

Custer County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Custer County Commissioners was called to order at 8:03 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, and Weed Supt. Brett Plummer attending.

**Road & Bridge Dept.:** Supervisor Brandon reported they have finished up shooting oil a day early, as the job went smoothly. He has checked with neighboring counties on their “cattle-guard policies” concerning installation requests from landowners. He has a copy of the Lemhi and Butte county policies. It was suggested there be a flat \$2,000.00 fee charged when the pavement is cut for any installation. Discussion ensued on different situations and by whom the final approval would be given. A draft “Cattle Guards Policy” including requirements, fees, and enforcement will be written up by Brandon, and an application form to be reviewed at the next meeting. Custer County is still experiencing cloud bursts and the roads have taken a beating. The washouts in Yankee Fork, Road Creek, Bay Horse, and Spar Canyon all still need repair work. After discussion of the damage done and repair work needed, the Board agreed that the Spar Canyon Road be closed for the winter. Class 3 barricades will be installed on the Spar Canyon road for County liability protection. Jersey barriers (so they are not removed) will be placed at a good turnaround location for vehicles with trailers. Brandon reported that the County is working with the BLM and ITD to get some reimbursement from the Federal Government for work done. Brandon asked if he could get an outside contractor to help on the Bay Horse Road, due to the size of the mud/rock slides involved. Most of the county roads are passable now, but need to be bladed to remove the wash lines and ruts. On Monday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> the County Road & Bridge will be assisting the City of Challis crew with chip and seal work on three city roads. It is the exchange agreed upon for the City of Challis doing dura-patching on the Garden Cr. Road. The Idaho Dept. of Transportation has requested the inspection of bridges in Custer County be stepped up. Brandon met with them last week and he is working up a long term bridge inspection plan. The ITD will provide any needed signage once we request it. Bridges need to have and a good cleaning of the surface to remove sand and gravel, any needed concrete patchwork done and an annual sealing to assure that moisture does not get into the structures reinforcing iron.

**Weed Dept.:** Brett reported that the BLM has funding for the sprayer & tank set up on the new UTV. They are also funding a small pump to use for remote filling. Any funds not utilized for the equipment will then be used to purchase herbicides, and Brett has provided them with a shopping list. He has almost spent his herbicide budget, but he needs to purchase more Milestone to be eligible for the \$1,000 rebate offer. The product needs to be invoiced by Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> to count toward the rebate offer. Brett then inquired about raising the rate he charges for weed spraying. It is currently at \$49.50 per hour, which is well under the local commercial rate. For any increase over 5% there must be a public hearing. He has been asked by the City of Challis about spraying weeds in the sand filter ponds. The Board requested the County Weed Department stay away from doing any work on those ponds that

filter the City of Challis water supply. Brett reported that he is keeping his crew very busy spraying in both the Mackay and Stanley areas. Chairman Butts inquired about the Forest Service funds?

**Clerk:** Clerk Baker has been in contact with Krissi Staten and she will be in Challis for the Public Hearing on September 13<sup>th</sup>, concerning the new Challis Fire hall. Commissioner Smith moved that the board go into executive session for personnel at 9:16 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Present were Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made and they returned to regular session at 9:33 AM. Clerk Baker asked to have a budget review meeting on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00PM, and the Board concurred. They will be attending the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM that day for the Squaw Creek Property.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Stuart Lumpkin and Chief Deputy Justin Mitchell attended the meeting. Clerk Baker provided information on the Motorola bid for new equipment. Challis Messenger reporter Hunter Diel attended. Stu updated the Board on work being done on the Stanley deputy housing. The major repairs have been completed but the flooring still needs to be installed. Delivery is taking longer than expected. Before another deputy is housed in this unit, a Pre and Post inspection form will be filled out as well as the requirement of a cleaning deposit. The Law Enforcement contracts for the cities were reviewed and approved. Braun Brothers Reunion law enforcement costs have been put together by the Sheriff's office and will be billed to the City of Challis. Stanley has responded with an offer of \$59,600.00 for 2022, but have asked for a meeting to discuss the wording. This offer includes the \$3,600.00 in deputy housing that will end when the Stanley housing is livable. They will be placed on the agenda of the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to finalize the agreement. The City of Mackay has responded with an offer of \$40,000.00 for the 2022 year. Stu will review the information and contract wording before any agreement is finalized. They will also be invited to the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Motorola bid for the "plug and play" equipment installation was then reviewed. Chairman Butts explained the age and condition of the current equipment the Sheriff's office is using and it was agreed that they need replacing. Exploration of the availability of funding for such an ambitious project was then held. The Basin Butte repeater location and history was then reviewed. All other emergency entities will be contacted to see if they too are paying rent for their repeater location. Ie: USFS, ISP, EM &, BLM. The Sheriff then reminded the Board of the age of the microwave dish, located on Windy Devil that also needs to be replaced. It fails each winter when things get frozen. It was agreed to review the contracts during the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Minutes were then reviewed. Commissioner Smith moved that the minutes of the 8/2/21 Emergency Meeting be approved as written, Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the minutes of the 7/28/21 meeting, the 8/9/21 meeting and the 8/16/21 meeting all be approved as written. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried. The draft letter received from NRAC Chairman Jim Hawkins to Mary Farnsworth was reviewed and approved for sending. Commissioner Smith moved that the transcript from the Public Hearing held on 7/12/21 for County Fair Fee changes be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

**Certificate of Residency:** One application was received from Levi Riddle. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that it be approved, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Those in attendance were Commissioner Butts, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Corgatelli, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins and Disaster Coordinator Mike Graham.

**Disaster Services:** Mike reported the largest fire in the area is near Gibbonsville, where one cabin has been burned. Chairman Butts let Mike know that he has been unable to get the entire communication system evaluation proposal read and understood. The IWPA Company from Dallas, TX has offered to come and do a 2 day evaluation for \$5,000. Mike has paid \$17,000 toward communications already this year, and the \$28,000 bid is looking pretty good. He will check to see if SHSP funds can be used. Mike agreed to continue working on the communications program and keep it moving. Road and Bridge and Disaster Services are working together to find funding to help fix the flooding damage caused by cloudbursts in Spar Canyon. Mike has met with Larry Gary/Fire Chief and they are willing to share the office space in the new fire hall with the Emergency Operations Center for the dashboard setup. Chairman Butts agreed to get on the agenda at the next Fire Department meeting to discuss the option. There is a Fire District meeting scheduled on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> that Krissi Staten will be attending to work on grant funding. The specter of Covid is on the rise again in Custer County, with three new cases. Lemhi County has 16 and Madison County has 65 or more. All agreed that it is a personal choice on what you choose to protect yourself with. Brad Ritchey's office requested the information on the Earthquake Disaster Declaration; they plan to visit Custer Co. on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM. The Board felt it should be kept inforce as the aftershocks are ongoing. Mike reported that the EMP Grant will have a kick back of \$7,000 due to using the matching funds.

**Claims:** The following were reviewed and approved as listed. Commissioner Smith made the motion, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Current Expense	16,940.24
Road & Bridge	25,887.36
Battleground Mosquito	934.59
Election	272.25
Rodeo	428.56
Revaluation	9,079.43
Solid Waste	3,439.15
Weeds	127.88
Auditors Trust	40.00
S Custer Ambulance	<u>2,637.74</u>
	\$ 59,787.20

**Planning & Zoning:** Jessica Clemenhagen, Administrator attended and responded to the concerns the Board or the Clerk voiced. The planning & zoning responsibilities of each County department employee and the Board of Commissioners were reviewed. The meeting was recessed at 3:30 PM for the scheduled Public Hearing for the Stoll property. The meeting reconvened at 3:45 PM.

Discussion was held on roads within subdivisions. It was agreed by the entire board that the County Road & Bridge Department would not be working on any subdivision roadways. Commissioner Smith verified that Crane Lane would left as is in the Round Valley Acres Subdivision in Challis.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

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Wayne F. Butts, Chairman

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Lura H. Baker, Clerk