

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
July 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM in the CEDA Board Room by Vice Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioners Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Chairman Wayne Butts attended via phone connection from the hospital.

**Weeds:** Brett will be attending the summer Weed Conference via Zoom connection. The BLM has assigned a grant number to his application, but formal notification has not been received as yet. He has received the ISDA Grant in his department. The Drone Project is nearing completion. He is working with the "Hyllo Company" and the drone will weigh between 95 lbs. empty and 160 lbs. when loaded. The airspace required is 84" in diameter. He still needs the FAA exemption and the 104 License. This drone will require a special FAA exemption due to the size. Commissioner Corgatelli asked about the cost of drone insurance? Brett will check with Bryce at Fremont County as they have experience with 4 drones and also work with ICRMP insurance. Brett has the 1996 White Ford F250 truck ready to be put on the federal surplus sale system. He plans to get it listed by the August meeting. He will also be requesting purchase of three tablets to be used for mapping purposes with the drone. He will get a price quote for the Board. Commissioner Smith has been contacted by landowners that feel new residents are not informed enough about the Idaho Weed laws. He would like to see a county wide mailing of updated Weed Law Information to all landowners. Brett agreed to look into a postcard type weed informational flyer and the costs of getting them mailed out.

**Road & Bridge:** Clerk Lura Baker reported on behalf of Brandon Jones, as he is chip sealing on the Morgan Creek Road this AM. The Garden Creek Road construction project is moving along smoothly to date. LHTAC funding has come in for the 4<sup>th</sup> bridge on Squaw Creek with a 0% county match requirement. This will get all the bridges on that road repaired at once.

**Clerk:** Clerk Lura then reported that the CEDA Administrator Jolie Turek has been approved for a one-year job share position with the Idaho Department of Commerce. All agreed it would be a great opportunity for her. The Clerk's office has received a bid from Damon Burk for remodel work on the Stanley Sheriff's building in Stanley. Lura has also been in contact with Elizabeth Bjerke/SNRA about what permits are required for any additional building projects. Damon's bid was for \$75,000.00 to remodel the current Stanley Sheriff's Office building into additional deputy housing. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about an estimated cost for the cement pad, septic system and replacement office building? Commissioner Butts estimated around \$75,000. The Board agreed to contact Damon via phone and negotiate the fee for the remodeling work. Commissioner Smith placed the call and Damon spoke to the meeting. A bid amount of \$73,500.00 was settled upon with the start date of August 1<sup>st</sup> and job completion by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the bid amount at \$73,500.00 the start date of 8/1/2023 with completion set at 11/15/23. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Burgess Architects were met with on Tuesday, 7/25/23 by Clerk Lura Baker and Treasurer Allicyn Latimer. The County contacted the DOPPL to verify Idaho State requirements, and were told they have NO jurisdiction in Custer County. Project numbers were then requested and not available or necessary. A letter was authored to Burgess Architects by the Board of Commissioners stating the position of Custer County. The foundation plans and the building design are what the county needs at this time, nothing more. A review of the last three invoices received from Burgess as well as the scope of work requested was held. Commissioner Butts requested that Prosecutor Oleson be asked to review the invoices before any payments are made.

**Liquor Licenses:** Clerk Lura presented the 2023/2024 applications received in her office. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that applications received from the following be approved (1) Family Dollar LLC (2) Tree House Expeditions Inc. (3) 7C Junction (4) River One (5) Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch (6) Mountain Village Resort (7) Mountain Village Merc. & Gas Station (8) Mountain Village/Sawtooth Summit Food & Beverage (9) Stanley Supper Club. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and provided a letter concerning the forest supervisor qualifications that Custer and Lemhi Counties would like to see in the new forest supervisor. Discussion was held on the ramifications of sending a "joint" letter from Custer County Commissioners and Lemhi County Commissioners. Clerk Lura Baker will contact Prosecutor Oleson about the situation. Commissioner Corgatelli reviewed the last NRAC sponsored joint meeting of the Custer and Lemhi Commissioners. He verified that Lemhi Commissioners, Lynn Bowerman and Kim Caywood were in agreement on forest supervisor qualification's that residents are wanting. Jim agreed to do the legwork required to gather needed signatures. Margaret Byfield / American Stewards of Liberty has contacted Jim about Custer County joining the nationwide Multiple Use Alliance of Counties that opposes the 30 X 30 land grab. Custer County is a current member of American Stewards of Liberty. Commissioner Smith moved that a \$4,000.00 donation be sent to American Stewards of Liberty. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Smith then moved that Custer County, Idaho join the Multiple Use Alliance of Counties in fighting the 30 X 30 land grab. Commissioner Smith made a motion that Custer County NRAC send the letter to USFS District 4 Regional Forester, Mary Farnsworth concerning qualifications that we would like to have in a Forest Supervisor for the Salmon & Challis National Forests. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Smith moved that the 7/5/23 Special Meeting/Road & Bridge Bid be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the minutes for the 6/14/23 and 6/30/23 Special Meetings/Court Annex be approved as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 11:07 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 11:10 AM.

**Clerk:** Lura Baker presented a copy of the TUSA Communications Upgrade RFP that needs to be published locally. The original copy is many, many pages and it must be reduced to something reasonable before publication. Commissioner Smith had questions on the TUSA technical scoring method mentioned. He will speak with Emergency Manager Levi Maydole.

**Emergency Manager:** Manager Levi Maydole attended and explained his understanding of the TUSA inhouse scoring system on RFP applications. Levi has been in contact with Bernie Judges of Intermountain Power Source, LLC. Bernie does service work on remote generators. All four of the County generators (1) C.E.D.A. (2) Sheriff's Office, (3) Grouse Peak and (4) Portable generator need to be serviced and checked routinely. The estimate for checking out the four county generators the first time was \$2,331.67. The Board discussed who should be reported to, and it was decided that Levi would be the person to receive the information. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the \$2,331.67 cost of having Intermountain Power Source LLC check all four generators, and provide a contract for the future maintenance of such generators with Custer County. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The meeting with TUSA and the communications upgrade vendors will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Center board room. Commissioner Smith plans to attend and it is understood that the USFS is also planning to attend. This event will include repeater site visits (weather permitting) as well as visits to possible future sites. Levi then reported that the Automated External Defibrillation Program was approved for Custer County and the purchase of equipment will be the next step. Lura updated Levi on the latest information she has received about the Mackay Dam Grant.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 Noon and reconvened again at 1:36 PM. Those in attendance were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, LRED Director Mike Evans and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

**LRED:** Mike gave his report on the status of LRED grants. The Department of Commerce/Business Retention and Expansion team meetings held last week in Mackay were a huge success. Visits were made to 9 local business. The PRCA Rodeo group will not be producing the Junior Rodeo this year during the County Fair. Commissioner Wayne Butts attended the meeting via phone connection at 1:54 PM. Mike reported that Bob Bagley has been quite sick, but is back home now. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Motorcycle Rodeo held June 30 thru July 2<sup>nd</sup> went very well. Business' in

Mackay that are currently for sale were discussed. Commissioner Smith mentioned that a "weed spraying service business" is badly needed in the area as well, and Mike gathered the information to pass on.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the 7/5/2023 BOE Appeal Meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Corgatelli then moved the Custer County BOE Meeting Minutes of 7/10/2023 be approved with one correction on page 2 (the percentages are 94% to 110% for Zimmerly). Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith then provided photos of the Mackay Sheriff's Office repairs that are needed. The Idaho Economic Development Grant was reviewed with Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Economic Development Grant. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

**Solid Waste:** Clerk Lura Baker brought the solid waste facility assessment analysis information before the Board. The analysis will cost between 20 and 30K. She has contacted Travis Pyle with Great West to assist with getting the grant information and application from the DEQ.

**Firewood Program:** Discussion was held on financial balance of the wood program and the amount of firewood at the woodlot. They are still bringing in firewood, but there is an ample supply for this winter in Mackay and Challis.

**Sheriff:** The Sheriff will not be attending today due to the trial. Clerk Lura Baker brought the Supplemental Employment Agreements for two recently hired deputies forward for Board signatures. She reported that Jerrod with the Public Defense Commission has requested to be on the agenda of the next meeting. Manual Murdoch the Custer County Public Defender is doing very well and is quite busy. Conflict Attorney Tyler Dodge has requested payment for his travel time to Custer County. Lura has contacted some additional attorneys about becoming Conflict Attorneys for the county. After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Salmon/Challis Forest Service Grant Modification agreement with the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Challis has been received in the amount of \$59,482.00. Clerk Lura Baker will re-check the wording in the contract and talk to Sheriff Stu Lumpkin.

**Claims:** Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the following claims be approved and paid with additions of \$22,957.20. Harper Leavitt \$9,825.00; American Stewards \$4,000.00; Scales Unlimited \$3,200.00 & \$5,243.70; Wells Fargo-VISA \$688.50 (Medicare enrollment). Commissioner Smith called Scales Unlimited to discuss the invoice dated 5/25/2023 which will be held until a decision is reached.

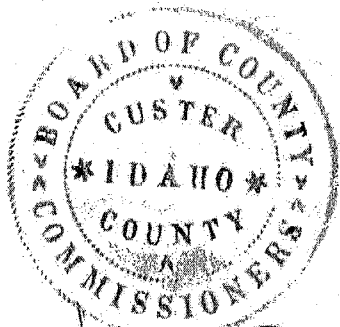
Current Expense	27,399.15
Road & Bridge	31,828.97
Battleground Mosquito	810.34
District Court	7,015.82
Rodeo Grounds	74.34
Health District	13,308.75
Indigent	300.00
Revaluation	22.18
Solid Waste	8,443.70
Weeds	1,000.95
Waterways	222.35
ARPR	2,557.50
Emergency Communications	736.00
TOTAL	\$ 93,720.05

**Planning & Zoning:** Jessica Clemenhagen attended and reported that the 'Joyce Lane' road name request has been approved and signed off. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Road Name Request for parcel #RP07N24E330604 of Joyce Lane. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith reviewed the "county inspector" comments that were discussed at the recent luncheon with the P&Z Board.

The wording of the resolution was clarified and Jessica will verify the proper process of amending the resolution with the Prosecutors Office. Jessica has located extensive new building construction in the southern part of the county within the flood plain. She will contact the State to see how to properly proceed, as there are numerous sites. The future use of a GPS for mapping/verifying the location of new buildings was then discussed and considered. County wide signage will soon be put up, stating that Zoning Certificates are required before construction begins.

The requested history information on Highway Beautification was provided to the Board. They will also review the Federal Statutes.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.



Attest:

Lura H. Baker  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Randy Coratelli  
Randy Coratelli, Vice Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner