

Custer County
Commissioner Proceedings
February 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioners Steve Smith, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance. Also attending were Brandon Jones/Road & Bridge and Brett Plummer/Weed Dept. Commissioner Smith moved that the agenda be amended to move Road & Bridge and Weed Dept. up to 8:06 AM from 8:30 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Road & Bridge: Brandon is in receipt of a \$660.00 bill from the State Dept. of Lands for use of the Spar Canyon gravel pit in the East Fork area. Discussion revealed that actual use of the pit materials is minimal, and that also a County "Reclamation Plan" has been requested for when we are finished using the pit. Commissioner Corgatelli has been to the site and felt there was a good supply of material still available. Brandon asked for Board opinion to assist his forward direction? Radio communication was the next topic. Brandon has visited with SREC on the Teton Communications digital radio system. They like the clarity of transmissions, but there is currently a big dead spot from the Pottaman Peak repeater that includes the Yankee Fork and the East Fork. The possibility of purchasing the needed radios in increments was discussed, using \$10,000.00 per year until the complete department transfer from an analog system to a digital system is possible. Brett is using his Garmin GPS units for the Weed crews that have radio abilities. Most of their work is within cell phone range. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Corgatelli both felt the incremental purchase idea is a good plan. The issue of requiring 2 hours comp-time be used to fill out each vacation day to the needed 10- hour total, was then brought forward by Brandon for his crew. Pro's and Con's were discussed and PERSI will be contacted before any decision is made. The new grader lease agreement is complete, and the equipment will be arriving Feb. 22nd or 23rd. The Kenworth tractor that stopped, needed the EPF filter replaced and the seller made all the necessary repairs. Brandon will be picking it up today. Brandon and Brett have met with Custer Soil & Water Conservations' Karma Bragg to facilitate the reclamation work needed for the Garden Cr. Road wetlands mitigation. All work is progressing well. Both departments were asked by Karma to participate in the Ag Day program in the local schools. The Board members all agreed that it was a good opportunity and approved their participation as requested.

Weed: Brett reported that the ATV with transmission problems is at Nathan's Service in Arco for an estimate. He also needs to replace the windshields in the Blue and Brown Ford spray trucks. That work will be done in house. He has met with CSWCD's – Karma and NRCS's- Rosanna and will partner with them for the reclamation project weed control work. Karma has graciously agreed to be the secretary of the CWMA for the Weed Department this year. The annual Weed Superintendent Conference was held on-line last month. Brett has all his license credits completed for 2021.

Dean & Mallory Boyd/Mitchell attended and Mallory presented their perspective on the Sunrise Drive & Morning Dew Place cul-de-sac situation. These streets are in the Sunrise Acres Subdivision that is just outside of the Challis city limits. Mallory gave the history of the current road situation. It has gone from a rough rocky two track road to a paved road with speed limit signs. They would like to see snow removal provided and the speed limit lowered from 25MPH to 10 MPH due to the steep grade and icing problems. The use of the road has increased and drivers drive too fast considering the number of children that live in the area. Commissioners Corgatelli and Butts both responded that ALL subdivisions would like the County to maintain their roads, but it is not possible. The location of the utilities and water systems can cause major issues if not carefully researched. Chairman Butts asked the Boyd's to send a written request that includes their safety concerns.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer handed out the monthly report, and brought the board up to date. She reviewed a solid waste fee that will need to be removed in the Round Valley Trailer Park, and two late charges that were caused by Post Office delivery problems.

Assessor: Jacquel Bruno had questions about some Tiny Homes that have been built in the Stanley area. They all have different owners and she needed to know if each one should have a "solid waste fee" attached. The board agreed it would be much like a trailer park situation. The meeting recessed for BOE meeting at 10:12 AM and the regular meeting reconvened back at 10:20 AM.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins reported that there was good attendance at the last NRAC meeting but members Paul & Sharon May have moved to Burley, Idaho. Productive ways to recruit new members were discussed. Jim suggested sponsoring another "Co-ordination Training" and inviting other counties. The status of requested Open Range signs was reviewed. Jim understands the Great American Outdoors Act wording requires they receive citizen committee input, but agency actions show that the don't plan to involve the local community until after 2022.

Prosecutor: Justin Oleson attended and discussed ongoing road issues and rules with the Board. Court facilities and funding for jury trials were discussed also. The board asked Justin to attend the upcoming Challis City Council meeting where CEDA will present the jail project to the City.

Indigent: Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 11:48 AM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 11:53 AM it was decided to contact St. Luke's Hospital for evidence of payment in full before any further decisions are made. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:10 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attending.

Agencies:

Heath Perrine/Challis Yankee Fk. Ranger commented on the Grouse Peak radio conversation. He understands that the County needs information on the USFS site layout plan. They are about finished with hiring of their temporary and summer crews. The small NEPA is about wrapped up for the Bayhorse Project, and they will do SHIPO in April & May. They have a full crew in the Road Maintenance Dept. this year, and plan to split into two crews to get jobs done. The USFS – RAC's have been approved and are moving forward.

Matt Marsh/BLM reported their new Realty Specialist/Lisa Scherer has arrived, but the Range Tec. and Weed Tec. positions are still vacant. Willow Cr. Summit has been assessed for Sage Grouse, due to the communications tower with Custer Telephone and BPA. They will be doing some beaver dam work in Sage Creek, to keep the flow going for downstream users. They are installing an electronic pay station at the Mackay Reservoir campground, and feel it will be a convenience for everyone. The design process is moving ahead on the Sheep Cr. pack bridge by Little Boulder in the East Fork. They have funds allotted for the Challis Boat ramp on the Salmon River, and have decided to do the work in house. They are looking into using LWCF funds to purchase property in the Donkey Hills and Dry Creek area of Pahsimeroi Valley. The current landowner has stage 4 cancer and wants to sell 1,200 acres to the BLM. They will complete an EA before the \$2.5 Million sale consummates. Commissioners verified that the private property is within Custer County.

Brian Anderson/SNRA reported the temporary assignments that Jim DeMaagd and Kirk Flannagan have been on will be ending soon and they will return to their former positions. They have an update on the 2021 projects to be done through the GAOA funds. They have submitted their 2022 projects, and anticipate submitting their 2023 project list in March. When questioned Brian let the board know that they have not had a meeting about their latest project list. They are considering trail work, and recreational facilities. Commissioner Smith inquired about the overflow boat parking lots at Redfish and Stanley Lakes. The suggestion of parking the public in an administration site had problems, and no specific sites have been suggested. Brian asked for suggestions. The IOGA permits in the SNRA are being looked at for actual use. The SNRA is working on a use zoning system to spread out the use in the area. USFS road engineers are planning a meeting with Brandon Jones/R&B Supt. Clayton Collins/Middle Fork RS reported they are updating their handbook. He will get copies for the Board. Commissioner Smith inquired about the feral horse program. They will continue to use "bait & trap methods over the next 15 years. It will be 3 more years before the next major feral horse gather.

Clayton Collins/Middle Fork Ranger let the board know that they are updating the 2200 Handbook for Region 4. He will provide copies of this handbook for the Board members.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Jan. 27, 2021 minutes with two typing corrections as noted, and the Feb. 3, 2021 Special Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Claims: The following claims were approved as presented by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. Motion passed.

Current Expense	51,214.92
Road & Bridge	22,580.42
Battleground Mosquito	125.30
District Court	4,710.98
Rodeo Grounds	79.60
Indigent & Charity	153.00
Jr. College	500.00
Revaluation	99.00
Solid Waste	3,394.15
Weeds	984.59
Emergency Comm.	2,048.67
Auditors trust	219.75
S Custer Ambulance	<u>2,143.30</u>
TOTAL	88,253.68

The draft letter of support for the Big Lost River Irrigation District was reviewed and corrected. Commissioner Smith noted some complaints he has heard on solid waste charges at the Mackay site. Commissioner Butts has talked to Russell Hamilton about getting the wind fence line at the Challis Solid Waste site cleared soon.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica Clemenhagen/Administrator and Brant Tritthart/P & Z Board member attended and presented their list of suggested P&Z zoning fee increases. They fielded a zoning question on "yurts". Brant noted that the square footage of all new buildings in Custer County needs to be tracked each year. The drawing requirement was discussed, and it was agreed that an accurate, to scale drawing, including the square footage needs to be required. Updated wording will be needed on P&Z forms to reflect the suggested changes. The Boundary Adjustment Permit and the drawing specifications were both mentioned. The Board of Commissioners agreed that the information presented was very beneficial and needs to be pursued.

Russell Smith, Inspector Manager at the INL Site attended at Commissioner Smith's request. Jolie Turek/CEDA and Heath Perrine/USFS were also in attendance. The new requirements to comply with P25 radio systems have created a problem with the County radio system. The County has Day Wireless, Teton Communications and other companies working on various parts of the current setup. Russell informed the board that Day Wireless manages the P25 radio system in Southeast Idaho via Digby 6. The State of Idaho, Military Division lease was discussed as well as the solar power requirements at the Pottaman Peak Repeater.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the \$3,560.00 payment to the Butte Soil and Water Conservation District for fiscal year 2022. Randy Corgatelli seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk