

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
October 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Wayne Butts, with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer and Custer Co. CSWCD Admin. Karma Bragg attending.

Road & Bridge: Brett reported on behalf of Brandon Jones who was attending a training class. The Cattle Guard Policy and the Snow Removal Policy are both in the hands of Prosecutor Justin Oleson for review. The HLE representative Kyle has informed the R&B that they were not successful with the grant application for Morgan Cr. Road funding. The threshold is 17, and they only reached 16.3. Additional LHTAC classes will bring their points up. The Hamm roller is down again, and Brandon is very frustrated. The Idaho Transportation Department will be helping Road & Bridge more in the spring with the Spar Canyon road repairs. The joint effort is working well for both departments. Brandon has found a couple of options to replace the crane truck.

Weeds: Brett then reported that he has finished the spray work for the year in good shape. He is now working on the final reports. The empty herbicide jugs will be going to the shredder soon. He has still not found a side-by-side to purchase with his RAC funding, and will need an extension on the grant. He has been looking into the USDA cost share program, and is not convinced that the return is worth the application efforts. The BLM has filled their weed position with a good employee. Shiloh Warm Springs Ranch was expecting a 30% success rate on the thistle spray work Brett did for them. They are very happy with the 70% kill on the weed they experienced. The BLM has placed 12,000 leafy spurge beetles on an infestation in the Bay Horse area. January 12 & 13th is the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference that Brett will be attending. The aerial applicator license testing will be done the end of January, and Brett is planning to take it. He has all the weed equipment serviced and winterized. The paper work begins in earnest now.

Road Creek Project: Karma Bragg, Custer Co. Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Manager reported that the Bonneville Power Administration funding will not be enough to cover the project. She is looking into acquiring funding from Pacific Coast Recovery. She will put things out for bid early, in January or February 2022. Karma presented the Landowner Acknowledgement Form from Custer County for Road Cr. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the form be approved and signed. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. It was understood that the Road Cr. Agreement may require a Memorandum of Agreement. Karma requested Custer County Commissioners be the formal recipient and awarder of the bids that are received from the contractors on this job, as the formal bid process needs to be followed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the CSWCD allocation for 2021/2022 be set at \$4,000.00. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioners: Chairman Butts reported on the appointment he had with USFS Mary Farnsworth, Dave Rosenkrance and staff. The USFS chain of command was verified, and Mary stated that she would help Chuck Mark be successful. Commissioner Butts then reviewed the positive Bio-fuels Feasibility Study results that the Board and SREC received from the University of Idaho, and how pleased they all were with the results. Mary then told Commissioner Butts, "I hate to bust your bubble, but the U of I told the USFS that the Bio-fuels Project would not work." The different answers to the different entities caused great concern, and Mary is setting up a meeting for ALL stake-holders to hear the same story from the University of Idaho at the same time. Commissioner Corgatelli confirmed that he understood the Bio-fuels project would work at the meeting he attended. Commissioner Corgatelli then moved to accept the Solid Waste values as presented. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it passed.

Indigent: Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to go into executive session at 9:20 AM for Indigent Review under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Butts and the roll call yes vote was unanimous ayes. Those attending were Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, and Clerk Lura Baker. No decisions were made during this session. Upon return to regular session at 9:26 AM, Commissioner Corgatelli

made a motion for #21-16, #21-17 and #21-18 – Denial / due to lack of compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butts and the aye votes were unanimous. Motion passed.

After review of the contracts, Commissioner Corgatelli moved that they be approved for Conflict Public Defenders, Treavor Castleton and Manuel Murdoch. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Corgatelli then moved that Custer County raise the amount paid for mileage to .56 cents per mile to match the state of Idaho. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker will get the Resolution written for signature at a future meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion that the Economic Development Director Jolie Turek receive a 3% raise in pay. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Chairman Butts then contacted Mr. John Thomas and he and his partner Tyler Salvesen accepted the Custer County Public Defender contract as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli then made a motion to purchase a Conex storage trailer for the East Fork Solid Waste Site, not to exceed the amount of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Butts seconded the motion and it carried. The current Credit Card Policy was then reviewed and discussed. The Board would like to have a credit card in “Custer Counties” name, not the Custer Co. Treasurer’s name. The wording in the application will also be adjusted. Each purpose for use of such a credit card will be different and will be reviewed and discussed on a case by case basis. After discussion the Board agreed that the Clerk can research the purchase of a new vacuum for use in the courthouse.

The proposed increases in solid waste fees were discussed, and the Board requested Clerk Lura Baker set up a Public Hearing date and time for the process. Employee hours for the upcoming holidays were then discussed. Commissioner Butts moved that county employees, excepting the R&B crew, receive Friday Nov. 26th off with holiday pay. The R&B crew, who normally received Friday off, will take Wednesday Nov. 24th off with 8 hrs. holiday pay. This is in addition to getting the federal holiday of Thursday 25th, Thanksgiving off with 8 hrs. holiday pay. The Christmas holiday will also provide an extra day of holiday pay to all county employees, (except R&B crew) for Friday, Dec. 24th with 8 hrs. of holiday pay. Road & Bridge will receive Wednesday Dec 23rd, for 8 hrs. of holiday pay. The federal holiday of Dec. 24th will be paid to everyone with 8 hrs. of holiday pay.

Court Clerk Laila Plummer attended the meeting to discuss the proposed court annex, and to let the Board know her appreciation for their choice of Public Defender. The meeting was then recessed for lunch, and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Chairman Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker and Homeland Security Dir. Mike Graham attended.

Homeland Security: Mike Graham requested the use of his SHSP Grant funds to utilize Computer Zen for completion of his Emergency Operations Center Dashboard, with a total cost of \$10,384.00. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion that the funds to be utilized for the Emergency Operations Center Dashboard not exceed \$11,000.00. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed. Mike then reviewed the comprehensive study that is being done on what radio system would work best for Custer County emergency communications. He thought other counties would be interested also. Mike then let the Board know that he has given the #700 Radio equipment to Butte County on a mutual aid agreement. Chairman Butts attended a N. Custer Fire District meeting. Because of information, the County thanked them for the offer of using their new fire hall building for the Homeland Security office, but the County will create the new Homeland Security office in the old firehall building. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve and sign the 2021 SHSP-037 grant in the amount of \$18,703.88. Commissioner Butts seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes.

The meeting was recessed for the Squaw Creek Public Hearing deliberation at 3:02 PM. Commissioner Smith attended the meeting via telephone connection. The Board returned to regular session at 3:12 PM. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 3:20 AM for Legal under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f), the motion was seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the roll call yes vote was unanimous ayes. Those attending were Commissioners Butts, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith and Clerk Lura Baker. No decisions were made during this session, and they returned to regular session at 3:31 PM.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica Clemenhagen, Administrator gave her report. In her research she has found a discrepancy in dates for the Rally in the Pines received from the Stewards of the Pahsimeroi. Commissioner Smith understands that when the group received no feed back from the BLM when they applied for their event, they couldn't do their Co-op plan. Jessica read a draft letter she has written to send to the landowners. The board approved the letter format. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the Finding of Facts for the Stohl Public Hearing. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion passed with roll call ayes. Jessica then reported that her office has exhausted her legal authority on a tire incident, and it has been handed over to the DEQ to handle any prosecution. Commissioner Smith then left the meeting.

Claims: After review the following FY 2022 claims were approved as presented with one addition of IAC Capital Crimes Dues of \$1,931.66, by a motion from Commissioner Corgatelli seconded by Commissioner Butts. Motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli moved that the FY 2021 claims be approved as presented. Commissioner Butts seconded and the motion carried with roll call vote of ayes.

FY 2022		FY 2021	
Current Expense	35,116.98	Current Expense	3,199.08
Road & Bridge	188,612.33	Road & Bridge	1,710.15
Election Fund	974.34	Battleground Mosquito	750.00
District Court	11,573.49	Revaluation	8,502.64
Health District	7,010.00	Weeds	10,022.76
Indigent	294.99	Emergency Communications	<u>480.00</u>
Revaluation	499.95	TOTAL	\$24,664.63
Solid Waste	5,900.00		
Weeds	55.41		
Emergency Communications	1,121.57		
Auditors Trust	39,131.50		
S Custer Ambulance	<u>53.59</u>		
TOTAL	290,344.15		

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Wayne F. Butts, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk