

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
January 25, 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, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett Plummer reported on his attendance of the Noxious Weed Conference in Boise. There are four new herbicides available to the Counties this season, but the overall cost for herbicides is up 30% from last year. He has put his needs out for bid and they should be coming in soon. He has visited with drone builders, but is still researching. He plans to visit with the other Idaho counties that currently use drones. There are also biological controls available and new insects approved for use. Brett has set up a participating agreement with Jerrod Meyers/BLM, that will run for 5 years. Brett's part is to treat 100 BLM acres per year for noxious weeds, then they will reimburse the county with between 50 to 70K for the work completed. Brett was tapped for a position as "Regional Representative Dist. #6" by the Idaho Noxious Weed Control Association. The new job will require attending 4 meetings per year. The Board encouraged him to accept the position. The Cost Share Program has been combined between Lemhi & Custer Counties. They will set some of the spray days in Custer County in Challis, Pahsimeroi, Clayton, Stanley and the East Fork. The herbicides will be provided and mixed by the County Weed Departments. Recent attendees of these Spray Days have been mostly private citizens.

Road & Bridge: Brandon provided a listing of his 2023 Job Plan for the Road & Bridge Department to the Board.

- 1) Garden Creek Road: Tree removal before April of LHTAC marked trees, 26 in total
- 2) East Fork Road: Zipping another 2.4 miles of this road
- 3) Iron Creek Road: working with the SNRA to build the road base of first section
- 4) Custer Road: Crushing of gravel to be used for capping
- 5) Morgan Creek Road & East Fork Road: chipping the sections resurfaced last year
- 6) Challis Creek Road: Shooting the slurry on the first 2 plus miles

OTHER POSSIBLE PROJECTS – as time and finances allow

Museum Road/Stanley
Custer Road – capping done with contractors
Asphalt maintenance and pothole repairs
Dirt road maintenance – County roads and the Schedule A roads
Signs – install Open Range signs, replacements as needed
Bridges – clean and do general maintenance
Culverts – clean as needed, install new culverts in East Fork Road zipper project
Equipment – complete the tank installation on the new truck
Guardrails - rebuild the Yankee Fork Bridge guardrails
Traffic counts – continue as needed for Grant applications
Road evaluations – get more training as needed
Road Scholar Classes – continue classes/get instruction provided locally if possible

Brandon brought plans for an Arch Style Fabric cover for a storage building that will be 39' x 40'. It comes as an installed kit at a cost of \$29,900.00. Greystone Construction builds and installs these storage sheds for ITD. He would like to put up the storage space between the Conex trailers that they recently purchased to keep the expensive replacement parts out of the weather, such as plow cutting

edges. Commissioner Smith moved that the Arch Cover Building purchase be approved on the bid of \$29,900.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The Mack Truck #201 has a major oil leak that Brandon has been unable to get local mechanics to repair. He has requested repair bids from Diesel Depot and Darren Kauffman. Darren will come to the Road & Bridge Shop to do the work; Diesel Depot requires the truck to be brought to them in Idaho Falls. He will return with the cost estimates when he receives them. Coordination between the highway districts is being revived with an Annual Highway District Conference. Brandon proposed a "Hands On Zipper Training" to be done during the East Fork zipper work this summer, to get the conference rolling. All districts are searching for ways to maintain their road systems within the budgets they have available. Commissioner Smith stated he wants all equipment operation done, during any training, to be done by the owners of the equipment, and all present agreed. Brandon has received notice that the Garden Creek Project 7.35% match must be paid up front, and the deadline is in February. The match amount is \$411,040.00 and serious discussion was held on just where to find the funding. The Road & Bridge budget has \$345,000.00 in the LHTAC line item, with \$200,000.00 that was set aside for this Garden Cr. match. Commissioner Smith moved that the matching funds for the Garden Cr. Project estimated at \$411,000.00 be paid with \$200,000.00 from the 2-676-00-3 line item and the balance from the PILT line item to cover the cost. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk: The East Idaho State Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th. Commissioner Smith will be attending. The Right-of-Way Agreement with the BLM for the East Fork Solid Waste Site was reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the R-o-W Agreement be approved. Further discussion as held on the new requirements for "any changes" to the footprint of the facility. #5 was also discussed and it was decided that the requirement could not be met, so should be removed. Commissioner Smith rescinded his motion for approval, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the rescind motion passed. The BLM was contacted by phone about making the changes. The Idaho Dept of Parks & Recreation/Susan Buxton has requested a meeting with the Board of Commissioners concerning the sale of the Challis Hot Springs to IDPR. The Board agreed that they would set a meeting for Monday January 30th at 11:00, while they are in Boise for the IAC Conference. The Clerks office has mailed out the new Board of Equalization Applications to all former participants. The BLM called into the meeting and provided information on the agreement, that it pertains only to construction work, and not the daily use of the site. The Board then confirmed that there was no method available for the county to clean weed seeds from each vehicle that passes through the solid waste site, not even the BLM vehicles. The New Opioid Settlement figures were looked over and the requirements for their use. Commissioner Smith moved that the Custer County funds be paid to the East Idaho Public Health Department. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura reported the Barracuda Cloud Backup for the Clerk and Courts is due for 2023, at a cost of \$3,307.04. Commissioner Smith moved the agreement be approved and amount paid. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The 2022 Custer County Audit has been completed and passed. Copies were provided for each Board member, which they will review during lunch. The public notice of a temporary closure of the Stanley area Solid Waste Transfer Site was reviewed and approved. "No Wake" boat requirements for area lakes were discussed. The BLM phoned into the meeting again and the definition of "BLM maintenance" & "BLM construction" was discussed. Lisa agreed to send the updated paperwork to Clerk Lura Baker via e-mail

Certificates of Residency: The Board reviewed applications, one from Donahue and one from Teichert. Commissioner Smith moved that they be approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk: The tax cancellation for the South Custer Historical Society was reviewed, and all agreed that the solid waste fee of \$50.00 will be collected. Josh Travers/Area Director called once again about the E. Fork Solid Waste Site Right-of-Way Agreement. He desired agreement on the wording of the agreement. Jerrod Meyer/BLM Weed Tec. voiced his interpretation of the weed seed requirements. There is a new state law requiring a reduction in the Public Defender payments by the counties. The budgets of the courts will show the reductions and the State of Idaho will cover the costs in the future. Idaho Dept of Transportation is working on transferring the ownership of Main Avenue in Challis to the city. The phone meeting that was scheduled did not occur, so the process continues.

Custer Co. Emergency Manager: Levi has requested bids for installation of the generator at Grouse Peak when weather allows. He has contacted Ray's Heating as well as Salmon River Propane. TUSA is now at Phase II, with a cost estimate of \$40,000.00. The SHSP funds remaining are \$27,996.13, but other possible projects were discussed. Clerk Lura Baker suggested contacting the AARPA oversight group, to request clearance to use the County AARPA funds for the communications system payments. The Conex trailer for storage of Co. sand bags in Mackay has been delivered. Levi would like to get some sand placed near the trailer to be used to fill bags when needed. The Board members approved asking either the Road & Bridge Dept. or the Lost River Highway Dist. to haul it. The new cabinets have been installed in the EMS Office. A commode and a utility sink are still needed to complete the facility.

Sheriff: Stu attended and Chairman Butts went over the issues on getting the Sheriff's office updated, due to the historic listing of the original jail. Plans were gone over and discussed. The available space is 75' X 75'. The City of Stanley is holding a meeting on law enforcement, and the local Deputy will attend and report to Sheriff Stu.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

LRED: Mike Evans/Director and Bob Bagley/Board Member attended. Mike provided his report for the Board. They are working hard on procuring funding for their projects. The 2023 Marketing Plan includes tourism, Mackay Rodeo, historic theater upgrade, airport upgrade, summer market, ATV Signage, and economic development. Their ambitious plans and projects were discussed.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica updated the Board on the future housing needs and plans of Thompson Creek mine. She also reported that Waters of The United States – Bureau of Reclamation has just received \$80 million for water projects. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal at 2:45 PM Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, P&Z Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 2:50 PM.

A request for a Road Name was received for a private road as "Go Away Lane". Commissioner Smith moved that the road name request be approved as "Go Away Lane", Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. A printed copy of the BLM Right-of-Way agreement for the East Fork Solid Waste transfer site was received and reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the R of W agreement be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the 1/9/23 Commissioners Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was recessed at 3:20 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 3:35 PM.

Election: Deputy Clerk Kristen Walker brought the polling place election information to the Board for review. Commissioner Smith moved that the polling places be approved as given; Challis Precinct, Round Valley I Precinct, Round Valley II Precinct, Mackay Precinct, Leslie Precinct, Battleground Precinct, Sunol Precinct, Clayton Precinct and the Stanley Precinct with no major changes. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Chairman Butts asked Kristen if she would consider taking on the job of "Backup Web Page Maintenance", to assist in keeping the County Web Page information current and updated. She was agreeable to the position.

Claims: Commissioner Smith moved that the following claims be approved and paid with additions of \$3,582.46 (GHA Tech.\$3,119.85, Kimble Oil \$15.00, Wayne Butts \$237.42 & ITD \$23.00) Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Butts abstained.

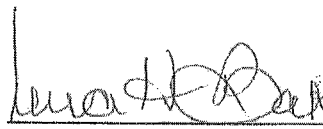
Current Expense	30,229.38
Road & Bridge	109,677.03
Election Fund	407.50
District Court	7,692.12
Jr. College	1,300.00
Revaluation	5,608.56
Solid Waste	3,294.15
PILT	5,764.25
Auditors Trust	<u>130,736.00</u>
TOTAL	294,708.99

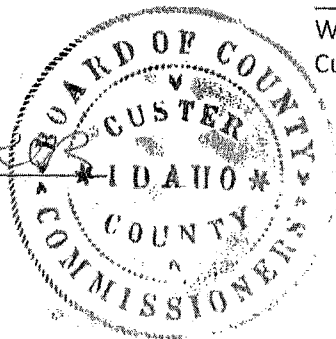
The Board reviewed the 2022 Custer County Audit, and Commissioner Smith inquired about the GATSSBY Funds. Clerk Lura explained that Custer County is under the threshold. He then inquired about the County investment funds and how we plan to protect them. Much of the investment funds will be utilized this year. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Annual Audit as given, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.


Extension Office: Sarah Baker, Extension Educator attended and requested a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners. She has had her annual evaluation with her supervisor from the University of Idaho and would like to include the Board of Commissioners input. Commissioner Smith agreed to pen the letter.

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

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk




Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner