Courthouse	Challis/Middle School Building	Round Valley I & II / American Legion Hall
Clayton / Community Center	Stanley/Community Center	Mackay & Leslie/Mackay Firehall

Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

A special meeting was set for Monday, April 18th at 8:00 AM for Solid Waste / contract review with Wendell Gohn. The Annual Budget Hearing date was then reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that Wednesday August 31st 2022 at 6:00 PM be set for the Annual Budget Hearing. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. The contract with Drew Pendlebury for Custer County Conflict Public Defender was reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that it be approved and signed, Commissioner Butts seconded, and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 9:33 Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were 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 10:00 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that grant funds amounting to \$19,988.00 be returned to Homeland Security EMS from the 2018 SHSP Grant. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and checked on invitation lists for the upcoming Coordination Training - Workshop. Clerk Lura Baker suggested contacting the Idaho Cattlemen's Association. Chairman Butts has contacted NACO to offer the invitation. Harriet Henderson has placed an ad/article in the Recorder Herald in Salmon. It was suggested we put the same information in the Arco Advertiser. The Board agreed it should be done and will pay the cost of the ad.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson attended and the Garden Creek Road project was discussed, as was the Negotiation Services LLC contract. The Solid Waste contract will be discussed at the Special Meeting scheduled for April 18th. The Investment Policy was then reviewed by Justin, and Page 2, sections B and D discussed. Justin pointed out that the sections are discussing different types of investments and one should not be removed. Treasurer Allicyn Latimer was contacted and invited back to the meeting.

N. Custer Rodeo Committee: Terri Stillwaugh attended and brought the membership numbers for 2021 and 2022. Those members are asking for the arena to be watered and worked once a week by someone from the R&B crew. The Board acknowledged that the R&B crew is already stretched thin trying to keep up with county road repairs. Bill Bradshaw/Rodeo Committee and Brandon Jones/R&B Supt. are working together to clean up the large rock piles and adding additional soils to the arena. The High School Rodeo Club has turned the water system on and is tasked with keeping things from freezing and breaking. There has been a tractor donated to the Rodeo Committee by the City of Challis but it needs a new tire before being put to work. It was agreed by all present that a local volunteer needs to be found to do the weekly working of the arena floor. Terri then checked on the weed spraying schedule, and found that Brett has already put it on his list of places to spray. The group has scheduled an event, "Bucking to the Music" for August 10th, coinciding with the Braun Brothers Reunion. They are getting their paperwork in order. The Challis High School Rodeo is scheduled for the coming weekend April 15th & 16th.

After review of the 3/30/22 minutes, Commissioner Corgatelli moved that they be approved with the addition of the inventory items for Homeland Security. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

Federal Agencies: Jonathan LeBlanc/Lost River Ranger Dist., Dave Hillard/BLM, Heath Perrine/Challis Yankee Fork Ranger District, and Clayton Collins/Middle Fork Ranger Dist. attended. Bobbi Filbert/SNRA sent an e-mail report to Heath to present for her.

Challis Ranger Dist.; Heath gave Bobbi's report that SNRA has an assistant Fire officer coming soon, and the seasonal help will arrive in May. They have two timber sales along the 210 Road. They are rebuilding the footbridge at Redfish Lake this spring. The access roads for Redfish will be opened up on May 1st.

Heath reported that all Forest Service offices will be re-opening to the public on April 25th from the Covid closures. The Challis Ranger District has received a FLAP Grant for work on the Custer Motorway that is kicking off. They will be over the fish and heritage portion of the project. They are considering some spring burns, possibly next week if the weather permits. He will notify the Board with "group chat" connection, as time is of essence on a controlled burn. The Idaho District 4 Rangers had a Fire Conference, and all agreed it is looking like a very tough fire season coming. All districts are missing leadership personnel, and resources will be extremely competitive nationwide. Heath would like to schedule a meeting to do some planning for contingencies for the fire season. They have hired a new Recreation Leader, Steve Laraby.

Middle Fork Ranger Dist.; Clayton reported on the hiring announcements that are going out for quite a few tech. positions at the entry level. The AOI meetings are about half completed and they have been good productive meetings. We are working hard to protect the resources in this 3rd year of drought conditions, and giving our permittees every possible tool, we can.

Lost River Ranger Dist.; Jonathan has also been working with AOI meetings and doing as much as possible to help them. He verified that documentation of any and all events is very important. Any photos used need a GPS verification. The Borah Trailhead project did get funded in this round of grants. The Lost River Highway District was also funded for the road work they do for the Forest Service.

BLM Office; Dave reported that Matt Marsh has accepted a District Director job in Wheaton, Wyoming and he will be leaving our area some time in May. There is a new Range Management Specialist, Natalie Randall, that will be replacing Jessica French. Tom Clancy has been hired as a Range Tech. The BLM Office is now fully re-opened from the Covid closures. Dave will be attending the Timber Feasibility Meeting tomorrow with Mary D'Aversa and the Challis Community Events Center. Chairman Butts suggested the BLM office track the ownership of the Sweeney (Dowton) Bridge through a Title Company. The Bayhorse Bridge was also discussed and the future opportunities for improvements.

Sheriff: Stu attended and discussed the Saturday Mountain area garbage issues with the Board. There are laws involved that can lead to citations if the warnings issued are ignored. The current resident and the property owner have both been notified about the pending citations if they do not clean up their garbage. The possibility of combining jobs to tie two part time positions into one full time position was discussed with the Sheriff. Each department has ample work for more staff. Stu would like to see an I.T. position and the apprentice program through ISU is a great place to begin. Deputy Shade Rosenkrance will be leaving soon for his new job, and the new deputy will be coming out of P.O.S.T. training on April 15th. Deputy Bryden Brewer has been hired for one of the Mackay Deputy positions.

Planning & Zoning; Administrator Jessica Clemenhausen attended and brought the Finding of Facts for the US Calcium Mine Conditional Use Permit Appeal Hearing. The Board reviewed the document and all appeal times and dates were explained. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Findings of Facts for the US Calcium CUP be accepted as presented. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Butts/Aye, Corgatelli/Aye and Smith/excused (medical). Signatures were affixed. Jessica then presented a re-zone request for a 9-acre parcel in Copper Basin. This parcel is currently zoned as Agriculture, and they want it changed to Trans-Ag. The parcel is smaller than the Agriculture minimum size requirement.

Claims: Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the additions of \$119.85 for 7C Junction, and \$278.80 for Computer Zen. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	33,231.45
Road & Bridge	50,789.19
Election Fund	3,288.02
District Court	4,768.37
Rodeo Grounds	79.80
Health District	14,134.25
Indigent	495.65
Revaluation	270.47
Solid Waste	3,547.84
Weeds	28,896.32
Emergency Communications	3,016.09
Auditors Trust	<u>153.25</u>
TOTAL	142,670.70

The meeting was recessed at 3:25 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance Board meeting. They returned to regular session at 3:30. Custer County agency status for the BLM – Sage Grouse Management Plan EIS Preparation through Darling Geomatics was reviewed. Commissioner Butts moved that Custer County continue the process with a designation of “Cooperating Agency” rather than the previous designation as a “Coordinating Agency” at the suggestion of Mary Darling. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk