

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
September 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM by Vice Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioners Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones and Deputy Clerk Tamra Glampedraglia in attendance. Mike Nelmeyer was in the audience for observation. Chairman Wayne Butts attended via telephone.

Weeds: Brett Plummer is out of town at a training, Clerk Lura Baker read the report left for Plummer. Plummer is looking for approval for purchase of a spray drone, explained the benefits of the drone that he has researched and advised that a quote is attached to the packets given to the Commissioners. The quoted price and size of the drone are smaller than what he had estimated. The estimated cost would be approximately \$55,000.00. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the \$55,000.00 for purchase of the drone, Corgatelli seconded and motion passed with approval of all three Commissioners.

Road & Bridge: Superintendent Brandon Jones gave report that there is an IACRS conference that will be coming up in Boise. Would like to take Ryan Devine with him, but needs to have approval to use the County credit card. Conference cost would be \$450, plus rooms at approximately \$123 each for 4 nights for a total of around \$2500. Has line item for travel to be used for this in his budget. Smith made motion to approve up to \$2500 on County credit card for conference, Corgatelli seconded. Motion approved by roll call vote of all three commissioners. Have Kurt Preston as a new hire with the County Road & Bridge, has a class A CDL, has experience with equipment through mining. Discussion regarding possible loss of employees to Thompson Creek, Jones advised that there may be some employees that entertain the possibility of going to Thompson Creek. Garden Creek project is going well but there has been a little issue with water lines, and about a 50 ft area that the County will be responsible for with paving to making sure that the water line isn't interrupted. City Mayor reviewed the lines over the weekend while digging was being completed. Having a very hard time locating plow trucks. There is not any way that he will be able to make purchase by October. Looking at other body types that could be retrofitted. Jones gave packet on a CAT 299D3 Compact Track Loader that would have attachments. Discussed the benefits of this type of equipment and the versatility of the attachments that could be leased if needed. His recommendation would be to purchase this piece of equipment and then wait to purchase the truck next year. Commissioner Smith advised that he would like to have price quotes for another brand, as the CAT would be at \$102,409.01. Jones explained that with CAT products you get warranty and servicing package. Board discussed the need to have a special meeting to decide on the purchase of this piece of equipment rather than purchasing a truck. Special Meeting set for Friday, September 15, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. to make a final decision.

Discussion regarding the Main Street project, Clerk Lura Baker advised that at the last City Council Meeting there was still discussion regarding the technicalities of maintaining this portion of road and this is still under review with ITD.

Jones advised that grants have been turned in for road projects. This would be for projects on Hot Springs Road and Custer Motorway, and would be a price match grant.

Jones and Board discussed the issues with the cost and time for CDL training, still not finding a good solution for this.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker advised that Natalie Teichert had sent an email from the Fair Board to raise RV rental from \$25 to \$50 for the week of the Custer County Fair. Baker advised that there would need to be a discussion, but as this is more than a 5% increase, there will need to be a hearing. Travis Pile has emailed Baker and advised that he can meet with the Board virtually but may be in the area to review the site for the Annex Project as he is the civil engineer, she asked if the Board would like to have her contact him and schedule a virtual meeting for the Special Meeting scheduled for Friday the 15th of September, it was agreed to schedule for Friday.

Baker distributed a letter that was written by Jim Hawkins in regards to the Custer County Resource Management Plan, specifically the Grizzly Bear proposal. Baker advised that they should read through the letter and if approved would need to sign the letter so that she could forward to Mary Darling. Commissioner Smith wanted to confirm

that this letter would be sent to the Dept of Fish & Wildlife, along with being sent to Mary Darling, Clerk Baker confirmed this.

Clerk Baker presented a letter to the Board from Barbara Petty of the University of Idaho. Commissioner Smith advised that the letter does not address the issues that the Commissioners had asked that Petty address. He will put together a list of items that the Board had wanted addressed and put together a letter by Friday, September 15th for the Special Meeting.

Jolie Turek advised that Thompson Creek Mine would like to meet with the County at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14th. NewFields is an organization that is completing a study on the effects of re-opening Thompson Creek Mine and would like to have feedback from the County officials and community.

Clerk Baker advised that she has been asked by a group of homeschooled youth, led by Mrs. Perrine, to be able to take a tour of the Custer County Courthouse. They would like to tour through each department and learn about what each department does.

Clerk Baker brought up the billing that Burdge Architects submitted that has a line item Resolution that was already approved, #2023-8, needs to be signed. This Resolution was a funds transfer of \$5000 and was already approved.

All offices have capability of processing credit card payments through Access Idaho, the Sheriff's office would like to be able to process credit card payments per request of the State of Idaho Motor Vehicles. Gave Commissioners an email that was received by Dispatcher Kathy Rodgers, this email contained information on the contract through Access Idaho and directions on how to set this up. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Access Idaho agreement for credit card payments through the Custer County Sheriff's Office. Corgatelli seconded the motion, motion passed with roll call vote of all three Commissioners. Commissioners signed the agreement. Baker provided the Modification Contract for the Fuel Wood Program that needs to be signed, wood lot is full and Mackay wood lot has received three (3) semi loads of wood and will last them for some time.

Treasurer: Allcyn Latimer brought in the joint report for the Commissioners to review. She advised of the interest that has matured on a CD investment for the County. Latimer reported that her office has 90% collection on 2022 taxes.

Emergency Services: Manager Levi Maydole passed out his department status report. Advised that he had a meeting with JD Bennetts and Jentre Spencer at Custer Telephone COOP, regarding their generators and towers and wondering if they would be willing to enter into an agreement with the County regarding Radio Communications. Custer Telephone Coop advised that they would be willing to entertain discussion on this partnership. This would be a very large savings in grant expenditures through TUSA. Will go ahead and schedule meetings to discuss this further and will advise the Commissioners of dates.

Provided a copy of a letter from Susan Cleverley of the State of Idaho Office of Emergency Management, in regards to the Mackay Dam Project. Still awaiting Congress approval.

Discussion regarding alerting systems being tested and which incidents need to have our Emergency Management department notified.

IPAWS is still in process.

Maydole has spoken with the Irrigation District Manager for Mackay Irrigation District regarding Mackay Reservoir, he has been advised that within 8 weeks they will start the gate repairs and hope to have them completed in time for spring irrigation. They are going to use Irrigation district savings.

Clerk: Baker advised the Board that she had contacted Manual Murdoch regarding the Public Defender position, Murdoch had replied to Baker with two (2) proposals. The Board discussed the two proposals and have agreed that neither proposal is feasible. Clerk Baker will begin process to find interest in filling the Public Defender position.

Clerk Baker reviewed the L2 forms for each taxing district. There are several taxing districts that have not completed their forms accurately. Baker advised the Board of the timeline for completing these forms and submitting the completed information to the State. Baker explained the levy calculations. The taxing districts that we are still waiting on are South Custer Fire (needing their Bond information), City of Mackay (figures are not entered in corrected areas), Sawtooth Fire (figures are not correct), Mackay Mosquito Abatement (refuses to complete form accurately), School District #111 (need signature), Mackay Cemetery District (figures are not

correct). Baker would like to have this reviewed at the Special Meeting on September 15th, she will have the L1 provided for the Board to review on that date.

South Custer Ambulance District: The meeting was recessed at 10:46 a.m. to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 10:47 a.m. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the minutes dated 08/30/2023. Corgatelli seconded that motion which passed with roll call vote of all three Commissioners. Commissioner Smith made motion to approve invoices in the amount of \$415.71, Corgatelli asked for any corrections or additions, as there were none he seconded the motion. Motion passed with roll call vote of all three Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the August 28th 2023 Special Meeting Proceedings minutes, Corgatelli seconded and motion passed with a roll call vote of all three Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith made motion to approve the August 30th 2023 Regular Meeting, motion seconded by Corgatelli, motion passed with a roll call vote all three Commissioners.

Road & Bridge: Superintendent Brandon Jones advised that there is a bid for repair of the roof to the County R&B shed. The recent high wind created damage to the roof in several areas and a bid has been presented by CB Construction. The Commissioners advised that Jones should contact the contractor and have the repair completed.

The Commissioners addressed issues with the Garden Creek project traffic control. Jones explained the process and advised that as the contract has been issued, to change how the traffic control is handled the contract would have to be changed, which would be timely. He advised that the project is to be completed by October 11, 2023.

CEDA: Jolie Turek introduced the Commissioners to Karys Clancey, the new CEDA employee. Karys has updated the email account (ceda@custertel.net) so that they both can review emails and documents. Baker will have the Clerk's office set up training for Jolie and Karys on WebTime.

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

Federal Agencies: In attendance Orion Davidson with the Salmon-Challis Forest Service Aviation Department, Todd Baumer with USFS Fire, Ryan Hilton with the Idaho Fish & Game, Lance Stavast Salmon-Challis District Ranger, Jonathan Leblanc with the Lost River Ranger, Mike McGhee with the SNRA, and Bart Zwetzig with the BLM.

Ryan Hilton Regional Supervisor with F&G gave an introduction and background on himself and his position. Commissioner Smith advised Mr. Hilton that if he does not have a copy of the Multiple Land Use Agreement, please contact Clerk Baker and she will provide a copy. Commissioner Corgatelli, advised Mr. Hilton that he would like the Commissioners updated on the Grizzly Bear Proposal. Hilton advised that there have been two confirmed citations within the last 2 years, one in the Gibbonsville area and the other Hwy 28 outside of Tendoy on the divide. Commissioner Corgatelli asked about wolf management status, Hilton advised that there is liberal opportunity to harvest and try to keep the numbers down. Commissioner Butts asked about an annual report regarding wolf management, the Commissioners have not received a copy in the past few years. Hilton advised that he would put together a report and bring that back to the Commissioners. Commissioner Corgatelli asked Hilton to relay to the State Director that they would appreciate him visiting.

Lance Stavast asked about the status of the MOU agreement that will need to be completed between Custer County S&R and USFS. Baumer advised that the MOU that was between Lemhi and the USFS was a very broad MOU that doesn't specifically list each repeater. He advised that it keeps it broad so that they do not miss something. Corgatelli brought up the "unpaid invoices" Baumer advised that it appears the invoice was from around 2013 – three separate billings were sent to the county and only two of them were paid. Apparently was a S&R billing that no one really knows where it originated but appears to have been a search on Mount Borah. Clerk Baker will look into this a little more to see if it can be rectified. Baumer advised that regardless of the billing issue, would like to

continue with solidifying an MOU with the County. This would be a process on how the frequency usage would be handled. Benefit would be access to aircraft use, if available, and communications networks.

Per Stavast there will be spraying in the Pahsimeroi area, on Lemhi County side but just so Custer is aware. Will take place first 2 weeks in October – cheat grass herbicide for control. Still doing road work in Dagger, complete closure and then will be closed 10-3 daily until finished. Upper section of the river has been opened so that boats can now launch again. Range Report, Nate Hull to have cattle off by August 15th but as of the 30th they are were still on range.

LeBlanc advised that Lost River Ranger to start doing end of season allotment assessments. Borah – preliminary plans approved by the end of the month. Bear Creek Road north of Antelope Guard station is still being worked on, hoping to have this re-route completed. Muldoon in Copper Basin, road fixing hoping to have this road repair completed also. GS4 hiring event, getting at least 7 new employees, range fishery and recreation in the lost river area.

Mike McGhee with SNRA has been in the position for one week and a half. Will try to keep Commissioners informed. East Fork Road closure will have a temporary fix, east side of the property there will be a temp tail constructed for bikes, hikers. This will not be the end game, there is information on a land swap with the land owner, in negotiation process. Once that land exchange is completed, will build a road for access to the public. Will find out the information and the map for the proposed area. Commissioner Butts asked if there was a timeline, due to the upcoming hunting season. Mike to get back to the Commissioners soon with that timeline. Will send as much information as he can.

Road Work on Nip n Tuck and Valley Rd, has been completed.

Redfish Lake phase 3 design is still being completed.

Bart Zwetzig with the BLM reported that the older bridge, past cottonwood campground, is unsafe and needed replaced. It is a critical fall bridge, foundations are wood and are rotten, has been deemed unsafe and has been closed since February 27, 2022. Couldn't find anyone that claimed ownership, were able to put in a proposal for repair. Now looking at access for parking and a utv/atv trail route. Currently open to pedestrian, bikers and livestock. Open for comment this week regarding this trail. Inflation Reduction Act funds could be used for restoration landscape adding projects and employing for additional positions. Contracts to go out within the next year.

East Idaho State Fair – Kevin Lloyd with the Wild horse and Burro Program had a booth, took 9 horses there through 4H program and auctioned. One went for \$4000, raised almost \$12,000 for the program.

Bait gathers for horses and burro's funding has been pulled and will not be doing a gathering of horses in our area this year. Can do emergency gathering if horses come down to the highway, just need to be kept aware.

Cottonwood stabilization project has been completed in August to try and keep the bank from eroding.

End of season for range, they are wrapping the paperwork up.

Sheriff: Sheriff Lumpkin attended and reported that there are two vehicle options for purchase to replace the vehicle that was recently totaled. There is a 2022 Ram or a 2023 GM truck, \$1000 difference in price on the lot in Burley at Young Automotive. Commissioner Butts, made motion to purchased the 2023 GM, Corgatelli seconded and motion passed with two votes.

Commission Chair Wayne Butts had to be excused from the meeting at this time for an appointment.

Liquor Licenses: Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia presented the new license applications (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.

Rod & Gun Whitewater Saloon
Clayton Silver Bar

Clerk: Clerk Baker advised that the second bid for the repair on the Road & Bridge shed, it came in substantially higher than the CB Construction bid. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the CB Construction bid of \$1880, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and motion passed.

Fairboard: Fairboard President Jake Zollinger presented a report on the 2023 fair. Mike Bruno has resigned from his position with the Fairboard and a plaque was presented with a gift certificate. Zollinger advised that Natalie Tiechert should have submitted the applications for Skyler Cutler and Keisha Arneson for the open position with the Fairboard, this will be for the Commissioners to review and approve for that position, their recommendation would be to have Skyler Cutler appointed after a background check has been completed. The Fairboard has been advised that their budget needs to be submitted by June each year and that financial information needs to be submitted for the County Audit, this information needs to be sent to Clerk Baker. Zollinger would like to thank the Road & Bridge departments for the work on the road that goes through the fair grounds. Holt and Barnhardt apparently had discussion with the Lambson family regarding the back fence near the hog barn. Silent auction was the best they have had in revenues, this money goes towards the 4h/FFA scholarships. Contacted Keoppen's who did not respond regarding a bronc event, so Jessi Farr organized the Ranch Rodeo. She would like to improve on this event in future years.

Cathy Brower, the newest Fairboard member has brought many issues to the forefront that need to be addressed. Jody Waslow McAfee is working on some grants for the cover of the arena. Commissioner Corgatelli advised to contact High Country RC&D in regards to grants available. Fairboard purchased panels in the approximate amount of \$5000 that have been put to use. Poultry barn was moved this year. Fairboard voted on increasing the RV hookups from \$25 to \$50, Commissioner Smith advised Zollinger that there would have to be a public hearing for this increase before it can be changed. Clerk Baker advised that hearings will need to be completed in Challis and also in Mackay, possibly in October. She will look at some dates and advise the Fairboard.

Next Fairboard meeting is September 25th in Mackay.

Commissioner Smith brought up the Federal Packers and Stockyards Act that Barbara Petty referenced in her letter to the Custer County Commissioners. In this letter Ms. Petty addresses an issue with timely payment of the 4H/FFA participants that sell their stock at the Market Animal Sale. Commissioner Smith advised that this issue will continue to be addressed and the Board is not finished corresponding with Barbara Petty, with the University of Idaho. Smith asked who is on the Market Animal Sale Committee, County Agent Sarah Baker advised that Jeremy Hampton has resigned but current members are Angie Hainline, Jennifer Zollinger, Maleah Ivie, Jodi McAfee, Trent VanLeuven and Alton Arnold with FFA. They have several individuals that have shown an interest in becoming members of the Market Animal Sale Committee who have been invited to come to the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith asked Sarah Baker to provide information regarding the individual that holds the position as the University provost and 4H department head. Sarah Baker asked if the Commissioners would be signing the draft MOU, the Commissioners advised that once they have the MOU to review and discuss, they may sign the form. Commissioner Smith would like to compile a letter of points that he would like to address with Barbara Petty and the University of Idaho, he will have this by the special meeting on September 15th.

Sarah Baker asked if the Commissioners would continue to pursue moving Custer County Extension to another district. The Commissioners advised that they would have to discuss this further.

Two applicants applied for the position of administrative assistant at the Custer County Agents office

Claims: Commissioner Smith had questions on Stevenson Computer split with Lemhi, moved that the following claims be approved and paid, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Clerk	190.14
Assessor	162.33
Treasurer	60.67
Sheriff	10,735.63
Commissioners	8.00
Coroner	214.31
Prosecutor	139.70
Probation	158.79
Current Expense	38,107.28
Road & Bridge	3,565.03


Battleground Mosquito	92.70
Election	1,161.50
District Court	2,809.05
Rodeo Grounds	209.58
Revaluation	1,670.00
Solid Waste	2,198.19
Weeds	313.73
Waterways	1,579.30
ARPA	8,415.00
Em. Comm. Fund	<u>1,121.57</u>
TOTAL	72,915.50

Court Annex: Doug Burdge was present and advised that he was contracted to be the design architect and draw up plans for the Court Annex. He then decided to subcontract to Pivot North to help expedite the process and does not feel that the timeline has been delayed. Commissioner Smith asked that Mr. Burdge assist in getting the plans finalized by the end of September, Mr. Burdge agreed. Commissioner Corgatelli requested that the billing invoice be more itemized than the ones that have been submitted. Commissioner Smith went over the most recent billing invoice and asked Mr. Burdge about several of the line items, he asked Burdge to give detailed information on these items prior to them being paid. The Commissioners have advised that they need to know what is being paid for before it is paid. Burdge advised that he will get the invoice information to Clerk Baker as soon as possible. Burdge will also work on getting the next set of plans to the County.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.


 Randy Corgatelli, Vice Chairman
 Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


 Lura H. Baker, Clerk

