

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
February 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioners Steve Smith, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, R & B Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Road & Bridge: Brandon Jones verified that we would be attending the meeting in Stanley at 2:00 PM today. He reported that JUB & LHTAC would like to come to the 3/13/23 Commissioners Meeting to discuss the Garden Creek Road Project. Clerk Lura Baker has the EFT Portal set up for the submission of required matching funds for future LHTAC jobs. Brandon will have the road crew work on removing the trees that are within the Garden Creek project. They will be working with Salmon River Electric on any trees that endanger the power lines. The goal is for actual construction to begin in the spring on this section of road. The gravel crushing that is planned in Pahsimeroi will need an Environmental Assessment study due to the increased size of the pit area. It should still be completed this summer and the product was not planned for use until next year. Brandon is now certified to recharge all types of refrigerants in amounts over the 1-pound limit for Custer County. All new road vehicles require the new type of refrigerant. The Spar Canyon Road has been cleared of snow drifts. Brandon did some crew training on the dozer during the job. The Road & Bridge has ads out for summer help currently, trying to fill his crews.

Commissioner Smith moved that the agenda be amended to move Probation/Aletia to 8:30 from 11:30. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman works as an assistant Coroner as needed with her husband Chad. She would like to become ABMDI Certified. There is a fully paid coroner training offered this year in Las Vegas. They cover the cost of travel, meals and class for the 40 hours of training given. She briefed the Board on what is taught, and that certification is given at the end of the training week. This training is also accepted for her POST requirements. The Board agreed that her regular work hours should be paid while she attends the class. She thanked the Board for their support and will complete the ABMDI application.

Assessor: Clerk Lura Baker presented on behalf of the Assessor a 2022 tax cancellation for #RP10N18E120639A in the amount of \$240.96. Commissioner Smith moved that the cancellation be approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Indigent: Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the Board go into executive session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) for Indigent at 8:48 AM, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Lyndee Kauffman and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 8:51 AM. Commissioner Smith moved to approve #7C-22-01 assignment. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed with unanimous ayes.

Commissioner Butts has met with Architect/Doug Burges and reviewed the possible changes on the latest drawings with the full board. The removal of the old buildings was also discussed, and will be clarified with the legal requirements on Idaho Code. Steve Wolfe/USDA attended the meeting.

Commissioner Corgatelli amended the agenda to move Steve Wolfe up to 9:20 AM from 10:00 AM. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed with unanimous aye votes.

Steve Wolfe/USDA: Steve confirmed he is representing Mike Simpson's office on this visit, and he offered to assist with the current projects the County has in process. He will send his contact information to Clerk Lura Baker and get the Board contact information from her. He requested that community outreach be done when this project is completed. An in-depth discussion of the plans and building materials was held.

Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the 2/13/23 Commissioners meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

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

Current Expense	51,188.32
Road & Bridge	70,445.88
Election Fund	795.94
District Court	5,727.36
Revaluation	<u>5,830.95</u>
TOTAL	\$ 133,988.45

The meeting was recessed at 10:25 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance Board of Directors. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 AM.

NRAC: Jim offered to represent the County at the Firewise Meeting scheduled today at 6:00 PM in the Community Center as needed. He provided a draft copy of the requested letter for clarity on NEPA requirements for fence reconstruction around grazing allotments within the USFS and BLM. After review the Board approved the letter to be sent. He then informed the Board that Josh Travers/BLM has stated that he plans to put "Range" as his first priority.

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 for lunch and travel to Stanley. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM at the Stanley Community Center. Attending were Commissioner Chairman Wayne Butts, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Deputy Sheriff Greg Pitts, CEDA Admin. Jolie Turek, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, Stanley Mayor Steve Botti, Michael Powell, (Stanley) Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Peters, Acting SNRA Ranger Kate Olsen, Jeffrey Hall/Stanley Chamber of Commerce, Joel Peterson and Ron Pumphrey.

Stanley Mayor Botti: Discussion was held between Mayor Steve Botti and the Board of Commissioners on the map of the area and paperwork he provided that included the Museum Road. The official wetland designations were talked over and conversation included Brandon Jones, Road and Bridge Superintendent.

The STANLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT Contract was then brought forward. Mayor Botti passed on the concerns of residents about having only 1 deputy. He also verified the understanding that the lack of housing is the main problem. Mayor Botti has approached the SNRA about approval of additional housing in the area of the current deputy housing. He gave the Board of Commissioners a copy of the permitting process involved. Deputy Greg Pitt has also talked to Kurt Flannigan/SNRA and has the forms to get the process started. It is thought that a housing unit much like the current one would be quite simple to get approved. Mayor Botti agreed that this is a good option, but a short-term solution is also needed. Currently Deputies can either bunk in the back of the Stanley office (no kitchen, just a microwave) or stay with Greg in the deputy housing. Greg then gave the scheduling plans for Challis Deputies to cover for Greg during his time off. Mayor Botti went back to the Law Enforcement Contract and the need to enforce City Ordinances, as well as cover the County. He has folks call City Hall which he then directs to dispatch. Commissioner Smith, upon reviewing the permit application form, asked Ranger Kate Olsen if the tight permit window could be waived? Kate responded that the project needs to be rock solid, with complete funding and plans. Commissioner Butts suggested a "tiny home" that could be utilized for a single man, but did not expect a family man to accept living in one. Jeff Hall asked if there was the option to use temporary housing, such as a RV or a 5th wheel trailer? The City of Stanley is looking at the same situation. Greg has found that Stanley RV has full hookups that are currently used seasonally. Perhaps a job site trailer could be placed at one of these spaces? Mayor Botti stated that the City would support such an effort. Commissioner Smith felt the County needs to explore all such temporary options. Greg offered to check with Stanley RV owners if the seasonal use could be expanded for such a reason. He will connect with Clerk Lura Baker to keep everyone informed. Kate felt that any ground disturbance would not be allowed this year by the SNRA.

WORKFORCE HOUSING: Mayor Botti reported that the plan is slowly coming into focus. They have a developer and a plan for two complexes for up to 80 single workers, as well as several family units at a cost of \$16 million. Finding the funding for this is where things slow down. Grants are being looked into for water and power infrastructure. There is a need for a public/private partnership. They are also looking to Simpson for Economic Development funds. Clerk Lura Baker asked about the Grant Funds and who would be charged with administering them? The application deadline is arriving soon and documentation is needed. Chairman Wayne Butts inquired about who would get the title and job of "landlord" for this housing? Would it be the City of Stanley, a Property Manager, or the Developer? This MUST be workforce housing only and have affordable rents attached. Mayor Botti has found that there are between 500 & 600 workers that work in the Stanley area during the summer season.

MUSEUM – CEMETERY ROAD: Mayor Botti provided maps to help with his explanations. Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon has looked into the cost of work needed on this road. Due to the potholes and wear the upper end of the road needs a cap of 5" gravel, which would cost around \$96,000.00 and take approximately 3 weeks of time. If the road footprint is moved over to the edge of the property it would add an additional \$65,000.00 and the job would take over a month to complete. The high cost is trucking, as the nearest source of acceptable gravel is the Yankee Fork. Brandon has learned that if the road footprint is changed in any way, even to widen it 2 feet, wetland mitigation will be required. The road is currently 18 to 20 feet wide, and a normal road is 25 feet wide. Clerk Lura Baker reviewed the fact that the property was received through the Wilderness Act from Congress. Any property ownership changes could require an act of congress. Brandon has learned from the Army Corp. of Engineers that they cannot permit any work within 300' from the high-water line. No solid quotes can be given until the final route is decided upon, but he estimates costs between 200K and 400K. Mayor Botti has talked to the Army Corp. of Engineers and is learning about wetlands and the permitting that is required. Brandon has a walk through scheduled with the agencies when the snow melts off.

The meeting was recessed for the Public Hearing at 3:04 PM. The Public Hearing closed at 3:30 PM and the meeting reconvened.

Sheriff: Deputy Greg put in information for a grant on online training for use of a drone system. To his surprise his application was accepted. He went over the many ways a drone could be used by the Sheriff's Department from accident investigations to search & rescue. This grant covers 75% of the actual cost of the drone license and training required. The cost of purchasing the drone is around \$1,600.00 through the DJI. He will get the information to Clerk Lura Baker. Greg then passed on information to the Commissioners from the dispatch crew. The Board thanked him for letting them know about the issues. A key fob system that Greg had used at a former place of employment was discussed and the Board agreed to check into their options. Chairman Wayne Butts will talk to the Sheriff.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 P.M.



Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner