

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
December 30, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 AM by Chairman Butts, with Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Risk Manager Christy Foster and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Chairman Butts opened the discussion with regional appointments for the commissioners. He as agreed to be on the Public Lands Committee, and encouraged the rest of the board to get their assignments verified. Commissioner Smith moved that the agenda be amended to include George McQuiston – Big Game tags. at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The updated Personnel Policy was reviewed again and two minor typo corrections were noted and asked to be corrected.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b)for Personnel at 8:30 AM, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. A conference call was made to legal. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:10.

Lost River Irrigation Dist.: Byron Pehrson, Max Bingham and Lucas Yockey attended to assist with completing the MOU between the Irrigation Dist. and Custer County. Max recommended adding the wording "cannot go over the \$ amount written without the express written approval of the governing board" to the MOU. The terms and conditions were then reviewed. A decision to establish a Hiring Committee that would include the Development Company, the Lost River Irrigation District and the Custer County Board of Commissioners was made. Commissioner Smith moved that the MOU be accepted and signed with the corrections noted. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Chairman Butts then walked through the next step necessary for forward progress. Commissioner Smith made a motion to continue forward with the Development Company and ECIPDA. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Everyone present agreed that Jan. and Feb. were very good times to solicit bids. A signed Thank You card from the Lost River Irrigation Dist. was then read by the entire board.

2009 Impala Bid: No bids have been received in the Clerk's office for the Sheriff's car. The Sheriff was contacted to be sure there weren't any in his office.

George McQuiston: George presented his findings on the decrease of 550 non-resident big game tags for our area from what was sold 5 years ago in the Lemhi and Custer Co. areas. He is concerned about the ripple effect this has on all local business, such as hotel rooms, meals, beer, fuel, and groceries. Non-resident hunters are a large part of the economy of our rural areas. This year the non-resident Salmon B game tags were sold out in 9 days, so there is a lot of interest and a huge demand for them. He offered to e-mail the Fish & Game report that verifies his figures to our office for further review. George figures the loss of income from big game tag sales to the ID Fish & Game is over a million dollars. The second topic he is concerned about is "Trail access" into the public lands. There was a reimbursement law passed in 2016 for the expense of trail maintenance by outfitters and the general public. The USFS has chosen not to implement the law. George would like to see the Fish & Game get involved in the clearing of trails into the public lands, so the access is not lost. Chairman Butts gave George information on a Grassroots group that has begun under Rep. Dorothy Moon this is also working on the lack of trail maintenance issue.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins attended and reviewed the great work that Mary Darling has done on behalf of Custer County on Sage Grouse predator control. It is hoped that the ideas that she has presented will be implemented throughout the west to benefit Sage Grouse.

Sheriff: Sheriff Stu Lumpkin presented a sick leave donation issue within his department. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the donation of sick leave within his department be approved as long as it stays within the parameters of the Personnel Policy. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the Nov. 9, 2019 BOE minutes and the Nov. 20, 2019 Commissioners minutes be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the Dec. 11, 2019 Special meeting be approved as written, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed.

Planning & Zoning: Christy Foster presented the long loyal services that Jim Mullens has provided as the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board. He is retiring as of 12/31/19 and she would like to present him with a special gift. The next P&Z board meeting will be held in February, to choose a new chairman. No decision will be made until that time.

Discussion was held on just who has the authority to set office hours at the Custer Co. courthouse. The Idaho State Statutes will be reviewed for verification. The job opening in the Weed Department was also talked over. Commissioner Smith will continue his work to find applicants. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the letter written to Mike Graham/Civil Defense be approved and signed. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Homeland Security: Mike Graham attended and passed out copies of an information page on a "Youth Preparedness Camp" that is being offered by FEMA. He will get the information to all the schools as soon as possible. More than one applicant can attend from our area, and all agreed it was a great opportunity. Mike reported that the Generator Grant Application for the Challis Clinic has passed the first review and is still a viable contender for the funds. Conversation then moved to the "Communications Grant" that Custer Co. received in 2018. It was originally proposed to use the funds for the Grouse Peak repeater generator, but plans changed. Mike has talked to Sheriff Lumpkin about using the funds for the purchase of a computer for Emergency Medical Services. The radio system brought forward by Teton Communications for the Road & Bridge Dept. is also eligible for these funds. It was suggested to use \$5,000 for the R&B Dept. and the other \$5,000 for the Sheriff. The actual \$ amount of computers purchased by the Sheriff's office, from CAI was relayed to Mike with copies of the purchase invoices. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel at 11:45 AM, 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 11:59 AM. The board's letter was given to Mike and he then read and approved it. Chairman Wayne F. Butts is designated as his "Go-to supervisor".

Coroner: Chad Workman reported that the original fire-resistant file cabinet he was authorized to purchase is no longer available. He has located another, but of course the cost is higher. Commissioner Smith moved to vacate the prior motion for Coroner purchase of a fire-resistant file cabinet at \$3,000, and reauthorize the Coroner to purchase fire-resistant file cabinets at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:22PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Risk Manager Christy Foster, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending. Blain Aldous and Ron Butts attended on behalf of the Waterways Committee. A reminder of the Redfish Lake Waterways meeting with the SNRA will be held in Stanley on January 22nd at 10:30AM at the Stanley Ranger Station. Items that were brought up for further discussion at the Redfish meeting were #1 Boat mooring in Redfish Lake, "How much is enough?" #2 Parking at Redfish Lake, "need an increase in size of parking lot" & "enforcement of parking rules" #3 Dinner Cruise proposal, "how big of boat", "how many patrons per cruise", "bathroom availability on boat" #4 Wake rules on Redfish #5 Waterways Committee terms of office #6 Waterways Committee – meeting dates and requirements #7 Stanley Lake - rocks near boat launch #8 Stanley Lake lack of signage "handicap parking space" #9 Accurate utilization data for Redfish Lake area #10 Method of tracking date of arrival of boats in "public mooring spaces". Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that Blain Aldous be appointed as a member of the Waterways Committee. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Blain brought up the conflict between paddle board users and the boating public, and how to mitigate them and please as many as possible. He also suggested linking the length of time for boat mooring directly to the campground reservation time, so boats are not just parked for the summer in a public place. A suggestion was made to steer the paddle boating public toward Pettit Lake and Little Redfish Lake as motor boats are not allowed there. Ron Butts asked about any plans the County

had to re-arrange the mooring spots to better utilize the space that is designated for Jeff Clegg. Commissioner Corgatelli asked if there were any possible revenue producing ideas for the use of the County property along the Mackay Reservoir.

Road & Bridge: Melvin reported on the snow plowing. The leases for the 950M Loader and 2x2 Grader are up for renewal in Feb and March. He has gotten some quotes but hasn't made a decision as yet. Hatch Lane in the Pahsimeroi Valley is still having snow drifting issues. The county has kept one way open and made a turn-around for the school bus. No response has been received from the School District on Road & Bridges letter about this matter. Commissioner Butts informed all that the "road closed signs" that were placed on Double Springs Road and Trail Cr. Road have created access problems for late season hunters. It was decided to change the wording on the signs so it doesn't "close" the road, but relieves the County of any liability issues. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested a truck length limit to help keep lost semi-trucks, using their GPS out of trouble. Melvin reported that the county is eligible for the LHSIP program on Morgan Cr. Road, due to the fatality last summer. The Transportation Plan payment has been received. Commissioner Butts asked that the Transportation Committee be put back together, with representatives from each area included. Harper & Leavitt will be helping with the job. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-201(b) for Personnel at 3:05 PM, 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 3:18 PM. The board asked if the Road & Bridge Dept. could remove the old junk trailer off the newly purchased property in Challis and haul it to the dump. Mel felt it could be done after the 1st of the year.

Agent: Sarah Baker attended and brought a corrected copy of the MOU that needs to be renewed between the County and the U of ID. Commissioner Smith pointed out a couple of more small corrections in the address and the District #. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the MOU for 10/2019 through 10/2020 after the mentioned corrections are completed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Sarah then offered to formalize the dates that she will report back to the board. It was requested she attend the Budget Roundtable meetings, and then report on the first meetings in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov. The Custer County Fair date has been set for 2020 at July 27th – Aug 1st so there is no conflict with the Braun's Reunion or the Butte Co. Fair. Commissioner Smith asked about her hiring success. She has received 11 applications, scheduled 3 interviews and the successful applicant declined the job. She plans to re-open the job offering with modifications to the job description, and is hoping for interviews by February. Commissioner Smith then inquired about her work hours within the County and outside. Sarah responded that the balancing act is constant as each year she does more national work and does more trading with other counties. She then offered a year in review report, which the board accepted. Sarah felt the 2019 Market Animal Sale was the best one ever, with high prices paid. There are changes coming in the 4-H Program. Enrollment costs are rising from \$11.00 per child to \$21.00, with the extra \$10 going to the state 4-H office. All of the record books are required to be done on-line this year and there will be no more paper books. Sarah then asked about the annual audit, and the board agreed to find out just what our Auditor would need from her. The 4-H storage cabinets in the courthouse basement still need to be emptied and the contents taken to the new 4-H office. The Civil Defense Department is needing the storage space, and the Clerk's office has offered to assist with boxes and packing of items.

Shelly Reidenour and Hunter Diel with the Challis Messenger attended.

Claims: The following claims were approved as presented with one addition for Badger Aerial Mapping & Surveying of \$3,662.08, by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed with Commissioner Butts abstaining on the Surefire Small Engine Repair invoice.

Current Expense	40,022.01
Road & Bridge	9,463.08
Election Fund	375.00
District Court	2,782.54
Revaluation	12,173.77
Weeds	20.89

Title III RAC	108,563.64
S. Custer Ambulance	<u>1,269.06</u>
TOTAL	11,892.50

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Trout Unlimited/Jim Gregory: Jim attended to keep the Board of Commissioners updated on the Yankee Fork Dredge Pond projects. He showed an excellent slide presentation on the work that has been done. They will be completing the main project in 2020. Their next project will be in the 8 Mile Creek area where the main access road washed out in years past. Trout Unlimited had offered to put in an ATV trail to replace the washed-out road access, but Custer County has offered to rough in a regular width road to maintain full access for handicap individuals as well as ATV users. Trout Unlimited also plans to increase the woody debris within this section of 8 Mile Creek, and will be starting the project the summer of 2020. They will assist with the relocation of the access road also. Their funding request was for two years, but they hope to complete the work in one year if possible.

The board then reviewed the sub-contract proposal given to them by Melvin. No decision was made and the matter was tabled.

Auditor: Gary Merkle was asked what information he needed for his 2019 audit process for the County Agent agreement. He would like a listing of any and all expenses that Custer County paid for. Basically, he needs to know what they did with the money they received from Custer County. Commissioner Smith provided Gary with the contact information of the University of Idaho.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6.00 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk