

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
July 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Will Naillon and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Road & Bridge Dept: Superintendent Brandon reported on the projects they are working on. Grading of the Yankee Fork Road is in process and they will continue all the way around the Mill Cr. loop. They will be starting in Stanley next week, at the Iron Creek Road.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker went over information she has received on the CWPP "Firewise projects" from residents. The handling of the chipping waste is a concern. Getting the Stanley solid waste transfer site up and running again was then discussed. Finding a part-time employee to operate the site has been a problem in the past. A call was place to Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse and he was asked about his past employee history for the Stanley site in the message left.

No decisions were made at this time. Clerk Baker then went over the request she received from the N. Custer Rodeo Committee. They plan to build new fence along the front of the Rodeo Grounds. A materials list with costs was provided to the Board of Commissioners. They gave verbal approval for the fence project and the amount of \$1,590.00 in materials is covered in their budget. Lura has been contacted by Butte County and urged to do an Emergency Drought Declaration in Custer County, along side the one they are doing in Butte County. She researched their request and found that the "Drought.gov" website has a forecast of drought for the whole area. After discussion it was agreed that the southern portion of Custer County was extremely dry, and Clerk Baker should move ahead and create the resolution. Clerk Lura Baker then informed the Board of the recent membership application she has received from Brenda Dixon to be on the County Planning & Zoning Board. After review of the application, Commissioner Zollinger moved that Brenda Dixon be approved and appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board to fill the current vacancy. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Chairman Corgatelli then discussed the issue of access roads within subdivisions.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson, Custer Co. Prosecutor attended and reported on the recent activities of his office. Possible improvements for Planning & Zoning subdivision wording was discussed.

Clerk: Lura Baker then presented the Harris/Computer Arts Master Agreement for review and approval by the Board. The different departments served through this computer system were listed and talked over. The final decision will be made at the upcoming Budget meeting, to be held on July 10th. The construction progress on the Court Annex was discussed. The trusses are not on site as yet but the framing of the walls is moving right along. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the persistent rumors about one more baseball field somewhere near the CEDA complex. Clerk Baker suggested he visit with Jolie Turek at CEDA.

Assessor: Deputy Assessor Tracy Barrett attended and reported that Jacquell will provide the Abstract by the 4th Monday in July. (next meeting date is 7/31/24)

Treasurer: Treasurer Allicyn Latimer attended and provided her monthly report. She explained the different lines for PILT and the investment interest. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the financing progress. Clerk Baker has sent all the required information to Noal at USDA and is waiting for his response.

Solid Waste: Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse returned Chairman Corgatelli's phone call and verified the dates that the Stanley transfer site was formerly open. Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Discussion was held on how the solid waste could be hauled and what equipment will be needed. Wendell stated that three 50-yard roll-off containers will be needed, and they currently run about \$20,000.00 each. He suggested setting Household waste and C&D debris at one price. Metals need to be separated as well as the rock/concrete/asphalt waste. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the ability to burn woody debris, such as limbs/wood and chips? Burning

the wood debris is allowed seasonally (winter), but piles of chips do not burn well. The Board inquired about the pay scale for an employee to operate the site. Blue Mountain Refuse is currently paying \$21.00 per hour and cannot find anyone willing to work. There is a scale at the Stanley site inside the building, but it needs a set of new batteries to operate. Wendell offered to search for 50' roll-offs for the County to purchase. It was agreed that getting the site & equipment operational was the first order of business, then the hiring of a part time employee. The CWPP program information has been provided to the Commissioners. Their wildfire protection efforts involve clearing of trees and brush from private properties. They chip the fuel that is removed and are looking for a place to dump the chip, as some residents do not want the chips spread around on the ground where the trees were removed from.

NRAC: Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli and Chairman Hawkins went over the Government TO Government meeting process. The proper protocol for asking questions was reviewed along with the agenda for the meeting with the Forest Supervisor and crew to be held tonight. Hawkins reminded the board that Sage Grouse comments need to be submitted by the 19th of July. Mary Darling will be contacted about commenting on behalf of Custer County. Comments on the Old Growth Forest policy will also be addressed.

Mahoney House: Attending were Justin Oleson/Prosecutor, Patrick Reagan, Johnna Baer, Pam Martinez, Mallori Wing, and Chelsea Stephanishen. Patrick spoke on the trainings that they held during the past year, and how many attended. 1) How Trauma Affects People 2) The Effects of Strangulation 3) Juvenile Justice/Enhanced Community Response 4) Community Resources. Their group is looking for help getting better attendance to these trainings. Prosecutor Justin Oleson attended three of the trainings and felt they were awesome. He was disappointed that more law enforcement personnel were not attending, and suggested the schedule be changed so it doesn't conflict with trials. The Mahoney House motto is "Safety for victims and officers – accountability for perpetrators". On August 8th they plan to have a mock situation set up with all the different services that are available. They currently have an office in Salmon, ID but do not have one in Challis. A suggestion was made that they sponsor a "potato bar fundraiser" in Challis like the one they do in Salmon to help raise awareness of their services.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Will Naillon and Gordon Vaden. Agency personnel attending were Lance Stavast/Lost River Ranger Dist., Mike Fuller/SNRA, Chris Waverek & John Runkle/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. and Randall Anderson/BLM.

Agencies: Mike Fuller/Deputy Area Ranger with SNRA reported they have put out forty (40) unattended campfires in his district. They are working hard on educating the public, but it is an uphill battle. The SNRA is ready to give approval on the new Stanley Area Sheriff's Office. They just need a copy of the plans and to know what the specifications are. 1e: roof color and paint color. Mr. Fuller then inquired about when the Stanley Solid Waste Transfer site would be re-opening? The Board informed him about the need for more roll-off containers and a part time employee before any opening can be scheduled. Mike updated the Board on the Search & Rescue mission over the weekend on Thompson Peak, involving a climber with a broken leg.

Lance Stavast/Lost River Ranger Dist. reported the YCC crews are currently working in the Double Springs Area on trails. They also have a crew working with the ID F&G doing a population count for Brook Trout. His office is working on getting a water right for the Mount Borah Trailhead campground.

Chris Waverek/Challis-Middle Fork Ranger Dist. reported that they have a fire in the backcountry now. There is a crew on site and it is currently 70% contained. Their FS Road Crew is working on grading the Loon Creek Road. Will Naillon inquired about having a cap put on the road, as it is down to just rocks in many areas. Commissioner Zollinger expressed his appreciation of the USFS getting to the Loon Creek Road grading in such a timely manner. Chris also reported that they are getting the burnt-up truck hauled off of the Big Hill area.

John Runkle/Middle Fork Ranger Dist. reported that they too are finding a lot of unattended campfires that need to be extinguished within their district. Their trail crews are working on the slides that have affected the Custer Motorway. The Biological Assessments, BA's are complete for the four (4) bridges that need to be installed in the Challis Creek drainage. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the washed-out road section on Jeff's Flat. John responded that the wash-out is on the BLM end of the road. Commissioner Zollinger then inquired about a marked timber sale on the back side of Loon Creek Summit, and John said he would look into it.

Randall Anderson/BLM responded to the inquiry about Jeff's Flat Road. The BLM engineers are currently looking at the project and deciding the best way to get it repaired. The BLM is working hard to fill all their empty positions. Youth crews are currently working in Spar Canyon on projects. Commissioner Corgatelli asked how many feral horses were counted on the BLM ranges. Randall responded they are still under the maximum count of horses allowed. Commissioner Zollinger thanked all the agencies for their cooperation and working with the Board of Commissioners.

It was reported that the Valley Creek Bridge collapsed over the weekend. The landowners are looking to replace the girders with new logs. Solid waste issues were then brought up and discussion on the next step with Travis Pyle/Great West Engineering in the Challis Land Fill project.

Sheriff: Levi Maydole/Sheriff attended and reported on his staff. He has hired Mike NewMeyer as the 2nd Stanley deputy #240. Mike will be attending P.O.S.T. this winter. His Sargent David Walls has moved up into the Lieutenant position which leaves the Sargent job open. He also has two dispatch positions that need to be filled, and the Administrator position is currently open in house. The City of Stanley has accepted the 2024 Law Enforcement Contract as of the 23rd of July. The City of Mackay is still reviewing their contract. The new body armor is here, except for the helmets, and they are due to arrive shortly. The cameras are installed in the evidence room, and are here ready to be installed in the Sheriff's Office. Levi is moving ahead on the FTO's (Field Training Operations) and has the background checks all completed. Deputy body cameras are over-filling the data storage for his office. He is working with Jonathan/IT on solutions for storage. There was a Search & Rescue call on Thompson Peak, when rockfall broke the ankle of a hiker. It went well. Marine Deputy John Haugh has been very busy at Redfish Lake. Sheriff Maydole is working with his Reserve Deputy to assist at the jail at meal time. This assistance will keep the dispatchers in the radio room full time. The office remodel project is moving forward, with materials purchased and awaiting a bid for the electrical work. Maydole is working on keeping the inmate laundry inhouse. He has had a washer and dryer donated, and just needs to get them hooked up and operational. The Board approved the change in laundry handling and encouraged him to move ahead. The Mahoney House information was shared with Sheriff Maydole and a School Resource Officer program was discussed. The chip disposal issue from the CWPP was discussed and the possibilities of having a Stanley Deputy become the keeper of the keys to the Stanley transfer site. Use of a combination lock was also discussed.

Emergency Services: Lisa Benson Deputy Emergency Manager reported that she is still working on inventory. The IPAW's system is up and working for Custer County and the surrounding areas. Wednesday July 10th there is a meeting scheduled with TUSA to meet with Custer Telephone Co-op to continue negotiations on the communications system project. The final draft of the Community Wildfire Preparedness Policy is now ready for signature. The AHMP requires one more LEPC meeting and then it will be ready for Commissioner approval. They still need coordinators for the EOC. Gary Chamberlain has provided letters from area irrigators on the FEMA culvert replacements. Funding could possibly be found through the IOEM. FEMA has OK'd culvert replacement by property owners once they get a flood plain application completed. Jessica will call Gary and keep him updated. Commissioner Zollinger placed a call to Tucker Flatten/North West Management on the progress with the CWPP efforts. A message on disposal of the chipping materials that are created by the brush clearing at the solid waste transfer site in Stanley was left.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhausen attended. She requested a day off on July 11th, as well as August 5th & 6th. The Board of Commissioners approved her request.

Probation: Officer Aletia Straub-Workman attended. She had the used truck from the Sheriff's fleet checked out and it needs a new battery. The air conditioning doesn't work, but it is a minor problem. She asked if she could test drive it for a while before making a final decision. The Board agreed that battery replacement and A/C repairs could be handled under general expenses, so she could make an informed decision.

CWPP: Tucker Flatten returned the Commissioners call. After Commissioner Zollinger explained the resident aversion to having the chips left after the brush and trees were cleared, feeling the chips too were a fire hazard. Tucker explained to the Board that these chips are very difficult to burn even if put into a pile. If burning is the

preferred method of disposal, he suggests the brush be left as limbs. Providing a "clean" forest floor is a new issue and funding for hauling of all the chips generated will become an issue. Suggestions were made to find locals that might be able to re-use the chips, or load and haul the chips to the County solid waste transfer site. No decisions were made.

Fair Board: Clerk Lura Baker presented their budget and a copy of their By Laws to the Board.

Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #2024-03 Custer County Disaster Declaration for Drought as provided by Clerk Baker. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Zollinger then moved to approve and sign the minutes of the 6/24/24 minutes of the Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Zollinger then moved to approve and sign the minutes of the 5/29/24 Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 4:20 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 4:22 PM.

Claims: Commissioner Zollinger moved that the following claims be approved and paid in the amount of \$135,857.03, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

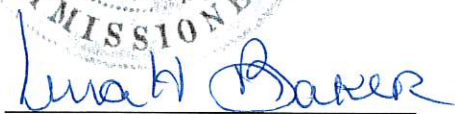
Current Expense	39,029.79
Road & Bridge	84,589.82
Battleground Mosquito	160.00
District Court	6,977.58
Rodeo Grounds	292.67
Revaluation	558.00
Weeds	1,200.17
Waterways	2,153.15
Em. Communications	864.00
Assessors Receipts	<u>31.85</u>
TOTAL	135,857.03

Liquor License: A liquor license application has been received from Rivera Quick Trip LLC. Upon review and approval Commissioner Zollinger moved to approve and sign the liquor license. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.



Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk


Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner