

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
April 27, 2022

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

**Weeds:** Brett Plummer reported on his planned schedule for the next two months. He has been asked by the Frank Church CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Agreement) to go into the Flying B Ranch in July, and will work it into his schedule. There is a weed identification control class held June 15 & 16 which he plans to attend. His work priorities will be 1) Roadside spray work 2) Morgan Creek 3) East Fork 4) Land owners' work/inventory and spot spray jobs. He is still searching for a pickup and ATV that will fill his needs and fit the budget. Brett did not do a cost share chemical sales program this year. Due to the escalating prices for chemical and the slow delivery of replacement product it will not work. He currently has enough chemical to see his department through the season.

**Road & Bridge:** Brandon reported that the SNRA has asked if the Road & Bridge could help haul materials to Boulder Creek. He plans to provide two truck and trailer units with drivers for the project. The USDA agreement was reviewed by the board. Next week the Road & Bridge crew will begin capping the Custer Road in the Pahsimeroi Valley. Two local contractors have backed out of the project, but Gail Lim will pick up the slack with his trucks. The job will proceed as far as the budget funding allows, and the entire job will not get done this year. The LSIP Grant that was applied for on the Morgan Creek road, due to a fatal accident, has been awarded. The award amount is \$1,236,000 and there will be a 7.32% to 14% match for in kind work. The Grant process is moving forward. Commissioner Smith moved that the SNRA Agreement to haul materials to the E. Fork Road/Boulder Cr. be approved in the amount of \$8,522.80. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Central Idaho Travel Commission sponsors a grant process for smaller bridge replacements. Custer County has 4 bridges that have been accepted for these grants. Two bridges have been identified for replacement up Squaw Creek. There is also a program to restore truss style bridges, and the bridge below Clayton could be put in. Commissioner Smith moved that Brandon pursue the CITC Grant funding for replacing the two bridges on Squaw Creek, as well as the Clayton truss bridge restoration. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. There are LHTAC Bridge classes scheduled in Boise, with sponsorships for 2 people. Brandon would like to attend with one other crew member. The board approved his request. The Road & Bridge has re-opened the Spar Canyon Road, but it still needs some finish grading work done. They are cleaning out behind the rock barriers along the East Fork Road and using the rock for fill in the Spar Canyon Road washouts. This project will be ongoing through the summer. A call was received from Neil Christensen and he would like to tour the Yankee Fork project. A date of May 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> was chosen for this tour. There is a walk-through tour scheduled for the Road Creek bridge project with all stakeholders involved. Karma Bragg with the Custer Soil & Water Conservation District will be attending. She has been a huge help to the County with this massive project. Road & Bridge is needing to purchase card stock to print up their work records. Janene has found a supplier, but needs to pay with a credit card to get delivery. Commissioner Smith moved that the Road & Bridge Dept. be allowed to use the county credit card to purchase the needed card stock. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion has been held on the road past the Stanley Museum with Stanley Construction. The Garden Creek Road process and progress was also discussed. The new crane truck is in service and works wonderfully. The old green crane truck will be placed on the surplus website tomorrow.

**Commissioners:** Commissioner Butts has received a bid response from Kena on the 14' x 92' Sheriff's Office trailer of \$322,000.00. The board was taken aback with the increased cost. The old Challis firehall has now been emptied by the N. Custer Rural Fire Department. The Search & Rescue has asked if their members could do a clean up and wash down of the building before anything new is moved in. The Commissioners discussed their plan to put in two offices and an ADA compliant bathroom. The county has been informed that the Wells Fargo Bank branch office

located in Challis will be closing in August 2022. The Salmon branch office will remain open. Treasurer Allicyn Latimer will have more information for the next meeting.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and reported there are around 20 persons planning to come to the May 5<sup>th</sup> Coordination Workshop/Training. Additional names of those that have called the courthouse were added to the list. Commissioner Butts reported on the Stop 30 X 30 Meeting he spoke at in Lincoln, Nebraska. He shared the handout information he received with the other board members. Jim requested the "USFS data" that was put together for the fire-wise and fuels feasibility study that was done by the University of Idaho be requested for Custer County. Commissioner Corgatelli would like to research what would actually be required to build a "pallet mill" in our area. Chairman Butts agreed that the Board should draft a letter of request for the USFS data.

The meeting scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the regular Commissioners meeting instead of the 25<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts. Clerk Lura Baker will put a notice in the newspaper. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the March 30, 2022 Wilson Lane Public Hearing be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Comdata has been contacted and an account for S. Custer Ambulance with fuel cards has been set up. Calls have been received about the need for a building inspector in the City of Mackay. Discussion was held on the possibility of working with neighboring counties to share the overhead costs for a County inspector. A copy of the letter the Salmon-Challis National Forest sent out to the "Rally in the Pines LLC" group was received by the Board of Commissioners, as well as the letter from non-profit conservation organizations that are concerned about their methods of use. Clerk Lura Baker has received a request for poll watchers from Priscilla Giddings for the absentee precinct. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes for the 4/81/22 Special Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the minutes from 4/12/22 meeting be approved, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Corgatelli then moved that the 4/11/22 meeting minutes be approved, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was recessed at 11:30 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance Board business.

The meeting reconvened at 11:41. Boat docks at the Mackay Reservoir have generated some public inquires, as the Challis river bridge boat ramp conditions. The Waterways Committee members were informed. Pat Silvers has gone to the Mackay Fairgrounds to take care of the gopher/squirrel problem. He found the fairground property all cleaned up of squirrel holes and no sign of new holes. The Board will tour the empty firehall facility during the lunch break.

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

Current Expense	19,109.63
Road & Bridge	62,902.20
Election Fund	3,351.80
District Court	2,526.56
Indigent	3,391.40
Tort	24,781.25
Weeds	<u>5,716.33</u>
TOTAL	121,779.17

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, P&Z Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen and commissioner candidate Loy Pehrson in attendance. Clerk Lura Baker provided the board copies of the PDC Annual Report and supporting information. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Financial Assistance Application be completed and signed. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Computer Arts technician Steve Stringham has recommended a program for cyber security for the County. The 3-year subscription at \$804.60 is the best value. Commissioner Smith moved that the 3-year E-Set cyber protection plan be approved and purchased.

Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The boat dock situation will be looked into next week. Commissioner Butts has been in contact with the BLM.

**Planning & Zoning:** Administrator Jessica Clemenhausen presented the zoning ordinance changes put forward by her Board in printed out format for the Commissioners. A Public Hearing date after June was suggested to give the Commissioners a chance to review all the suggested changes.

Commissioner Corgatelli moved to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for legal at 1:45 PM. Commissioner Smith seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, P&Z Administrator Jessica Clemenhausen and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the board returned to regular session at 2:00 PM.

Commissioner Butts has received notice from Lindsey at Simpsons Office that the Grant application has been approved for approximately \$600,000.00 to use for the court annex project.

**Lost River Economic Development:** Mr. and Mrs. Mike Evans, Bob Bagley and Lin Hintze attended. Mike updated the Commissioners on their grant applications and recent activity. Bob has put together a documentary video on the Konnex Mine. They are starting and Community Engagement Committee to promote event. The proposed pilots lounge at the airport is making progress. June 9<sup>th</sup> will be a Small Business seminar on Mackay. LRED is partnering with Monica of Butte County. Lennie Wilke will do a presentation on accounting. Lin spoke on Economic Development and would like to see any further meeting include LRED, CEDA and BEDA whenever Tom Kealey from Idaho Dept. of Commerce attends.

The Commissioners requested that a RFQ be done for the court annex project. Advertisements will be placed in the Salt Lake newspaper, the Idaho Falls newspaper and the Boise newspaper. The Fire-wise program has requested Clerk Lura Baker to contact Northwest Engineering.

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

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk