

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
March 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Vice Chairman Smith with Commissioner Corgatelli, and Clerk Lura Baker in attendance. Melvin Lanier/Road & Bridge Supervisor and Matt Montelius/Weed Supervisor.

Weeds: Matt Montelius explained the weed newsletter is ready to go out and the notice to control weeds is in both papers. Clerk Baker said for him to check with Tracy Barrett in the Assessor's office to put the notice on the website. Montelius said he is working on the letter to no spray zones. Matt explained the heater is flipping the breaker when he plugs in the truck. Steve discussed checking the wires. Matt said he will put new glow plug relay in the truck. Matt will need to hire another seasonal and will be placing it in the paper.

Road & Bridge: Melvin Lanier said that signs are being placed up Morgan Creek closing the road because of slides. He said he needs to have a set of chains for the 950 and is looking at making extensions on the old chains. Melvin discussed that Western States is not getting back to him and Brandon's grader needs assistance because of the oil leakage. Melvin asked for them to take a look at it and they did not call when the grader was available. They finally called and said they wanted to look at it and take the engine out. Melvin explained he needs a grader. They said they would bring a replacement but it wasn't an all-wheel drive. Melvin declined. Melvin made it very clear he is not happy with their current salesman.

Commissioner Butts came in via conference call:

Melvin presented quotes from three different companies for a compactor. Arnold has a Volvo vibrator compactor lease for \$20,388.94 annually for five payments; Western States has a CAT compactor for \$16,781.16 annually for five payments; and Modern Machinery has a Komatsu for \$16,606.53 annually for five payments. Motion was made by Commissioner Butts and seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli to approve the purchase of the Komatsu compactor. Smith called roll call vote, unanimously three ayes.

Melvin discussed his crew and the Assessor's department will be going to an emerging leaders training presented by LHTAC. Lanier discussed the bridge project on the East Fork will start on the 18th. He will be conversing with the SNRA today and firming up the project. Melvin presented a substance called ecodust which is a soil stabilizer. He feels it could work well for Custer county when used with the zipper. He explained the salesman said it was compatible with mag but is not to be used as corrosive. Next discussion was over the schedule 'A' with Salmon/Challis Forest. Pete Schultz will be available to discuss it further when the Federal Agencies are together today.

Meeting was recessed for Board of Equalization at 9:42 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:44 a.m.

Treasurer, Allicyn Latimer explained she has two pending issues and gave the Sheriff one distraint warrant. She has collected 68% for the 2018 tax drive as of today.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins presented his report and introduced Bradley Kucera. Commissioners welcomed Bradley and a motion was made by Commissioner Corgatelli to appoint Bradley Kucera to the NRAC Committee. Second Commissioner Smith. Commissioners inquired if Bradley would be available for the Government to Government meeting, they were having that evening. Bradley accepted.

Clerk Baker presented the minutes for February 27, 2019. Commissioner Corgatelli approved minutes with changes. Second Commissioner Smith with a roll call vote 2 aye as Commissioner Butts was unavailable.

Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins joined the meeting at 11:00. Certificates of residency were reviewed. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the application from Arneson. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was Smith/Aye and Corgatelli/Aye. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Fair Housing Month Proclamation for April 2019. Second Commissioner Corgatelli.

Planning & Zoning: Christy Foster attended and a discussion of the current P&Z board terms was held. After covering the background information, and relaying the Prosecutors recommendation. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for tomorrow and the Planning and Zoning board members will be affirmed and reappointed to their correct terms of service. Verification of Custer County Ordinance 2007-01 and the Idaho State Law was done. The By-Laws were also reviewed and the terms are 6 years, 2 consecutive terms. At 11:30 Commissioner Corgatelli excused himself. Discussion continued on the state statutes and the rescind process. Prosecutor Justin Oleson attended the meeting and verified the plans for a Special Meeting and the current terms of the P & Z Board members. The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00.

The meeting reconvened from lunch at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins and Todd Adams/Challis Messenger present.

Government Agencies:

Kirk Flannagan/SNRA introduced Jim DeMaagd the new Forest Supervisor on the SNRA. Kirk reported on the ITD Galena Slide project scheduled for this summer. The proposed schedule for road closures is a hard closure from 7 PM to 7AM Sunday through Thursday, then open with flaggers or stoplights on Friday and Saturday. There could be up to 2-hour delays during the days, but a complete closure at night. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested starting the closure at 10:00 PM on Sundays rather than 7, to allow citizens a bigger window of time to get home. Kirk will request ITD get the information out to the public and accept comments and suggestions. He also reminded the Board about the new "Food Storage Order" within the SNRA. They would like to have comments back by April 1st. These changes will be enforced from Memorial Day to Labor Day to protect the bears and the general public, and will be implemented in stages. They are scheduled to work on the East Fork bridge with the County Road & Bridge on March 18th stabilizing the upper bank and stopping further erosion. They plan to do the actual bridge abutment repairs on March 28th. MTE is putting in fiber optic lines in the Stanley area this summer, along highway 21 and 75. All of the Stanley area Outfitters will be renewing their permits this year. They will be for a 10 year renewal period. The Big Boulder Road was discussed, and the SNRA would like to get a Schedule A agreement with the Road & Bridge for this road. Commissioner Smith relayed a complaint from a Custer Co. resident that cannot get reservations at Red Fish Lake. Kirk confirmed that the campgrounds are all sold out 6 months in advance via the reservation web site.

Dennis Kuhnelt/Middle Fork Ranger Dist. reported they have hired 20 seasonal workers for this summer. The IOGA Spring meeting will be held in Stanley this year. He spoke about the salmon redds and how the volunteer program with the ID Outfitters and Guides has been a big help keeping boaters from disturbing the salmon as they spawn.

Kurt Pindell/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. did an update on the Challis Cr. road progress. They have the specifications for the BA, and hope to have it within a month. They have a timber sale of 342 acres offered at Mosquito Flats that is dependent upon this road being open for use. The needed repairs at Lodgepole Cr. and rip-rap needed were also discussed. Kurt will forward the road schematics to the Road & Bridge Dept. Kurt asked how they could change from check payments at the Challis Solid Waste Site, to credit card payments. They are no longer authorized to use checks. The board directed him to contact Blue Mountain Refuse about the problem. The road repair costs from the 2018 Morgan Cr. fire were then brought up. The USFS can no longer add to their Schedule A agreements (like before) for payment processing. Clerk Lura Baker asked "What do you need from the County?" She will look into the payments received from the Lodgepole Fire. The Morgan Cr. summit road has closed due to snow slides. R&B Supt. Melvin Lanier reported digging through a lower one, but it was only the beginning, as the entire mountain side has slid. Custer Co. put up "Road Closed" signs to keep folks from getting trapped unable to turnaround. Kurt will put the road closure information on their web sit to help get the work out.

Bart Wetzel/BLM reported their Vegetation Treatment Plan has been appealed by W. Watersheds and Wildlands Defense. They will be allowed to proceed with aerial seeding, but nothing else at this time. The BLM grazing fees will be \$1.35 per AUM this year somewhat lower than previous years. Anna Sammers has been hired as the Realty Specialist to replace Joni Cain. They also have a new Minerals Specialist John Komenski. They are still working on

the road repairs caused by spring runoff in 2017. Commissioner Smith asked the BLM to keep in touch with County Road & Bridge on any road problems. They agreed to keep the information lines open both ways.

Pete Schultz/Salmon-Challis Roads Engineer handed out copies of the 2018 Schedule A agreement to be updated. Routes that have had work completed will be deleted, but those still in process will be left on the agreement. Ie: Custer Motorway/Yankee Fork Rd., Morgan/Panther Cr. Rd., Leaton Gulch/Communications Site Rd., and possibly others. Pete will rework the agreement and send it back for signatures.

Sheriff: Stu attended and handed out copies of his monthly report. Commissioner Corgatelli asked if he felt there was a homeless problem in Custer County. Sheriff Lumpkin responded “none that he is aware of”. He reported on the septic system at the Stanley housing being frozen/stopped up. Custer Septic/Fred Hill has pumped out the tank, and the offending driveway will be moved away from the leach field to keep it from happening again.

Indigent: Christy Foster, Indigent Directors attended. A motion to go into executive session for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) was made by Commissioner Corgatelli, the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Smith and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for Approval of #19-01. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was Smith/Aye and Corgatelli/Aye.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to sign and send the letter of support for the Bureau of Land Management Wildhorse gather plans. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The conversation then turned to an increase for the Weed Superintendent Matt Montelius. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to increase his hourly wage to \$17.75, with a 6-month review, to begin on the next pay period. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Claims: The following claims were reviewed. Discussion was held on the Weed Dept. phone data, and additions were listed. Custer Telephone \$1,329.24 for repairs at Sheriff’s office, American Stewards of Liberty \$2,095.71 for Margaret Byfield’s lodging & plane ticket/Washington D.C., Wayne Butts \$135.54 mileage and meal expenses, and Arco Advertiser \$66.00 Agent office move ads. The claims were approved with the above additions by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and the motion carried.

Current Expense	18,078.38
Road & Bridge	19,659.52
Election Fund	719.86
District Court	4,965.72
Rodeo Grounds	79.20
Indigent & Charity	83.01
Revaluation	43.00
Solid Waste	2,175.00
Weeds	644.81
Waterways	113.51
Emergency Communication	1,949.51
Auditors Trust	193.25
S Custer Ambulance	<u>358.16</u>
TOTAL	49,062.93

The IAC Social Services Conference is scheduled for June 11 – 13th in Boise. They invite Commissioners, Clerks and Indigent Directors to attend. Commissioner Smith is unable to attend, but Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Indigent Director Christy Foster plan to register.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Steve Smith, Acting Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk