

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
August 30, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Vice Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioners Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett has researched the ICRMP insurance coverage for drones. The actual cost is less than \$100 per year with a maximum payoff of \$50,000 for drone replacement. The coverage is only offered for fully licensed drone operators. Brett is ready to take the #107 test, but is working on getting a FAA weight exemption for the spray drone. He plans to have it completed by the end of September. The white Ford truck that is on the surplus auction site has received some bids and is currently at \$2,000, with 5 more days to go. Brett has begun the weed informational mailout flyer process, but is planning to use CWMA educational funding for the job. The CWMA still needs to have members at large on the board, and some names were suggested. Chemical costs are going way up, and the purchase of Milestone no longer carries a decent rebate. Brett is looking at other sprays to get the jobs done that are better priced. Commissioner Smith inquired if he had purchased the tablets that were approved to use for mapping? He has not purchased them as yet. The herbicide order for the big cheatgrass spray project he is working on with the USFS and BLM, has arrived. A grant received from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation of \$70,000.00 is covering the cost of the herbicide. They will be spraying 2,600 acres with a helicopter for cheatgrass, toadflax and spotted knapweed. The Board thanked him for his diligent efforts to control weeds in Custer County.

Road & Bridge: Superintendent Brandon Jones brought two applications from the ID Transp. Department for state funding. The first one is for the reconstruction of 5 miles of the Custer Road portion of the Pahsimeroi Road system. This project will involve zipping the current surface, reshaping the road and then laying 3 inches of hot mix down. It is estimated to be a \$2 million project. Custer County Road and Bridge will be doing a large amount of pre-work. (zipping & reshaping) as well as a large amount of the paperwork. The second application is on the Hot Springs Road approach rebuild. This project will require a huge amount of materials to be moved in. Commissioner Smith moved that the ITD applications for the Custer Road project and the Hot Springs approach be approved and completed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal Review at 8:35 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:05 AM. Brandon reported the power grease guns were on order, with one having arrived. The Morgan Creek safety project is moving ahead. Negotiations have enabled the project to simplify the hauling of overburden, by placing it in the nearby canyon face. This will greatly reduce the trucking involved and save wear and tear on the newly surfaced lower section of Morgan Creek Road. The Road & Bridge department is still looking for replacements for the two oldest plow trucks. Good used trucks are very difficult to find and purchase.

Clerk: Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal Review at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:50 AM.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and inquired if Mary Darling was the official Custer County representative for the Grizzly Bear EIS being done by Fish & Wildlife Services? The Board has contacted Mary and she has graciously agreed. A possible date of Sept. 18th or 19th was given for the next joint meeting with Lemhi and Custer County Commissioners. Jim will get a confirmation back to the Commissioners. The Custer County Resource Management Plan was reviewed to confirm the wording that is written on grizzly bears. Commissioner Smith moved to send a letter to the Fish & Wildlife Service concerning grizzly bear restoration, along with a copy of the Resource Management Plan. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli suggested that the new Salmon Regional Supervisor for the Idaho Fish & Game, Ryan Hilton be invited to the next commissioners meeting during the "Agency" time slot. Jim then updated the board on grazing permit issues, involving fence maintenance and trespass problems. Commissioner Smith updated those present on a grazing trespass notice in the southern end of the county also. A call was made to USFS to get the correct information before proceeding.

The Board reviewed the Salmon River Electric Company work order #2023-065. This is for re-routing the underground service and a new meter installation at the Court Annex building site. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the work order, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Liquor Licenses: Clerk Lura Baker presented the new license applications and a catering permit (listed below) received in her office. Commissioner Smith moved that the applications received from the following be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Kimble Oil & Gas	Ken's Club LLC	Bear Bottom Inn
LarVic Food Services	River Park Golf Course	Real Deal Smoke & Tap House Inc.
Dana's Place	Redfish Lake Lodge LLC	Casino Club – Ace of Diamonds LLC
Bux's Place LLC	Sawmill Station LTD	Challis Golf & Recreation Assoc.
Shyla's Hideaway Bar & Grill		Mothers & Daughters Inc. – Perks Place

Challis Roadhouse – catering permit Sept. 2, 2023

Clerk: The request letter for "speed bumps" was reviewed and discussed by the board. Due to the many roads within our large county it was deemed totally unaffordable.

Mary Darling has responded to the County and will be attending the Fish & Wildlife EIS meeting on grizzly bears tomorrow on behalf of Custer County. Clerk Lura Baker will continue working with her.

A letter from Public Defender Manuel Murdoch stating his intent to withdraw at the end of the fiscal year was reviewed. The Board asked that further negotiation be done before any decisions are made.

Emergency Services: Manager Levi Maydole reported on the repeater site tours done with the TUSA program for county wide communications upgrade work. Two major companies participated, White Cloud/Tate and Day Wireless/Motorola. Levi reported the tours went very well and the helicopter tours worked great. Levi reported that the Windy Devil repeater needs a remote power source. The old generator that was removed from Flat Top has been refurbished and is available to be installed at Windy Devil. The bathroom in the Emergency Services office now has a toilet. Hall's Town & Country Plumbing has submitted a bid to complete the installation of the sink and fixtures for \$620.00 up to \$760.00. Commissioner Smith moved that the complete bathroom install be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the available generator be installed at the Windy Devil repeater site. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Levi will work with the USFS and request they attend the next commissioners meeting to discuss the above. IPAWS training has been completed by Manager Levi Maydole. The licensing MOA between IPAWS and Custer County has been signed off. Konexus is the company that runs the software that handles the National Emergency Broadcast System. There is a test of the alert system scheduled for October. The cost for the IPAWS system is \$2,975.00 for the 1st year, \$3,123.00 for the 2nd year and \$3,279.00 for the 3rd year. Custer County was able to get a discount for the 1st year because of Butte County and their assistance. Levi pointed out that SHSP Grant funds have been earmarked to cover these costs. Commissioner Smith moved that the Konexus Inc. contract for IPAWS in the amount of \$2,975.00 be paid pending the Resolution # for transfer of funds. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Levi has been reviewing the "Future ITY – Orion Program that was begun by Mike Graham. This program costs \$1,200.00 per year and will generate all necessary FEMA forms required in the case of a disaster. To date it has not been utilized. Levi is negotiating with them on our use – vs – cost. He is still awaiting FEMA information on the Mackay Dam Grant funding from Representative Simpson.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 Noon and reconvened again at 1:30 PM.

LRED: Director Mike Evans and Lin Hintze attended. Mike reported that LRED has received the RD Grant of \$30,000.00 that they plan to use for marketing and web page design. The annual support provided by Custer County was also discussed, and it will be done in the next fiscal year. LRED is working on a corporate funding package, and provided a handout to the Board. Mackay community events were reviewed and the Free BBQ that is coming up. The Tourist Park Bridge (on Fair Ground access road) is scheduled for replacement this fall. The playground equipment at the Kids' Park adjacent to Lost River Electric is also being replaced. Bob Bagley is back in the LRED office. Lin asked which commissioner would be going back to Washington D.C. to lobby for the PILT program?

The letter of introduction received from the new Salmon Regional Supervisor, Ryan Hilton was reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that Supervisor Hilton be invited to the next Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. The Scales Unlimited Invoice #14539 dated 5/23/23 for scale repairs on the Mackay solid waste site was reviewed. It was decided to wait until we heard from Scales Unlimited before we paid anything.

Sheriff: Sheriff Lumpkin attended and reported that the insurance payment has been received for the patrol vehicle that hit the anvil in the road. His department needs another vehicle to fill the vacancy. In checking the dealerships, he has found some trucks available on the lots. He plans to place his order for 2 vehicles A.S.A.P. The increasing costs of putting department lighting on a vehicle was also discussed, LED Interior -VS- Light Bars.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal Review at 2:35 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Sheriff Stuart Lumpkin and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 2:38 PM. The BLM - 5-year law enforcement contract @ \$20,000.00 was reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the BLM Contract be approved and signed, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica reported on her progress with letters that were requested during the luncheon with the P&Z Board. Greenwood Mapping is looking into the BING Enhancement for their mapping photos at a cost of \$600.00 for the original set up and the \$1,200.00 per year for maintenance. It provides a much clearer image and gives viewers the ability to see details. The Assessor's Office is also in favor of the BING upgrade. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the BING Imagery upgrade with a cost of \$1,800.00 for this year. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The Assessor will be included in the update.

Emergency Manager: Levi returned to report on the status of the Mackay Dam BRIC Grant. It has met all the criteria for approval, and is sitting right there waiting for final approval. Currently all FEMA funds are going to the immediate needs of fires in Hawaii and hurricanes in Florida.

Clerk: Lura Baker provided the SNRA permit application to Commissioner Smith for planned projects in the Stanley Sheriff's housing area. He will get the application filled out. Clerk Baker has heard from Great West/ Travis Pyle about grant funding for a solid waste site in Custer County. His search has found that DEQ and DOE grants are not available for solid waste sites. He gave an estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a feasibility study.

Public Defense Commission: Jarred Ricks joined the Commissioners meeting via Zoom connection at 4:00 PM. He verified that Custer County has received the annual amount of \$25,000.00 as well as a \$5,000.00 addition for their public defender program. The commissioners expressed their appreciation of the additional funding to the county. On June 30th 2024 the PDC as we know it will cease to exist. The State Public Defender will be coming on line October 1st, 2023 and will be working with Jared for 9 months. The new attorney will be announced by the end of September. Jarred offered to assist Custer County with any issues that arise in the Public Defense area.

Claims: Commissioner Smith moved that the following claims be approved and paid, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	34,526.36
Road & Bridge	20,702.32
Battleground Mosquito	178.08
District Court	6,271.19
Weeds	1,572.70
ARPA	10,030.58
Em. Comm. Fund	157.52
Auditors Trust	<u>43,606.46</u>
TOTAL	117,045.21

The work order received from Salmon River Electric for changes in the underground service for the proposed Court Annex building in the amount of \$6,985.00 was reviewed. It was approved for payment with a demand when billed. The Burdge Architect invoice #5397 in the amount of \$31,263.30 for work on the Court Annex building plans was also reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the invoice be paid when the construction plans are received. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Certificate of Residency: Three applications were received by the Clerk and reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Smith moved that the Drussel and Scheu applications be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Bosco application be approved. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting was recessed at 4:35 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 4:38 PM. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the 8/14/23 commissioners meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker then reported on the woodlots. Both the Challis and Mackay woodlots are filled, leaving a small balance in the firewood fund.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.



Attest:

Lura H. Baker

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Randy Corgatelli
Randy Corgatelli, Vice Chairman
Custer County Commissioner