

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
June 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Commissioners Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden, Gary Chamberlain and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weed Dept: Superintendent Brett Plummer provided the quote for the new tank and pump for the roadside truck. It has a 750 gal. squash tank, 3 roadside nozzles and 2 hose reels. It is remotely controlled and requires no through cab wiring. B & J Trading LLC will deliver and set the tank up on the truck chassis. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the purchase of the roadside tanks/pump set up at a cost of \$22,895.00 from B & J Trading LLC. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. The drone trailer has been picked up by Brandon Jones, so there was no delivery cost. Plummer plans to seal the inside with a good quality paint and install storage and racks for the drone and accessories. He will put the Custer County seal decals on the trailer to identify it as part of the County Weed Department. The Weed Dept. is waiting for the computers to arrive. A Community Spray Day is planned with the City of Challis on July 23rd. The event will be at the Challis city park and Custer and Lemhi County Weed Depts, the Forest Service and the BLM will all participate. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided to those attending. The Weed Departments will provide the herbicide and help those that cannot do the work themselves. Plummer is wanting to get the knapweed killed within the city limits and assist the elderly and disabled. He is also working on setting up a spray day in the City of Mackay where it is badly needed. The Idaho Noxious Weed Flyer will soon be mailed out to all landowners. Brett is working with the realtors on providing noxious weed information to new landowners. The CWMA and ISDA applications are very large and complicated, and Plummer is working with Lemhi Co. Weed Dept. to get them completed. The County Fairgrounds are looking good, but the rodeo arena is being taken care of by the City of Mackay.

Road & Bridge Dept: Superintendent Brandon Jones reported that the spring maintenance grading is almost completed. He is getting lots of calls from Stanley. The Iron Creek Road is better than it has been in the past but still needs work. It is on the schedule for late June/early July. The Yankee-Fork Dredge opens in June for Custer Days, but there is still snow on the back side of Mill Creek Road. Commissioner Zollinger commented on how good the Pahsimeroi Road looks. Supt. Jones is tackling the usual "water on roadway" issues from irrigation systems. He is working with water masters and educating new landowners. The first chip seal job begins this week and there will be one scheduled each month. The 5th bridge on the Squaw Creek Road has been approved for replacement along with the other 4. This will be at a 0% match like the others. The cost of replacing these 5 bridges is \$10.5 million and is being done at no cost to Custer County. Brandon Jones has slowed down on FLAP Applications, leaving Garden Creek Road on the front burner and watching the matching funds amounts. Thompson Creek Mine has requested use of the County Squaw Cr. bridge. Brandon will be sure the weight limits are not exceeded, so the bridge is not compromised. Commissioner Smith inquired about any surplus items that need to be sold. The 1998 F250 will be sold on federal surplus by the R&B Dept. and the old paving machine will be sold. The State Highway Dept. would like to purchase the paver for \$25,000.00. They plan to have District #4 & #6 share the use of the paving equipment. Gary Chamberlain spoke on the condition of the roads across the river. Foothills Road and Westergard Lane are both in great condition, but Hot Springs Road has issues and is crumbling badly along the edges. The highway junction at Hot Springs Road is very dangerous, especially for anyone pulling a trailer trying to get out onto Highway 93. He suggested putting up signage to direct all traffic that is towing a trailer onto Lanier Lane for safer highway entry. The increase in towing traffic at this intersection has been large since the ID Dept. of Parks purchased the Challis Hot Springs. Mr. Chamberlain also suggested requesting financial assistance from the Dept. of Parks & Recreation for safety reasons. Superintendent Jones is aware of some plans for the ID Dept. of Transportation to improve the angle of approach from the Hot Springs Road onto Highway 93, although this project is a few years out. Gary then broached the blind corner at Westergard and Foothill Road. Anyone that lives there is aware, but you cannot see what is coming from the other direction. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the status of culvert replacement on the Warm Springs Ditch. There are 9 road crossings that need culvert replacements, but FEMA has not responded to the inquiry as yet. Frank Robinson spoke on the Highway 93

junction with Hot Springs Road. A driver cannot see far enough up the highway to safely pull out with their trailer, due to the speed of oncoming traffic. All agreed that the Lanier Lane route would be very beneficial for driver's safety, when pulling out on the highway with a trailer or driving big rig.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno attended and reported there have only been a few tax assessment appeals. The 2023/2024 appeal by the Confluence Institute has a tentative court date. Their change of venue request has still not been decided. The Lot Split transparency spread sheet between the Planning & Zoning – Assessors Office – Records Office is being worked on, but is not completed as yet.

Clerk: Lura Baker reported that the ICRMP Insurance for the county has gone UP from \$62,000.00 per year to \$96,442.00. Custer County has had numerous claims this fiscal year. Commissioner Smith reported on the fencing needed at the County Fairgrounds. It will be the same style of fence as is currently around the arena. This section of steel pipe and high tensile net wire fence has been bid by K & S Fencing. It will provide containment of loose animals with better safety and liability control. The adjoining landowners were at the planning meeting with the Fair Board and Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith made a motion to rescind the previous motion on fair fencing quotes, and then expand the amount to \$3,115.00 to fit the current K & S Fencing quote. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer attended the meeting and provided copies of her monthly report to the Commissioners. There were no questions.

Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal at 9:46 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, 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 10:35 AM. Upon return to regular session Commissioner Smith made a motion to go back into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 10:36 AM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, and Clerk Lura Baker. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 10:40 AM.

The letter of support for North Custer Hospital District on EMSAVE was then reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved to approve and sign the letter, Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it carried. Also a letter of support for the Butte County Sheriff Department to receive the PSAP equipment through the E-911 Grants was read and reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Zollinger seconded and the motion passed.

Review of the work done by the American Stewards of Liberty was done on behalf of Gordon Vaden and Will Naillon, primary election winners of commissioner seats. Commissioner Smith encouraged them to attend all the offered IAC training and NACO meetings that they can. The Homeland Security phone cards were then discussed and how they will be transferred when the time comes. The Custer County Commissioner representation on the USFS/NRAC (Natural Resource Advisory Committee) will also need to be decided in the near future. Will responded that he is currently on the USFS – NRAC as a mining representative.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins inquired about the Custer County comments on the Greater Sage Grouse EIS? Mary Darling will be responding on behalf of Custer County. Coordination was discussed and how Randy Moore, USFS Chief stated it would be done at the local level. Suggestion was made to call a Government to Government meeting with our current Forest Supervisor Heather DeGeest. A date of July 8th was suggested at 6:30 PM and arrangements will be finalized to use the courtroom. Hawkins reported on the condition of Jeff's Flat access road. It has washed out so badly that trucks and trailers cannot travel over it. This denies access to permittees, hunters and recreationalists. The IGBC Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee was brought forward, and Mary Darling needs to be aware of the group and the work they have done. The next County NRAC meeting will be held on July 10th, to avoid conflict with the 4th of July weekend. A recently issued containment order from IDWR (Idaho Dept. of Water

Resources) that affects southern Custer County water users was discussed. Water storage and water recharge were discussed and it is understood that lawsuits will be happening over this issue.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 11:10 AM Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, and Jim Hawkins/NRAC. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:20 AM. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go back into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel at 11:21 AM, Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, and Jim Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 11:35 AM.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman attended and provided the updated SCRAM contract for Custer County. It will be filled out and ready for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion of how the County will handle compensation over Juneteenth Holiday was held. Commissioner Smith moved that the court employees will be given their regular pay, but will have no work to do. The other working county employees will be paid time and one half for their working hours. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting was recessed to go into South Custer Ambulance at 11:43 AM, returned to regular session at 11:45 AM.

Commissioner Smith reported on the Forest Service RAC funding. There were no weed control applications submitted to everyone's surprise.

Prosecutor: The letter concerning BOE tax exemption for the Confluence Institute was provided by Prosecutor Justin Oleson. After review it was agreed to include it in the minutes of the last tax exemption session. Prosecutor Oleson provided explanation of the tax exemption process and definitions of the exemptions.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Chairman Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Chris Weaver, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

Agencies: Attending by phone connection was Heath Perrine/USFS. Also attending were Michael Fuller/SNRA, Chris Waverek/Challis-Yankee Fork, Lance Stavast/Lost River RD, Martha Price/BLM Acting Manager, and Randall Anderson/Asst. BLM Field Manager.

Heath Perrine/Area Ranger: Via phone connection Heath Perrine let the Board of Commissioners know that he has been accepted the Deputy Forest Supervisor job on the Clearwater National Forest. He is sorry to say good-bye to the Salmon/Challis Forest but the Clearwater Forest is his home. The Board thanked him for being so good to work with and wished him well.

Michael Fuller/SNRA: The construction in the Redfish Lake area is now in phase III. This project will get the pedestrians out of the busy roadways. Contractors were able to begin early on the walking paths, which are 12 feet wide. The Wildfire Collaborative has been looking at all the subdivisions and providing a plan. Sheriff Maydole has been able to attend as well as all the Rural Fire Departments. Access in the East Fork drainage has no bridge work scheduled this year, they are awaiting clearance from ITD. Commissioner Smith offered to send a comment letter. The dirty water in the Salmon River is from a washout in Smiley Creek. It blew around a large culvert that they are now trying to get fixed with a bridge rather than just replacing the culvert. Michael Fuller then inquired about the Stanley solid waste transfer site? The Board informed him that they are searching for part time help to keep the site open and asked for suggestions.

Chris Waverek/Challis-Yankee Fork: The fire helicopter will be stationed in Challis on Wednesday the 12th of June. They are still working on the controlled burn in Wino Basin. There are signs along the highway to help inform the public. Kody Kid is working on getting the Mutual Aid Agreement between Custer County and the USFS back in force. There will be delays and closures on the Seafoam Road this summer as they replace culverts and resurface

the road. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about coordination on the proposed Old Growth rule? Commissioner Smith requested a local coordination Government to Government meeting be scheduled with Forest Supervisor Heather DeGeest. A date of July 8th – 6:30PM was suggested. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the Loon Creek Road maintenance plan. He recently drove over the road and it is very, very rocky causing many flat tires. Lance Stavast/Lost River RD: His crew has been working on the Sawmill Road as well as Iron Bull road. They are re-stocking fish in the Lehman reservoir. Prescribed burns are continuing as long as the weather cooperates. They are working on completing black lines to assist with control.

Martha Price/BLM Acting Field Director: Martha Price began by introducing Randall Anderson her new Assistant Field Manager. The Geologist interviews have been completed and they hope to get a hire soon. Pathways are starting for students and veterans to find positions with the BLM. The youth crews will start work in July. The road crew has finished their first round and plan to put in the hardened crossing in Darling Creek in July. There was a boat fire at the Mackay Reservoir. The boat was a total loss but there were no serious injuries. The investigation is continuing. The gravel piles at the mouth of Road Creek were questioned, and Martha wasn't aware of any BLM projects in that area. The Jeff's Flat Road washout was discussed and Randall Anderson agreed that it needs to be re-engineered to get it fixed properly.

Michael Fuller/SNRA: Fuller wanted to be sure the Board knew about the Memorial Day activation of the invasive species check station at Redfish Lake. Commissioner Zollinger updated those present on the Snake River quagga mussel treatment. The ID Fish & Game won't know for sure for 3 years, but they feel they got them removed. Michael then reported on the Stanley School enlargement. The bids for the project were quite high, but the local funding is very generous. The proposal is to add two class rooms and a library to the current school site.

Sheriff: Clerk Lura Baker reported on behalf of Sheriff Levi Maydole. The Custer County jail is currently full, with two inmates being boarded elsewhere. District Court will be held tomorrow. Mackay Deputy Steve Phillips has begun his retirement, leaving the 2nd Mackay deputy position open.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Tax Exemption Hearing minutes of 5-13-24 as written with the addition of the letter approved by the Prosecutor. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

Claims: Commissioner Zollinger moved that the 6/10/24 Claims of \$191,741.12 be approved with one addition of \$4171.25. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Current Expense	30,377.63	
Road & Bridge	15,366.51	
District Court	3,306.82	
Rodeo Grounds	200.00	
Revaluation	706.33	
Solid Waste	100.00	
Weeds	8,913.54	
Waterways	2,104.50	
LACTF	128,785.95	
Em. Comm. Fund	<u>1,879.84</u>	
	191,741.12	
Auditors Trust	89,476.70	Demand 6/10/2024
Central ID Trsp. Comm.	10,500.00	Demand 6/10/2024
Odyssey Court Trust	<u>10,569.40</u>	Demand 6/10/2024
TOTAL	302,287.22	

Commissioner Smith requested the amount of taxes to be removed from his reimbursement claim be changed from \$82.00 to \$84.50. *(this payment was made 5/30/24, so was unable to correct amount)*

Commissioner Smith then made a motion to pre-approve the Sage Grouse EIS comments to be received from Mary Darling on behalf of Custer County. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

Emergency Manager: Levi Maydole attended and provided his project listing. The IPAWS system is now up and running in Custer County. The LEPC has been pushed back. The BRIC Grant for repairing the Mackay Dam has been finalized and the certificate is coming, per Susan Cleaverly/FEMA. This grant is for \$7.8 million, and a committee

will be selected this fall. TUSA want to come to Challis on June 26th & 27th to finalize contract negotiations with TAIT. The funding needs to be discussed and just how Custer County can pay for this work. Levi has an opportunity to put in for grants with a grant writer. There is a possibility that the E-Grant could be changed over from "dam repairs" to "communications". Commissioner Corgatelli felt a 6-month extension would be beneficial to locate funding. The entire board agreed it takes time to locate funding. The CWPP is coming to the final approval. The AHMP has hit a snag. A FEMA consultant is needed and Maydole plans to train an Administrative Assistant for this. They will be paid through the EMPG grant funding. South Custer Search & Rescue has been using 700 radios, which are not P25 compliant. They do have four of the P25 radios in service now.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen has a request for a street name. The property owner has two suggestions; #1 Frank Street and #2 Virginia Way for a road within the Berlage Lane Ranch subdivision. Commissioner Smith moved that the first choice of Frank Street and the second choice of Virginia Way be approved. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Ken Markling of the Squaw Creek area inquired about requiring underground utilities at this subdivision. The cost difference between overhead and underground power is almost double for the underground service. Telephone lines are installed underground. Marking has talked to SREC and found out it is up to the developer on how the utilities are installed. Administrator Clemenhagen is currently working on updating ordinances and this could be addressed by the P&Z Board. She will also research this request with the land use attorney. Jessica is also researching the "vehicle count" on property and what is legal and what is considered a junk yard. The Lot Split transparency spread sheet is a work in progress, with good communications opening up between departments.

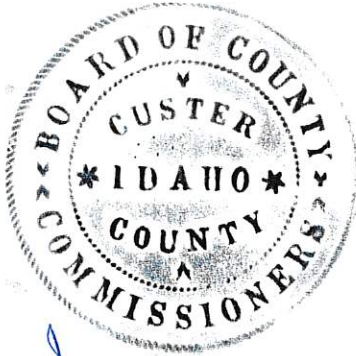
Clemenhagen has found that the FEMA flood plain requirements are much less than the Custer Co. P&Z requirements. This too will be discussed with the land use attorneys. Planning & Zoning needs another person in the office, and Jessica is putting the funding together in the next year's budget.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole attended. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 4:00 PM Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, 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 4:07 PM. Sheriff Maydole reported that the brush guards are being installed on the patrol vehicles, but the 14K was a big bite out of his budget. A new security camera system is needed for the jail. Cost of the new system is \$6,078.82 and which budget line to use for payment was then discussed. Commissioner Smith moved that the jail video recording upgrade be approved at a cost of \$6,078.82. (\$4,419.00 will be paid from 1-10-449-0 and \$1,659.00 will be paid from 1-10-689-0) Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it carried. The handgun to replace Sheriff Lumpkin's retirement gift will cost approximately \$500.00. The 2024/2025 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Challis has been received by the City and they are receptive of the 3% increase in cost. The new contract with City of Stanley is being reviewed and will be returned in July. The new contract with Mackay is still in process. Sheriff Maydole reported that the new body armor is in use. The recording camera for the evidence room is here and ready to install. The gift of 12 new M4 rifles from ISP will be retrofit for Custer County Sheriff's Dept. to use. Standard Operating Procedures are being developed. Background investigations are in effect, and he is instituting a career development ladder within the Sheriff's Department. The S&R group is scheduled to assist the upcoming River of No Return Endurance Race. The Waterways Dept. will be using the laptop from Unit #290, and Maydole is working on a temporary office facility. (S&R incident command trailer) The anchor buoys in Redfish Lake are still an issue. ID Dept. of Lands require permits to have them and there is a \$2,500.00 fine possible. The Board suggested he research the Redfish Lake protection laws before proceeding. There is a Law Enforcement training scheduled at the CEDA building. Long time Canyon Co. and Bonneville Co. deputies will be sharing their experience with Custer Co deputies. The Commissioners agreed to provide room and board for the instructing deputies, as Canyon Co. has agreed to pay their wages and benefits. There is some remodeling being done in the Challis Sheriff's Office. The work will provide safety/privacy for dispatch and a window for processing drivers licenses. The City of Stanley is allowing the Stanley Deputies to use their S&R/Fire Dept. training room at city hall for the summer.

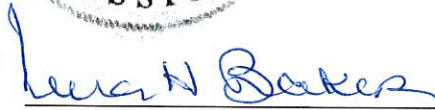
A Zoom meeting has been scheduled for June 24th at 2:30 PM for the change of venue hearing on the Confluence Institute 2023 Appeal.

Commissioner Smith submitted his claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred at the WIR Annual Conference amounting to \$790.84. Commissioner Zollinger moved to approve the reimbursement, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.



Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk


Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner