

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
September 30, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioners Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt Brandon Jones, Will Naillon and Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones provided the paperwork to make the adjustments on the Squaw Cr. Bridges Project. The 4th Bridge will be in the no match required portion of the agreement, and the rehabilitation of the main Salmon River Bridge will now require a match of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Amendment of the Agreement A-024 as above. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Brandon has been to the Stanley Solid Waste Site and looked at the damage to the gates. It appeared that the firefighters had to remove the gates from the hinges to provide the site protection needed during the wildfire. He offered to either repair the existing gates, or replace them. The Board agreed to have the gates repaired. Jones is working with the Lost River Highway District today doing zipper work in their area as part of the work exchange agreement. There is one grader crew in Pahsimeroi Valley - Summit Cr. that is struggling to repair some horrible pot holes. Road and Bridge will be hauling in road cap material (with assistance from Lost River Highway Dist.) to prevent a serious accident. The recent traffic count done at the site showed 68 vehicles per day traveling at speeds between 40 mph and 65 mph. Commissioner Chairman Corgatelli suggested the Road & Bridge Dept. swap out their old satellite phones for Star Link phone system. His understanding is that they work well and are less expensive. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 8:15 AM Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Supervisor Brandon Jones, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:05 AM.

Commissioner: Chairman Corgatelli shared the invitation from the American Land Council to join in the current lawsuit that the State of Utah has with the Bureau of Land Management to return all BLM lands to the citizens of the state. The cost of this is 10 cents per capita or a \$5,000.00 limit. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Custer County, Idaho join this legal challenge with the State of Utah. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A resolution will be created by Clerk Baker. Discussion was held on the water curtailment issues in southern Idaho. Commissioner Smith shared information he had on procurement. If used equipment is purchased by a County, there is no need for bid solicitation. This also applies to maintenance work. He reported that Tami White/Supreme Court will be coming to Custer County to do a training. There are new deadline triggers within the FLMA, for small government employees. Gordon Vaden reported on a seminar that he attended with LHTAC. They still have \$200 Million in funding left for projects in Idaho. The Custer Road, Bayhorse Bridge and Pahsimeroi Road have all be added to the request list. Vaden also learned that LHTAC is also offering FREE reflective test strips for signage. There is a \$1,000.00 grant still being offered to purchase signage as well. Will Naillon reported on the committee meetings that he attended. The Public Lands meetings were very informative and the Legislative meetings took real stamina. Commissioner Zollinger attended the Economic Development meetings and learned about a lot of urban interface issues within the state. He understands that Oregon has shut down a lot of development. Everyone that attended the meetings agreed that the round table sessions were very beneficial. Commissioner Smith attended the Solid Waste meetings where he learned that the County is liable for all garbage collected from within the county "forever". The Blaine County - Custer County garbage interface was then discussed. Smith would like to explore other areas solid waste ordinances, such as Spokane, WA. Commissioner Zollinger enjoyed visiting with other small county commissioners about their Extension Educators. Commissioner Smith then reported on the NACO - PILT Fly In he attended in Washington D.C. They worked on Secure Rural Schools, Title I, II and III. He was able to meet with a lot of congressional members. He stated how important it is that someone from Custer County attend the PILT Fly In every year. They are working on public education, not just lobbying. Discussion turned to the Good Neighbor Authority, the 30 X 30 Program and Grants.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided the E911 Grant Agreement #1-2025 through the Idaho Public Safety Communications System in the amount of \$65,451.00 that is handled through the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the E911 Grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Signatures were affixed. Clerk Baker then provided the Pathology Services Agreement between Ada County and Custer County. The Coroner has reviewed and approved it as presented. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the agreement, Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith is struggling trying to find a HVAC Contractor that will hook up the wood heating stove in the Stanley Deputy housing. He was given a few more telephone numbers. Commissioner Zollinger inquired about the Frog Fire situation? Clerk Baker reported that the winds have kicked the flames up again, but the crews have it about 65% contained. It was then decided by Commissioner Smith to put the shelving into the Konnex storage trailer the first week of October. The new rules for Public Defenders was discussed. All agreed that the State System is logistically and economically prohibitive for the small rural counties.

Liquor Licenses: Three applications for County Liquor Licenses were then reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the following business be approved for their Liquor License application. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and they passed unanimously for Clayton Silver Bar; Bear Bottom Inn/C K Miller LLC; and Ken's Club/ Lost River Lounge LLC.

Emergency Services: Manager Lisa Benson attended and reported that the Sawtooth Society has requested a copy of the CWPP agreement. The Custer County CWPP Agreement has not been signed as of this time, so she was unable to provide them a copy. Benson suggested that they attend a Commissioner Meeting and state their intentions at that time. Manager Benson has been notified of \$948.22 in unappropriated funds in the 2022 EMP Grant. Commissioner Zollinger moved to approve the 2022 EMPG adjustment notice. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Lura Baker will complete the paperwork. Benson then reported that the FEMA Grant for the Mackay Dam has been forwarded in a partial amount of \$727,000.00 for construction. The BRIC Grant has not been completed as yet, and a Special meeting will be needed with Big Lost River Irrigation District. Commissioner Zollinger asked about getting a copy of the 2024 Wildfire Maps, and Lisa agreed to bring one to the Commissioners room.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole attended. A wood heating stove is needed in the Deputy Housing in Stanley A.S.A.P. Commissioner Smith will be contacting Jim Bob, owner of Ray's Heating and Plumbing. Discussion on getting a Stanley Sheriff's Office was then held. The well drilling application with SNRA needs to be completed and approved first of all. A meeting is needed between the SNRA/ SREC / Custer County / and the well driller to finalize the location of a well. Commissioner Smith has looked into Titan Steel Buildings and presented his options, for an approximate cost of \$80,000.00

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins and Harriet Henderson attended. Hawkins requested that a reminder letter be sent to Heather DeGeest/Forest Supervisor about her promises from the Government to Government meeting. An Economic Study is required for a Forest Plan revision and Custer County has requested a copy of their recent study. After discussion it was decided that Jim Hawkins would author the letter, and the Board would review, approve and sign it. Chairman Corgatelli updated Jim and Harriet on the Utah lawsuit with the BLM. The G2G Meeting plan for tonight with the BLM was then reviewed with the Board. It was requested that Jim Hawkins be the moderator for the meeting, and agreed that County Ordinances need to be followed by everyone, even the Federal Government. The meeting agenda was reviewed and an outline of subjects gone over. Road Safety, Citizen Welfare, Environmental Concerns, Planning & Zoning Ordinances, conifer encroachment, Natural Asset Companies.

Lost River Economic Development: Mike Evans attended and reported that Ken's Club has been sold. The annual Mackay Bar-B-Q went very well although there weren't as many attending this year. There has been a community meeting on the Konnex Mine. They are predicting 104 full-time employees when it is up and operational. The main access route is still being discussed and options offered that are best for public safety. The Board of Commissioners offered to do a Government to Government meeting for the access road routing. The needed housing was also discussed and the problems that will be coming soon. Commissioner Smith encouraged Mike to attend the Arco Festival of Trees and begin networking with Butte County as much as possible.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided copies of the TUSA information and the Tait proposal to those present. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go to executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 11:35 AM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Prosecutor Justin Oleson, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Dawn Maydole and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 12:10 PM. Commissioner Smith made another motion to go to executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 12:15 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, Deputy Clerk Dawn Maydole and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 12:25 PM.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30 and reconvened again at 1:30 PM. Chairman Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins were in attendance.

TUSA: Norm Folgers/TUSA Consultant introduced those attending on behalf of the Communications System Upgrade. Jessy Brent/TUSA, Steve Doherty/Tait, Sarah Donley/Tait, Eric Smallwood/White Cloud Communications, JD Bennetts/Custer Telephone and Gentry Spencer/Custer Telephone. Mr. Folgers began with a review of how we arrived at the contract presentation and negotiations. 2021 was the Quote; 2022 – Kickoff meeting; 2023 – RFP and Site visits; 2024 – received proposals (chose Tait).

Sarah and Steve presented the Tait Proposal and gave an overview of their offices and history. The site selection was then reviewed for Clayton, Stanley, Ellis, Willow Cr. Summit, Basin Butte, Pottaman Peak, Flat Top and Windy Devil. Maps of the actual reception were looked at. Sheriff Levi Maydole stated that his office is looking into Star Link for their Law Enforcement cell phones. Eric stressed that the use of Custer Tel's site towers and buildings will reduce radio interference. Their sites are modern, clean and have preventative maintenance. The Tait equipment was then explained with many options to choose from. The proposed deployment was then broken into Design (winter); Staging (May & June); Installation (July & Aug) Cutover (Sept.) Commissioner Smith inquired about the amount of savings that the County will enjoy by working in partnership with Custer Telephone. It was estimated at about \$50,000 per site for a total of between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Payment milestones were then reviewed with the total cost around \$4.3 million. Steve Doherty offered a link for Grant funding options with Lexipol Grant Companies. He suggested checking into ARPA funding as well as Government Capital. Norm Folgers verified the MOU between Custer County and Custer Telephone is underway, although not finalized as yet. When asked, Tait said they would appreciate a response before year end.

Commissioners: A date was chosen for a Communications Workshop meeting of October 7th @ 1:00 PM by the Board. Emergency Manager Lisa Benson will dig into the Grant possibilities.

Claims: Commissioner Zollinger moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the additions of \$374.66 for Steve Smith and \$2,537.45 for Tunnel Rock Tire. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

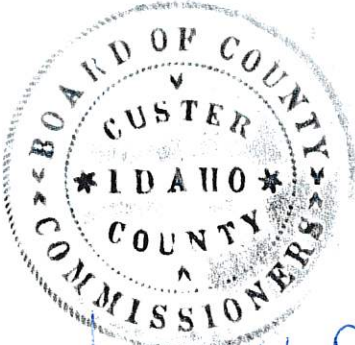
Current Expense	50,897.35
Road & Bridge	77,540.52
Battleground Mosquito	15,758.45
District Court	13,755.82
Revaluation	11,369.29
Solid Waste	1,023.50
Weeds	944.29
Waterways	2,001.11
LACTF	<u>142,997.05</u>
TOTAL	316,287.38

The meeting was recessed at 4:44 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 4:46 PM.

Upon final review of the minutes provided, Commissioner Zollinger moved that the minutes of the 9-13-2024 meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Zollinger then moved that the minutes of the 8-12-2024 meeting be approved with noted name correction. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Zollinger also moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of 8-9-2024. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The minutes of the 6-19-2024 Special Budget Meeting were then moved for approval by Commissioner Zollinger. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Zollinger moved to approve the minutes of the 9-9-24. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Clerk Lura Baker has been contacted by Travis Pyle/Great West Engineering to schedule a meeting for Solid Waste. It was decided to meet with him on Monday 10-7-2024 after 1:00 PM.

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



Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

for Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioners