Custer County Special Meeting Proceedings August 28, 2023

The Special Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in the Custer County Commissioners Room. Attending the meeting were Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and Heath Perrine, District Ranger of the USFS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a letter that was sent to South Custer Search and Rescue Commander Jim Gregory from Forest Supervisor Charles Mark. This letter advised Mr. Gregory that there is not a current agreement between the USFS and the County regarding radio frequency use. The letter stated that a temporary agreement would terminate in December 2023 and that there needs to be discussion to come to a permanent agreement between the two entities.

The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Perrine the reasons there may not be a current agreement and then also discussed the need to encompass all repeaters, equipment and all Search & Rescue organizations within Custer County. Ranger Perrine is to compile a list of repeaters for the Commissioners.

Discussion continued regarding an unpaid invoice that was sent to Custer County from the USFS, as this invoice may have caused contention. Ranger Perrine is to research this invoice date and amount to provide to the Commissioners for review.

Ranger Perrine passed out an MOU that is current between Lemhi County and the USFS, he advised that it would be possible for Custer County to draft a similar MOU. The Commissioners agreed that they would like for Prosecutor Oleson to review the Lemhi County MOU and advise them on how to proceed with drafting an MOU for Custer County.

With no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman

Custer County Commissioners

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk