

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
May 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Vice Chairman Randy Corgatelli, with Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, Karma Bragg/CSWCD, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Wayne Butts will call in via phone connection during the meeting.

**Weeds:** Brett Plummer is partnering with Lemhi County Weed Dept. and the CWMA to get the Pahsimeroi Valley weeds taken care of. Approval and signatures of the Board is needed on the boundary adjustment agreement for the valley spray day. Commissioner Smith moved that the agreement be approved and signed for the Co-operative Spray Day. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The state will be here with the jug chipper tomorrow. Brett has a lot of empty chemical bottles to get rid of. He plans to have his summer crew work on getting the Weed Office Trailer cleaned up and painted inside. It will make a great place to put his mapping system up and keep it updated. Brett proposed building lean-to type shelters for the spray trucks along either side of the Weed Shed. Parking them in the sun is rotting the plastic tanks and hoses. The Board agreed that it needs to be done, and asked Brett to bring in some drawings and cost estimates for the project. All utilities will be located before beginning any work. Brett is planning a weed trip to Loon Creek in Early August working with USFS support. He reported the roadsides are all treated and he was able to get the product down ahead of the snow storm.

**Road & Bridge:** Karma began by thanking Brett/Weeds and Brandon/Road & Bridge for their excellent help with the Ag Day Event at the schools. The kids truly enjoyed getting to see the equipment and to be able to climb inside. Karma has received two bids for the Road Creek Bridge project. H&N Construction's bid was \$392,750.00 with no concrete included, Getty Excavation bid was \$118,695.00 with no concrete included. The Getty bid including concrete super cells was \$126,695.00 and was the winning bid. Karma thanked Commissioner Butts for coming to the pre-bid tour at the work site and supporting her efforts. Custer Telephone will be doing boring ahead of time on this project, that will get all of the telecommunication systems out of the work area. Karma plans to reimburse Custer Tel. for their efforts and assistance with this job. She then reported on a culvert that will need to be left in place, as well as the house water supply line and fencing. Planning is being done to work through all the issues involved. The project total to date is \$223,039.00 and Karma requested the Memo of Agreement for \$250,000.00 to give her flexibility for unknown delivery or storage fees. Commissioner Smith moved that the MOA for \$250,000.00 be approved and signed, as well as the Getty Construction contract for \$126,995.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion, it passed, and signatures were affixed. Karma walked through the RFQ process for projects and how it is beneficial for big projects such as this one, to verify experience and scheduling abilities. Brandon will bring a copy of the fully signed contract back for the Clerk's records. Prosecutor Justin Oleson attended the meeting.

Brandon reported that the two smaller bridges up Squaw Creek are still on the replacement list. He is still working on the Yankee Fork Road Agreement with the Agencies involved. Road & Bridge has started capping work on the Custer Road. It is going slower than hoped, but is moving forward. Local trucks helping are K&K Construction, Preston Cutler, and Getty Excavation. H&K Construction is also providing some trucks as they are able. The job is requiring a full 8" of road material not the usual 3" cap, so the goal has moved back to competition of 3 or 4 miles this season. He plans to keep the capping project on the annual calendar and do a section each year until done. The N. Custer Road & Bridge is required to have the haz-mat endorsement to their CDL's in order to haul in the needed oils and dust products, as supply companies will not be delivering in the near future. Brandon asked if the County would assist with the cost involved for his employees? Commissioner Corgatelli felt it would be considered continuing education, as did Commissioner Smith and the County would assist. The credit card use agreement requested by Road & Bridge was signed for purchase of a large supply of cardstock for their equipment record cards.

**Treasurer:** Verla Harvey attended and delivered the monthly report for the Board.

**Assessor:** Jacquell attended and the list of BOE exemption applications were reviewed by the Board. Rod & Gun Club, Phillips #109 Legion Hall, N. Custer Hospital Dist., ID State Univ.- Bengal Pharmacy, First Fruits Foundation. The Board questioned First Fruits Foundation and found that the Assessor went to their website and printed off the information about the rooms they rent. The percentage of religious use VS commercial use was discussed. Prosecutor Oleson felt they have the burden of proof, as not enough information has been provided to the Board. Jacquell and Jeremy have visited the locations of former "timber exemption" applicants and the exemptions will not be renewed. A Mackay property that was sold as building lots, but was zoned agriculture will have the Ag exemption removed also. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the exemption applications from ID State Univ.-Bengal Pharmacy; Rod & Gun Club; Phillip Kirk #109-American Legion Hall, and North Custer Hospital Dist. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith then moved that First Fruits Foundation application be denied. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Jacquell will begin the Pro-Val Evaluation tomorrow with Jeremy. She was able to get a list of the purchasers of the storage sheds and portable greenhouses as requested.

Commissioner Butts phoned into the meeting, and a discussion of the solid waste issues in the Stanley area was held. The Board has agreed that the \$320,000.00 bid received on the 14' x 90' Sheriff Office building was not feasible. Commissioner Butts will see what the bid for an empty shell of a structure is, and local contractors can be hired to do the inside partitions. The Emergency Services equipment and items that are at Mike Grahams residence have not been received by the County. Commissioner Butts will get the item list together for the afternoon portion of the meeting. Work needed on the old firehall building was then reviewed, as well as the need for RFQ's on the court annex project. Commissioner Butts signed out of the meeting. It was agreed that there are to many unfinished projects.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 9:55 Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, 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 10:10 AM.

**NRAC:** The Co-ordination Training provided by Margaret Byfield/American Stewards of Liberty went very well. Chairman Jim Hawkins has received reports that it was the best ever. Damon Burk has come forward as wanting to become part of the NRAC committee. The new area manager for the BLM is proposed to be Melissa Warren. Anyone with concerns or questions needs to contact Mary D'Aversa with their opinion. Jim then asked the Board for direction on how to approach our position in the Salmon Forest Plan Revision? There is a definite ripple effect in Custer County from anything that transpires in Lemhi County. It affects our economy, travel and air quality for starters and all connections will be explored for the Forest Plan Revision process. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired if we have ever heard back from the Idaho Fish & Game? Jim responded that NO we haven't. It was then asked if the Custer Co. Land Use Plan needs to be reviewed and possibly updated? Coordination was formally instituted with an Ordinance in Custer County. Jim agreed to get a draft letter to the Board before the next meeting.

Prosecutor Justin Oleson returned to the meeting. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 11:00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Prosecutor Justin Oleson, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:05 AM.

**Clerk:** Lura discussed with the Board what is needed for the RFQ's on the court annex. A building permit needs to be purchased from the City of Challis for starters. The date for the Budget Workshop was set on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners Room.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Bobbi Filbert/SNRA, Heath Perrine/Challis-Yankee Fk. RD, and Clayton Collins/Middle Fork RD.

**Agencies:** Clayton Collins/Middle Fork Ranger District reported that their Range Tec. Bryce Jones has resigned and is becoming a private range specialist and fence contractor. The seasonal crews are coming aboard this month. The USFS drought data shows severe drought in most of Custer County. Jonathan LeBlanc is in Ogden for meetings and asked Clayton to report on his behalf. The Lost River Ranger District has scheduled June 10<sup>th</sup> for a Public Open House at the ranger station to update the community on their projects. They hope to schedule two per year. Heath Perrine/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District has scheduled his Public Open House for June 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM at the CEDA building. They are planning to have stations for 1) Fire, 2) Vegetation, 3) Roads, 4) Recreation, 5) Minerals, 6) Range, Drought & Fish. The Big A Project in Squaw and Kinnikinic is out for scoping. There will be a meeting at the Yankee Fork work center 6:00 PM to discuss timber options and aspen regeneration projects. Commissioner Smith spoke on the conifer encroachment projects within his grazing allotment. Commissioner Butts phoned back into the meeting. Heath reported that the scheduled controlled burns for this spring have been tossed due to the stormy weather. Morgan Creek summit is currently closed to commercial traffic. Workers commuting to work are OK to use the route, but the original traffic plan was completed for the Williams Creek route. Commissioner Smith inquired if grazing permit holders have been informed of range conditions. The grading process and monitoring requirements were reviewed. He is against the final notice message being handed out to quickly. Bobbi Filbert/SNRA reported that the aquatic invasive crew is down in numbers, so they are concentrating on covering Redfish Lake before the other waterways. SNRA has hired more archeologists to keep their projects moving forward. Their seasonal workers are coming aboard this month also. Phase III of the Redfish Lake projects for road work and parking areas was bid, but it was so high it was rejected. The Redfish to Stanley trail system is still on task. The SNRA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Access roads are due to be opened soon.

**Solid Waste:** Steve Botti/Stanley Mayor, Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse, and Bobbi Filbert/SNRA Ranger attended. Kirk Flannigan called in via phone connection. Commissioner Corgatelli explained the issues that are affecting the Stanley solid waste site. Wendell updated everyone on Blue Mountain Refuse selling his Stanley accounts to Clear Creek of Ketchum. He will continue to service the Stanley solid waste site for the rest of 2022 but after that he will no longer operate the site due to the high cost of fuel and difficulty getting employees for the Saturday work day. The other site problems he has dealt with is extreme amounts of furniture and mattress' that are brought in at times. The current count of 7 / 3-yard dumpsters is plenty during the winter season, but is not enough space during the summer season, even emptying them weekly. When discussion turned to enlarging the capacity of the site Kirk Flannigan stated "the current use permit for the 3-acre site is good through 2034, and he felt positive about receiving authorization to enlarge it." Bobbi stated she was not familiar with the site, but would like to see it kept cost effective. Wendell stated that he does not want to see the site closed, but a better system of management instituted. All present agreed that a plan needs to be worked out to address the employee issue, site hours, winter snow plowing, building improvements, and dumpster sizes needed. The next Stanley solid waste meeting date was set for Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM. Bobbi suggested Mike from Clear Creek Refuse be invited to the meeting also.

Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

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

Current Expense	15,156.24
Road & Bridge	3,743.86
Election Fund	2,652.58
District Court	4,877.99
Rodeo Grounds	332.45
Indigent	1,098.00
Revaluation	289.61
Solid Waste	100.00
Weeds	628.92

Emergency Communications	1,121.57
Auditors Trust	139.75
Odyssey Court Trust	<u>1,265.65</u>
TOTAL	\$ 31,406.62

The meeting was recessed at 3:25 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance. The meeting reconvened at 3:27PM.

**Planning & Zoning:** Ron & Trisha Davies, Mike & Janet Ellenberger, Lacy Windsor and Dave & Kathy Richmond attended the meeting. Ron & Trisha live at 353 Riverfront Lane near Saturday Mountain. Their group does an annual highway cleanup on Highway 75, milepost 214 to 218. The section at Saturday Mountain is 99% of their work. He has seen no garbage pickup being done there and the garbage is horrible. State Statute 31-832 Declaration of Public Nuisance was reviewed, as well as the garbage that is being blown into the Salmon River from this site. (Jessica Clemenhagen, P&Z Administrator phoned into the meeting) Ron stated the reason they attended is to ask the County to rectify this mess. Commissioner Smith brought all attending the meeting up to date on his efforts to correct the problem. Jessica has contacted the County Sheriff and Idaho Dept of Health & Welfare. Sheriff Lumpkin has notified the resident to get things cleaned up or they will be cited. Custer Co. P&Z does not allow junk yards without a conditional use permit. Commissioner Butts has talked to the property owner about solutions. She does not live at the site. Chief Deputy Levi Maydole attended the meeting and verified Jessica's information. The Sheriff's citation process will be used to deal with the littering issue, and Planning & Zoning will begin the "junk yard" process. Lacy offered to show the Board members the situation, as she lives right next door. Jessica inquired about the BLM land that has been impacted. Kathy Richmond has been in touch with Amanda/BLM Law Enforcement and shown her the situation. Richmond's have also contacted the Dept. of Environmental Quality but have not heard back as yet. Jessica suggested they notify the Idaho Fish & Game. The timeline for responses was then gone over, once the junk yard citation is issued, there is a two-week response allowance. Those present agreed to forward their photos to Jessica via e-mail for use by the Prosecutor if needed. The assessor will be asked to look into the number of empty trailers on the site. The group thanked the Board of Commissioners for hearing their concerns and working to clean up the awful mess. The letter from the Planning & Zoning Board to the Board of Commissioners was read by Clerk Lura Baker. This concerns a re-zone request from Ag to Residential on a property that is right outside the city limits of Mackay. The total parcel is 3.776 acres and the request is to split off 1.08 acres for the residence. June 9<sup>th</sup> was chosen for the Public Hearing date.

**Sheriff:** Chief Deputy Levi Maydole provided copies of the monthly sheriff report for the Board. Two new trucks that were ordered will be crew-cabs, as the quad-cab models are no longer available. The increase in cost is \$900.00 per vehicle. The Board verified with Clerk Baker that the funds were in the budget. Commissioner Smith moved that an increase of cost up to \$2,000.00 be approved if needed for the purchase of the crew-cabs for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Levi then showed the Board photos of the water damage in the old firehall building that needs to be dealt with. The snow melt from the roof runs back under the roll-up overhead doors and a gutter system is needed. The back wall needs to be inspected and there is some cosmetic damage around the doors to fix. Commissioner Smith moved that a meeting be set up between a local contractor and Deputy Maydole to verify what is needed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Deputy Clerk Hawkins will make the arrangements.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 4:40 PM, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Butts (via phone), Deputy Levi Maydole, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins were present. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 4:45 PM. Commissioner Smith made a motion to transfer 100 hours of sick time from Deputy Levi Maydole to Deputy Brewer. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

**Agent/U of ID:** Sarah Baker attended and gave the 4-H Program updates. The hog weigh-in will be this Friday. 4-H enrollment is up quite a bit this year. Kaitlin Winters will be working in the 4-H Office this summer through the Ameri-Corp Program and the STEM Education System. The Extension Office is doing a lot of soil testing and looking into a one trip application of fertilizer and herbicides together. Her office is promoting a "Pollinator Project" and she has free packages of wild flower seeds available. The Young Cattlemen's group is growing for those from 18 years to 40 year of age. Sarah is the President and they meet in Pocatello, Idaho. The BQA Program is starting back up and they will have certified trainers available for in-person trainings. The sessions usually last 1 to 2 hours, and they plan to hold June trainings in Mackay and Challis. Sarah is working on setting up Weed ID Classes also.

The Courts need a new scanner and have chosen a Cannon system that will cost \$5,294.00. Information was provided to the Board. Commissioner Smith moved that the purchase of a Cannon Scanner at a cost of \$5,294.00 be approved and purchased for the Courts. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk