

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
March 29, 2023

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

Weeds: Brett has been working on getting the BLM weed control grant application completed by the April 17th deadline. This grant is for \$350,000.00 over a period of 5 years. He is working towards getting the grant funds to mesh with the Custer County Budget and building an equipment plan. He would like to acquire a roadside spray truck that can cover a 50' to 60' swath. The Weed Department would then move onto other needed equipment. The Weed Dept. will be invoicing the USFS between \$18,000 and \$20,000 for the RAC funds this spring. There will be another round of invoices sent out in the fall. The "Weed Free Forage Classes" went well and 6 attendees passed the class. A portion of the annual herbicide order has arrived and the Wilbur-Ellis order should be coming soon.

Brett is working to revive the CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Agreement) with all former partners this year. They plan to keep the Memorandum of Understanding umbrella over the entire group. He was unable to participate in the drone demonstration, as it was cancelled due to the weather conditions. It will be rescheduled later in the spring. Brett will be attending a Weed Superintendents Meeting on April 5th in Salmon, Idaho. He is required to attend 4 meetings per year as the Alternative Representative for Region #6. Commissioner Corgatelli expressed the appreciation of the entire board for the good work that Brett is doing on behalf of the county.

Road & Bridge: The updated Schedule A Agreement with the USFS was reviewed. Changes were made to include cattleguards and the Buster Lake, Jeff's Flat and Custer Motorway roads. Commissioner Smith moved that the updates on the Schedule A Agreement be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Brandon has his summer crews reporting on Monday, April 3rd. There will be 2 returning from last summer and 3 new crew members. Brandon has looked into the cost of "Snow Plowing Ahead" signage. For the solar powered light-up signs it runs about \$2,000.00 per sign. There should be signage placed on Morgan Cr., Yankee Fork, East Fork and Spar Canyon. The standard fold-down signs run about \$600.00 each. The Mack dump truck that needs a front main seal has still not been repaired. Everyone that Brandon has contacted locally has backed out of doing the job. The closest shop that will repair the truck is in Twin Falls, Idaho. The newly purchased plow truck still needs to have the water tank installed for summer use. The Road & Bridge Dept. was successful with the LHIP Grant for \$100,000.00 that can be utilized for purchasing of road oils, and there are no match monies required. Brandon was also successful with the Federal Rural Grant for Phase II of the Garden Creek Road, for \$2,985,000.00. The funds will come into the 2024 planning and will require a %7.34 match amount. The grant application for the Squaw Creek Bridge is currently sitting at #5 on the priority list. The CTIC Meeting will be held here in Challis on April 20th at 1:00 PM.

The Board was very pleased with Brandon's efforts in getting grant funding and expressed their sincere appreciation. The lumber truss/tin roofing option for the Connex storage space has been researched and it would be even more expensive than the fabric option. All agreed that the fabric option would be the best. The tree removal for the Garden Creek project is done except for perhaps shortening the stumps and fixing a few fence wires. All of the tree trunks, limbs and branches are cleaned up and hauled away. The willows on the Yacomella property have not been removed as the survey markers are not in to follow. The survey is scheduled for the 2nd week of April. Keeping the roads plowed in upper Pahsimeroi has been very tough this winter. Drifts removed on Monday are back bigger than every by Tuesday. The crew has resorted to using the dozer to push the drifts back in Spar Canyon and Upper Pahsimeroi. The 12 mile stretch over the summit has been a huge expense this winter. Brandon has all the big pumps ready for action as everyone is expecting a big spring runoff when it warms up.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker reported that Levi Maydole would not be attending the meeting in Mackay this afternoon. The South Custer Ambulance – Medicare changes still need notarized signatures from Director Randy Ivie to be completed. He is back from his travels and will be contacted again. The proposed meeting with the Lemhi County

Commissioner to get acquainted and discuss natural resources, through the NRAC chairman was reviewed. A date during the week of April 17th was suggested as well as meeting at the Dusty Mule Café in Elk Bend. The letter of invitation will be sent to the Lemhi Commissioners. Clerk Lura Baker has received information from the USFS for additional funding of \$60,000.00 for the Title II – RAC firewood program. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the modification in the RAC firewood program. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Butts has been in contact with the BLM about the ice blocked boat docks and ramps. He has received calls from residents and fishermen requesting access maintenance. Upon calling BLM Director, Josh Travers he was assured that Cottonwood and Deer Gulch access would be opened up. There has also been a request for the Watts bridge access to be opened. He also reported that the Rodeo Committee is working on getting their kitchen certified. This time it is the water quality, and a sample from the area well has been sent for testing. Chairman Butts also provided full size copies of updated floor plans from Burges Architectural on the Court Annex and Sheriff's Office/Jail for review. Clerk Lura Baker will be contacting Mr. Steve Wolfe for assistance on these projects.

Bid Opening: The one bid that was received for Custer County Courthouse yard maintenance was opened. Mr. Jordan Oerke proposed to do the yard maintenance for the 2023/2024 season at a cost of \$2,820.00. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to accept the yard maintenance bid of \$2,820.00 from Jordan Oerke. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. The public notice of Surplus Property Bids requests was reviewed, and approved. The two bids received were then opened. #1 Big Ben Construction/Damon Burk submitted a bid of \$100.00 for the building removal. #2 Twin Peaks Timber/Joe Fraunberger submitted a bid of \$2,000.25 for the building removal. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the \$2,000.25 bid pending receipt of his proof of insurance. The work to be started on or before May 1, 2023. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

The glacier naming request was revisited. Commissioner Corgatelli expressed the need of some proof or physical evidence of an actual glacier, not just a brief mention in a request letter. The BGN (Board of Geographic Names) will be responded to with the Board's reasoning for their decision.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker reviewed some court costs and fees that need to be paid to a prior county employee. All agreed that the monies need to be paid. Legislative updates were then discussed and the ramifications that they bring onto the county. The signage has been ordered for the Stanley Solid Waste Transfer Site gates.

Mary Darling of Darling Geomatics: was contacted via Clerk Bakers cell phone. Chairman Wayne Butts asked Mary about any issues of concern? She is hopeful about getting the predator control listed on page 11. The letter Custer County sent concerning Sage Grouse has not been responded to, and Mary will pursue getting a response. The next meeting will be held April 6th at 9:00 AM. Productive back and forth conversation was held on the alternatives involved. Mary agreed to get the draft back to the Board and ready for the April meeting.

The meeting was recessed for travel to Mackay at 10:30 AM. The meeting was reconvened in the Mackay City Hall at 11:30 AM. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/13/2023 Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. After review, the contract for Tyler Salvason as a Conflict Attorney for Custer County was approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed to go into South Custer Ambulance at 11:58 AM. The meeting reconvened at 12.00.

LRED: Bob Bagley and Mike Evans attended to update the Board on their activities. They have received some grants, and are planning on a comprehensive web-site in Phase 4. A letter of support was requested and will be offered by the end of the week. The Mackay Rodeo office is now included in their LRED office. Grant applications were also discussed and information exchanged.

Claims: After review and questions being answered, Commissioner Smith moved that the following claims be approved and paid with the additions of \$25,975.87. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	49,816.33
Road & Bridge	12,242.22
Election Fund	6,558.70
District Court	6,376.12
Junior College	500.00
Revaluation	5,155.00
Solid Waste	372.98
Weeds	<u>11,351.54</u>
TOTAL	\$ 92,372.89

Commissioner Smith moved to amend the agenda and move Assessor/tax cancellation up to 1:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

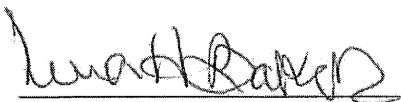
Assessor: Jacquel attended and presented the information for parcel #RP05N25E15020A. The boundary adjustment was done 3/9/2022, but the survey has not been recorded. This created the error of 10 acres that should have been removed from the parcel and amounted to the \$96.86 tax overcharge. Commissioner Smith made a motion to reduce the tax charges on Parcel #RP05N25E15020A in the amount of \$96.86. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried. Assessor Jacquel then reported that the residential assessments are moving up quickly, with Stanley leading the way, due to recent sale amounts.

Commissioner Smith made a motion that the Quote from Ray's Heating, Cooling & Electric be approved in the amount of \$8,890.00 for the Sheriff's communication room cooling system. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M. for travel back to Challis.




Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest: 
Lura H. Baker, Clerk