

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
February 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, and Weed Supt. Brett Plummer in attendance. Commissioner Steve Smith attended via phone connection.

**Weed:** Brett reported the ATV with transmission problems is still at Nathan's Repairs in Arco. The estimate for work needed is \$400 to \$500. He is planning to attend a webinar with Wilbur-Ellis on the newest chemicals and their properties.

**Road & Bridge:** Brandon relayed a request he has received from the City of Challis Road Crew for assistance from the County Road & Bridge Dept. and use of the zipper. Discussion was held on the stretch of road they wanted to resurface and the city infrastructure that is contained in the road. The Board re-stated that the County Road & Bridge Dept. is not a construction company, but is set up for the maintenance of the County road system. The Central Idaho Transportation Committee was formed for just such situations and the City of Challis needs to contact them. Brandon then asked about the \$670.00 statement he has received from the ID Dept. of Lands for the shale pit in the East Fork area. He needed to know if they wanted the lease maintained, or should he let it go. The Board took the information under advisement and will call Brandon back when they get additional information. Road & Bridge purchasing limit amounts were then discussed. The Policy wording will be looked into, and State law must be followed. Snow-plow edges, truck loads of fuel and loader tires are all items that push past the policy limits. Commissioner Corgatelli inquired about the sand truck vibrator that was recently installed. Brandon informed the board that they are working quite well, and he has ordered two more for the other trucks. The fuel dispensing system is not installed as yet due to COViD delays. One of the big snowplows is wrecked, due to hitting a cattle guard. The plow unit was totaled, but the driver and truck are OK. The insurance claim has been turned in and the replacement of the \$15,500.00 plow is awaiting the insurance company decision. Conversation turned to the Road & Bridge writing up a SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for crossing cattle guards with a snow plow. Brandon stated he would like to have the usual seasonal employees return to work about mid-March.

The meeting was recessed for travel to Mackay City Hall. Upon arrival in Mackay at 10:00 AM the meeting reconvened. Attending were Chairman Wayne Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. Also in attendance was Lucas Yockey/Big Lost Irrigation, Lin Hintze and Bob Bagley with LRED. Commissioner Smith reported on the Fair Board meeting he attended. They wish to upgrade the pig barn, as the wooden dividers are all falling apart. The Munson/Warner Scholarship issues have continued, and they are considering a change of banks. Commissioner Butts reported on the No Net Loss of Private Property Bill -008 that he is needing a sponsor for. Other legislation discussed was Ron Nate's "Executive Order – Nullification Bill" and Garfield Counties "30 x 30 Opposition Resolution". Commissioner Butts expressed his desire to attend the meeting in Utah and the Board all agreed it would be beneficial. Lucas inquired about the process involved in purchasing BLM property to get trespass issues cleared up. He was given BLM's Mary D'Aversa's phone number in Idaho Falls.

**LRED:** Lin Hintze inquired about all the new construction that is being done in Custer County, and if it had been added to the tax rolls. Commissioner Smith informed him that \$6.2 million will be added to the rolls in July. The conversation then turned to PILT Payments. The PILT has been renewed for two years, but the formula is being tweaked. Lin expressed his desire that the PILT monies be used for Custer's Urban Renewal fund. Commissioner Butts reviewed the Public Lands Meeting and Custer Counties loss of private lands to the Federal Govt. year after year. Lin delivered the invoice from LRED for this year's assessment to Deputy Clerk Hawkins.

Attending the meeting at 11:00 AM were Lucas Yockey and Krissi Staten. Krissi brought the Board up to date on the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Update. She has contacted the Cities within Custer County, as well as the utility companies with the Zoom Meeting format. Krissi inquired if her MOU dated 2/18/21 about the second meeting required for the FEMA Grant application had been reviewed. The Board will look it over. She then

reported on the Fire station progress. The partial competition is done and they can now begin to move equipment into the bays. The Second Grant Application for \$175,000 is in progress and no further match is needed from Custer County. The rest rooms and the mechanical rooms are complete, but the office area still needs to be finished. They should know if their application is successful by April 1st.

Prosecutor Justin Oleson was contacted by Chairman Butts. The Jail Contract needs to have legal approval and he has not received a copy as yet. A copy of the draft Resolution 2021-03 "Opposition to 30 X 30" was also forwarded to Justin for review. Chairman Butts has made arrangements to meet with Heath Perrine/USFS to exchange project ideas for the Great American Outdoors Act at 8:00 AM on March 3rd. Tina presented the proposal for carpet runners to extend the life of the carpeting within the courthouse. The Board gave the Clerk's Office the go ahead to maintain the building as they see fit.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 with Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins present.

**Claims:** The following claims were approved as presented with one addition of \$1,500.00 for the EISF annual assessment by a motion from Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli. Motion passed.

Current Expense	51,304.00
Road & Bridge	6,338.45
Election Fund	74.25
District Court	1,855.14
Revaluation	8,045.00
Weeds	291.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,908.31</b>

The minutes were reviewed by all, Commissioner Corgatelli moved the minutes from 2/8/21 be approved with one spelling correction, 2/16/21 & 2/19/21 minutes be approved as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. The proposed Tax Cancellations were then looked over. Commissioner Smith moved the \$25.33 on MHV00150000380A, \$8.92 on RP07N24E218459A, and \$4.41 on RP07N24E321200A be approved, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

**Randy Ivie** attended the meeting at 1:30PM. He inquired about the 10 acres of land that were received from the BLM in the wilderness land exchange. Chairman Butts recalled the transaction and will check with Clerk Lura Baker to be sure the South Custer Fire Department is on the property deed. The current burn ordinance that the North Custer Fire Dept. uses is a possibility for South Custer. They would need to have a Public Hearing to enact that type of ordinance in their area. Discussion then turned to Emergency Medical Services. Recruitment problems have been encountered in the whole county. Chairman Butts and Randy exchanged possible solutions and discussed the re-certification process. Senate Bill 1372 was then discussed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 2:30, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. The meeting was recessed at 3:00 for travel to Challis. Attending in Challis were Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Clerk Lura Baker, Disaster Coordinator Mike Graham, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 4:30. Mike gave Clerk Lura Baker a copy of an e-mail he had received concerning the Mackay Dam. It will be handled by Clerk Baker.

The Board let Mike know that they have decided not to enter into the proposed radio agreement with Teton Communications due to recently gathered information. Mike expressed his opinion that the digital radio systems are coming and will one day replace our analog systems. Chairman Butts inquired if the Communication Grant could be used to purchase two radios for the new Sheriff's vehicles, and two radios for the Road & Bridge Department? The Road & Bridge Dept. has ordered two Day Wireless radio's and needs five (5) more at a cost of \$8,200.00 as well as two or three handheld radios for their flaggers, to utilize the full amount of the grant. Mike will need another bid to use for the grant submission paperwork. Clerk Baker asked if he would be sure she

received a complete copy of the transaction. Mike requested a designated contact person be named for him. Commissioner Smith will still be the Disaster Services contact person for the Board.

**Aletia Straub-Workman** attended at 5:00. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 5:04PM, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 5:20PM.

The Jail Contract was discussed and verification of where the process is at was given. Chairman Butts will contact All Detainment Solutions, Inc. and verify our status. Chad Workman/Coroner has given Prosecutor Justin Oleson a contract that he needs to have approved, but has not received any response. He asked the Board to get a decision for him.

Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 5:35PM, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 6:15

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk