

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
July 31, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Commissioner Steve Smith, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weed Dept: Superintendent Brett Plummer reported on the recent spray day that was held in Challis. It went well and around 40 people participated, but Brett would like to find a better way of advertising next year. The utility trailer for the drone and equipment has been painted and is ready for the internal shelving and brackets. Commissioner Smith inquired about the spray schedule on Willow Creek Summit, as the Knapp weed is going crazy. Brett verified that the roadside spray schedule will begin soon. It was agreed that that area was a great candidate for use of the spray drone. Handling of the highway traffic was then discussed. Brett reported on how he is getting more comfortable with the drone and he has about 70 hours of flight time logged now. Commissioner Zollinger reminded everyone of the "Career Day" that is scheduled at CEDA by Jolie Turek. There could be a possibility of finding younger members to hire onto the spray crew. The Good Neighbor Grant for \$400,000.00 was discussed and it is still pending. Brett has been working up Kinnikinnik Road and is doing a lot of private property spray work.

Solid Waste: Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse provided the cost figures that the Board had requested. The cost of a 50-yard roll-off dumpster is \$11,270.00, making the total cost for two with freight \$30,428.00. He gets them from "Rule Steel" a Caldwell, Idaho company and the price quote is only good for 3 months. Commissioner Corgatelli has been given a name of someone that may be interested in the part time solid waste job in Stanley. Corgatelli inquired if Wendell would be willing to train a new employee on the work the job entails? Wendell agreed to do the needed training. Commissioner Smith updated Wendell on the possibility of needing chipping waste created by the CWPP program disposed of in Stanley. Wendell laid out the equipment that will be needed to re-open the Stanley transfer site. Two 50-yard roll-offs are needed on site, one for household and one for C&D waste. If chipping waste needs to be handled it will require an additional roll-off. Wendell will have the extra that can be left on site when a full can is hauled away. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested the cans be ordered now. Blue Mountain wants to work with Clear Creek Refuse and be sure no misunderstandings arise. Commissioner Zollinger felt that 4 cans are needed. After a discussion it was decided to order two roll-off cans now and get the other two next fiscal year.

Wendell Gohn then brought up the fact that the Mackay Solid Waste Transfer Site needs some work. He inquired just when the County transfer site would move over to the new property? About 24 dumpsters a week are filled in the area and improvements are badly needed. Winter dump access was then discussed and the road closures created by blowing snow.

Road & Bridge Dept: Superintendent Brandon Jones reported on the 4th bridge to be replaced up Squaw Creek. It was added to the original 3 bridges to be replaced, but it is under a different proposal and may require 7.34% matching funds, or around \$40,000.00. Brandon has not met with Thompson Cr. Mine, the BLM, or the USFS as yet. The permitting process has set the entire area bridge replacement project back a full year. The Board agreed the projects need to keep moving forward. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 4th bridge replacement on the SQ Drainage, Commissioner Jake Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

The R&B crew has been working on patching jointly with the City of Challis crew and Lost River Highway Dist. With every entity providing manpower or equipment it goes much faster and has gone well. The county chips that are currently being used are very dirty and engulf the equipment operators in a dirty cloud the whole time they are laying chips. Brandon has consulted with Challis Redi-Mix about using their washed chips. They charge \$18.00 to \$19.00 per yard and the County uses 20 to 25 truck loads per year. The Board agreed that he should give the washed chips a try. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the gravel pit in the Pahsimeroi Valley, and if it was shared with Lemhi County. Supt. Jones verified that Custer and Lemhi Counties share the pit and also the mob costs of having a crusher come in to make gravel. Both road departments haul material from their designated piles during the year.

Idaho Transportation Department: Brian Young/Traffic Officer and Jeremy Johnson/Dist. 6 Foreman attended to discuss the Hot Springs/Highway 93 intersection. It is agreed that the intersection is dangerous. The ITD would like to move the main intersection to Lanier Lane, and are willing to assist with the needed improvements that will be needed on Lanier Lane. This move would greatly improve the safety aspect of the intersection, and is their #1 choice. Their #2 choice would be to put in an 80' apron at the current Hot Springs intersection. The #3 choice would be to install an acceleration lane on Highway 93, but it would require a house study for funding approval. Additional issues that would need to be addressed are; Choice #1 would add a 90 degree turn to the Hot Springs Road and require more right-of-way acquisition. Choice #2 would require the purchase of private land to handle the needed widening of the road. Choice #3 would require moving of irrigation systems and utilities to build the acceleration lane. It was agreed that a public meeting is needed to help decide on which option would fit the community the best. It was stated that the visitors that are now using Hot Springs Road but are unaware of the Lanier Lane option to return to Highway 93 are the ones most at risk. Residents know about the route and already use it. Commissioner Smith encouraged a MOU between Custer Co. Road & Bridge and the ITD on future construction plans. It was agreed to do an updated traffic count on Lanier Lane and Hot Springs Road.

Clerk: Commissioner Smith moved to contact Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse and authorize the purchase of two (2) 50-yard roll off trash containers for the County. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. The USFS Fuel Wood – Modified Grant was then reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Smith moved to approve and sign the modified agreement. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The draft response letter for the recent Government to Government meeting was read over. Commissioner Zollinger moved to approve and sign the letter for mailing. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. The Zoom connection for the scheduled meeting with Tucker Flatten was opened up at 10:00. No response was received, so a call was placed by Commissioner Zollinger and a message was left. Employee recognition certificates were then provided for the Board to review. The Board approved of the certificates and the Chairman signed the certificates.

Liquor Licenses: The 21 liquor license applications were presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Each of the following listed location applications were reviewed, moved for approval by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zollinger and unanimously passed.

Challis Road House LLC	Sawmill Station	Papa Brunie's LLC	Oasis Stop & Go #24
Stinker Store #88	Stanley Supper Club	Dana's Place	Mtn. Village Resort
The River Company	Sawtooth Hotel	Stanley Baking Company	7C Junction Inc.
Family Dollar LLC	River One, Inc.	Challis Floral & Gifts Inc.	
Real Deal Smokehouse Inc.	Mtn. Village Resort, Merc & Gas	Sawtooth Summit Food & Bev.	
Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch LLC	Village Inn Motel & Resturant	Torrey's Burnt Creek Inn LLC	

Commissioner Zollinger moved that the minutes for 7-8-2024 Commissioners Meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Zollinger then moved to approve the Government to Government minutes as written. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The 7-23-2024 minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting were then moved for approval by Commissioner Zollinger. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Zollinger then moved for approval of the 7-17-2024 Special Meeting/Fire Disaster Declaration minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Zollinger then moved for the approval of the 7-23-24 Special Meeting/Agreements & Budget. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Zoom/Tucker Flatten: Zoom connections were made at 10:40 for discussion of the CWPP fuel reduction process in the Stanley area. Tucker reported that they are currently working in the Crooked Creek / Homestead area and have 15 properties interested. The pre-bid meeting for these properties will be held on the 8th with a per day/per acre process. The Iron Creek area will be re-scheduled for the week of the 5th. They plan to offer different contracts in the two areas, as Crooked Creek & Homestead residents are OK with the traditional spreading of the chips on the property. All of the Iron Cr. residents want all of the debris removed, as they have much smaller parcels. Commissioner Corgatelli asked about the volume of chips that will be generated in the fuel reduction process. Tucker responded that it is an unknown, and very hard to try to guess. Tucker expressed his desire to identify some

community staging spots for piling of the chips generated in the Iron Creek area. Commissioner Smith inquired about "who" would be responsible for removal of the chips? Tucker responded that if he is required to remove the chips, it would require hiring of a 3rd contractor that has the necessary equipment. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired if the chips are removed, would they be hauled to the Challis transfer site? Tucker responded that it is very unusual to remove the chips, and they are not considered a fire hazard anywhere else. They are never spread over 3" deep and this allows the grass and forbs to grow right up through them. He felt the removal requests are more about "looks" than them being a fire hazard. Commissioner Corgatelli expressed his feeling that chip removal should be the responsibility of the landowner. Commissioner Smith also agreed that it should be the residents responsibility. The Board then agreed that any chip removal would be done by the land-owner. Tucker brought up his concern that many of the chips could end up dumped on federal lands. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the timeline for work to begin. The Crooked Creek & Homestead properties will be August 8th/pre bid meetings, August 14th /bid deadline, August 16th/award bids, August 19th/work begins. The Iron Creek properties will be handled the same only a week later. The intention is to have all work completed before the snow flies. Discussion on possible use of the Stanley solid waste transfer site for chip handling if needed was held. Commissioner Smith felt the site gate key should be handled by Tucker.

Commissioner Zollinger moved to change the agenda and move Probation/Aletia Straub-Workman from 10:30 AM to 11:20 AM, as her time was crowded out by the Zoom meeting over-run. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Probation: Aletia has taken the used truck in for inspection and had the windshield chip repaired. Further inspection has revealed that it needs new brake pads, rotors, calipers and tires. The bid she received from Tunnel Rock Tire is between \$1,500 - \$1,700 for the brake pads, rotors and calipers, and \$1,212.00 for new tires. Commissioner Smith moved that the truck repairs be completed with the cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Aletia will get the replacement center console ordered from a wrecking yard to complete the needed repairs. Aletia then provided her monthly report to the Board. Her work load has increased as law enforcement is working hard. The ballistic equipment she needed has been ordered, but is very slow in arriving.

Jail Inspection: Chairman Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins completed a jail inspection at the Custer County jail.

Court Annex: The above group then did a walk-through tour of the Court Annex construction site and visited with the contractors about their progress and needs.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break to be reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Vice Chairman Steve Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden, Mike Evans/LRED and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

LRED: Lost River Economic Development Director Mike Evans attended. He provided a packet of information to the Board members, and went over a list of future plans. The Mackay Rodeo has grown to two times it's previous size. More bleacher seating and better parking is now needed. There is ongoing work at the Mackay airport on a pilot's lounge. The glider annual gathering in Mackay had more than 50 planes participated this year. There are 100 full time employees coming to Mackay to work at the Conex Mine. The main problem is that there is not enough housing.

Emergency Management: Director Lisa Benson reported that the Bench Lake fire is now 85% contained. They have had two helicopters working the fire for the last four days. The Type 4 Fire Team is gone and now they are using a Type 3 Team. Stanley Mayor Botti is working with the Small Business Administration for assistance with business losses during the fire. She is working with Tucker Flatten and the CWPP on Firewise projects in the Stanley area. She has met with JD Bennetts/Custer Telephone and provided a draft of the contracts that are upcoming with TUSA. Norm Folgers/TUSA wants to schedule a meeting with the Commissioners. They have not heard from Louise yet on possible grant funding. The Code Red phone system has been set up in Custer County using the 911 Grant funds of \$3,968.00. They are allowed 7500 minutes of calling. Director Benson reported that her new phone

(approved at last meeting) cost \$872.00. She then asked to purchase a Mac Laptop that would like with her phone. She has received a \$1,560.00 quote from IT/Jonathan Huse for such a computer. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about a situation along Highway 75, where a resident is renting out 3 or more trailers on their residential property.

The meeting was recessed at 3.50 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District, and reconvened at 3:55 PM. The letter that Commissioner Smith wrote to Congressman Mike Simpson was reviewed. He explained his personal seal and how it delineates that the correspondence is from him personally and not the Board as a group.

Claims: Commissioner Zollinger moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the additions of \$1,926.21 NACO expenses for Steve Smith, and IAHD \$1,250.00 for Road & Bridge. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	65,966.29
Road & Bridge	50,487.99
Battleground Mosquito	16,015.66
District Court	6,231.79
Rodeo Grounds	8,693.30
Health District	12,491.00
Revaluation	11,586.45
Solid Waste	6,151.94
Weeds	1,635.53
Waterways	471.75
LACTF	61,353.53
Auditors Trust	344.75
TOTAL	241,429.98

A call was placed to Tom Angel, and a message was left for a return call to Commissioner Smith.

Prosecutor: A request for an air conditioner was received from the office staff at the Prosecutors Office. Commissioner Smith suggested they find a unit that would do the job and put in a credit card use request for the payment at the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported on his efforts for the Stanley Sheriff/Waterway's Office new building. It will have a 26' peak with a 5 and 12 pitch to the roof. The eve will be 14' high. The walls will be 2" x 6" so it will support the upstairs apartment to be used by waterways. It will be a tan building with a brown metal roof. He will work with the ITD on the permit for building placement. The 1000-gal propane tank will be set on a concrete pad with a concealing fence around it. The door for the Ambulance parking space will be 12' wide and 13' high. Commissioner Smith will contact Dennis at SREC and also High Mountain Truss Company. He is also working with Damon Burk/Big Ben Construction to get the final loose ends finished up at the Sheriff's housing units. A upstairs bannister and a wood stove still need to be installed. The new metal roof needs to be painted a darker color to meet SNRA specifications.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen attended and reported she has received and appeal. A date of September 9th was chosen for the Thurber Appeal at 6:30 PM. It was decided to utilize the CEDA building as there could be a large attendance. Jessica will make the arrangements. Jessica has been looking at property that was reported to have multiple trailers being rented. She does see the multiple trailers but has no proof of rental payments. Discussion was then held on her need for part time help. The Board encouraged her to attend the IAC meetings whenever possible. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 3:45 PM Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was Smith/Aye and Zollinger/Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Administrator Clemenhagen and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 3:57 PM.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole and Deputy Mike Newmyer attended. Deputy Newmyer was wearing his new ballistic vest and showed the equipment to the Board. He also showed the ballistic helmet. Sheriff Maydole then reported that the new security camera system has been installed and is recording at all times. The dispatchers are very pleased with the system. Jail operations and inmate handling was then discussed between the Board and the Sheriff. Commissioner Zollinger asked about security cameras in the evidence room. A new system has been installed and is working very well. Visitor numbers for the upcoming Braun Brothers Reunion were discussed and how the total number has dropped substantially. Sheriff Maydole has worked out a good crew schedule, with full coverage at night. They will also be utilizing the drone. The Emergency Services is connected, as is the City of Challis and the Golf Course. Emergency evacuation routes have been laid out as well as triage areas and landing areas being set. Maydole then made a request for a larger monitor screen for his security cameras. The pricing he has found is \$1,451.00 for a 40" monitor; \$1,700.00 for a 49" monitor; and \$2,700.00 for a 57" monitor – quoted by Cody Bailey at The Warp. In the future (FY 2025) there will be 4 more cameras installed; 1) Generator, 2) outside inmate window, 3) detention door and 4) breezeway/weapons box. Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the purchase of the 57" monitor from The Warp at a cost of \$2,751.95. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. It was decided to pay from Account 1-10-499-0. Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 4:30 PM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was Smith/Aye and Zollinger/Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Sheriff Maydole and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 4:40 PM. Commissioner Smith made a motion to increase payroll amounts for the following employees as listed. Chief Dispatcher/Kathy Rodgers @ \$23.00 per hour; Dispatch Sargent/Ashley Hill @ \$21.50 per hour; S&R Coordinator- part time/Lincoln Zollinger @ \$18.00 per hour and Waterways Deputy/John Haugh @ \$23.00 per hour. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

BLM Property/Bennetts & Bricker: Attending were Pat and Ron Bricker, Kathy Bennetts, and Mike and Mindy Bruno. Kathy Bennetts has met with BLM Director Mary D'Aversa and visited about the BLM plans to build a new compound at the intersection of Highway 93 and Corrigan Lane. History has shown that this is an extremely dangerous area and there have been some bad accidents at that location. Bennetts also wondered why a "government office" would not be building their infrastructure within the City limits. She is also concerned with the winter flooding that occurs when the ice jams the river during extremely cold weather. Commissioner Smith reviewed his conversation with Mary D'Aversa from a month ago. The county map server was consulted and the flood plain and flood way areas were verified. It has been verified that the BLM is currently doing a survey on the property and have contacted SREC about getting power. The BLM property is zoned "Special Use" and such zoning can require a public hearing as well as a special use permit to enable any building at the site. The history of the former attempt by the BLM to build on the site was reviewed as was the signed petition that was sent in with their letters of dissent.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.



Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk



Steve Smith, Vice Chairman
Custer County Commissioner