

Custer County  
Special Meeting Proceedings  
September 15, 2023

The Special Meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room. Attending the meeting were Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Steve Smith, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia. Commissioner Chairman Wayne Butts via telephone.

The Commissioners reviewed the information regarding the Grizzly Bear Proposal and the fact that they will be writing a letter to forward to Mary Darling.

Commissioners reviewed the Draft copy of the University of Idaho Office Agreement that was sent over by Agent Sarah Baker. Several items were discussed for correction on this document, which Clerk Baker will revise and bring back for signature. Clerk Baker gave timeline of the 2022 MOU signed in January 2023, and the proposed MOU draft for 2023. This draft has not been corrected per request of the Commissioners regarding Part Time employees and the information on the vehicle. Commissioners agreed that they are not going to sign this years MOU until it is corrected and sent back to them.

Clerk Baker provided the Commissioners with the latest invoice for the Courthouse Annex, sent over by Burdge Architects. This invoice still does not give a breakdown of the hours worked, per the Commissioners' request. Clerk Baker provided the previous billings and the current invoice breakdown, the Commissioners discussed the invoice and Commissioner Smith made motion to pay the current invoice, minus the \$16,350.00 for the interior design, as it is felt that this service was not rendered and a clearer breakdown of cost/hours is needed. Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion regarding a request from the manager of SREC asking for use of the transfer site in Stanley, Commissioners decided to continue with the original decision stating that the transfer site has been closed. Commissioner Chairman Butts had sent a message to Smith and Corgatelli advising that he would like to give permission to SREC to take the piles of organic matter to the transfer site to be burned later in the fall. Discussion continued that possibly the Commissioners could contact the SNRA and ask Ranger McGhee if this could be looked at again and allow SREC to burn the pile at the location that it is currently piled, which is a piece of property that has actually been permitted to SREC. Commissioners called Ranger McGhee while in the meeting, he advised that he would look into it and contact the manager of SREC, then give status update to Commissioners.

Special Meeting was recessed at 11:30 AM to join the Teams Meeting for the Salmon/Challis Facilitated Community Engagement Plan. Those in attendance: Kelly Orr

USFS Utah, Allison Ginn USFS Idaho, Lois Shoemaker USFS UT, Shane Jeffries USFS Deputy Intermountain Regional Forestier, Lynn Bowerman Lemhi Co Commissioner, Kim Caywood Lemhi Co Commissioner, Custer County Commissioner Smith and Custer County Commissioner Corgatelli.

Introductions were made and then Shoemaker gave a background report of the spring meeting; fuel wood program, timber mapping, road maintenance and travel access. USFS committed to bring on a facilitator to organize communication between the USFS and the Lemhi & Custer County communities. There will tentatively be six (6) public meetings and could double that number of meetings if needed. Would like to schedule in October to go over public meeting schedule with Custer and Lemhi Commissioners, tentative schedule will be from November to May for the public meetings/workshops. Going out for bid next week to hire the facilitator for these meetings. Have reached out to Steve Daniels for recruitment for the position as facilitator. Orr asked the Commissioners what they felt the best way would be to get the information out to the public in our separate communities and to get them engaged in discussions.

Commissioner Smith explained to the USFS employees that there has been a disconnect in the communication due to the fact that employees are not staying in positions and the public/communities are distrustful due to the turnover. The public is not confident that individuals within key positions will be available for long periods of time.

Commissioner Bowerman questioned the reasoning for not combining the two counties in the Forest Plan Revisions. He feels that the counties are similar and should just make one plan. Commissioner Smith advised that they had requested to have two Forest Plan revisions and felt that the Commissioners would like to continue with the two separate plans, Commissioner Corgatelli agreed. Jeffries advised that it would probably be beneficial to have separate plans due to the differences in the areas.

Meeting was reconvened at 12:30 pm.

**Road & Bridge:** Supervisor Jones gave bid for the purchase of the CAT 299 D3 for the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Smith made motion to accept the purchase of the CAT 299D3 at a cost of \$105,199.01 Corgatelli seconded and motion passed. Jones also reviewed information regarding cost for vehicles to be purchased in the 2024 fiscal year, can be held at dealership for future purchase.

**Solid Waste Update:** Travis Pyle, scheduled for a 1:00 pm zoom meeting. Mr. Pyle did not join in on scheduled and confirmed Zoom invitation. Link was left open and Mr. Pyle entered meeting at 1:41 pm. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the feasibility study for the landfill, as there are not any grants for this. Mr. Pyle was advised that there is money for the study and the Commissioners would like to have the study completed. He advised that he would put a proposal letter together for the cost of the study and submit for review. It was agreed that Travis would attend the Commissioners meeting on October

10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Clerk Baker advised Travis that Rick Forestier also needed him to call regarding plans for the Courthouse Annex, Travis advised that he would contact Rick today.

**Clerk:** Clerk Baker gave the Commissioners the recommendations from Chris Harvie in regards to the repairs for the Mackay Sheriff's office. Can contract him to do it if the Commissioners agree. Smith made motion to approve \$3403.74 bid for Mackay Sheriff Office, seconded by Corgatelli, motion passed with a roll call vote of all three commissioners.

**Elections:** October 6<sup>th</sup> is deadline for designating polling places. City of Mackay election and City of Stanley election for November 7<sup>th</sup>. Will be trying out the new equipment that has been purchased, scheduled training for the new equipment through Tenex. Inventoried power and internet for polling places. Have looked into the Challis Community Building to have elections.

Smith made motion to designate the Firehall in Mackay and the Community Center in Stanley for the November 2023 election. Corgatelli seconded, the motion passed with a roll call vote of all three commissioners.

**Clerk:** Clerk Baker gave the Commissioners copies of the L2 levies from 2022 and then this years' 2023 for review. Smith made motion to approve levy rates for 2023, Corgatelli seconded, motion passed with a roll call vote of all three commissioners

Commissioners reviewed the salary order resolution for the county, Smith 2023-2024 approve the salary order resolution as corrected, Corgatelli seconded and motion passed with a roll call vote of all three commissioners.

With no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM



Attest:

Lura H. Baker  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Wayne F. Butts  
Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioners