

Custer County
Special Emergency Meeting Proceedings – Fire Disaster Declaration
July 17, 2024

The Special Emergency Meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM in the County Commissioners meeting room. Attending the meeting were Commissioner Chairman Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, and Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Steve Smith attended via telephone connection.

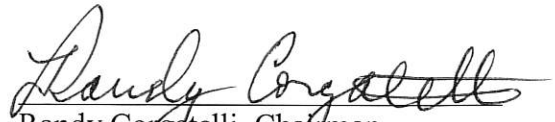
Discussion opened on the urgent need for a Fire Disaster Declaration in Custer County. Clerk Lura Baker has provided a draft copy of the resolution to the Emergency Managers office, and she received a nod approval from the Emergency Manager. Commissioner Smith asked for the Resolution to be read aloud, and Clerk Baker did so. A motion for approval of Resolution #2024-04 Fire Disaster Declaration was then made by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with 3 ayes.

Discussion then turned to an emergency equipment rental agreement between the US Forest Service and Custer County. Transportation across Redfish Lake for fire suppression is needed and the Custer County Waterways has the ability and equipment. Clerk Lura Baker sent draft copies to the board members for their review. It was agreed that Custer County Waterways Deputy will be notified when the Forest Service needs assistance. The cost of such assistance will be \$150.00 per day for the Custer County Patrol Boat. For the Deputy to operate the boat a fee will be charged of \$23.00 per hour for any hours between 08:00 and 16:30. All hours beyond that time slot will be billed at \$34.50 for overtime. The fuel provided will be charged at \$8.00 per gallon. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Rental Agreement MOU between the US Forest Service and Custer County. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous ayes.

Commissioner Zollinger updated the board on the Bench Lake Fire situation. He was impressed with the job that our new Emergency Manager Lisa Benson is doing for the County. He was also impressed with the work of the Forest Service Incident Team and the Custer County Sheriff's Department are doing together.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk