

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
July 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, and Weed Supervisor Brett Plummer.

Weeds: Supervisor Brett Plummer reported that the Middle Fork spray trip has been cancelled as Big Creek is on fire, will reschedule to the end of September if possible. Is going to Loon Creek, the Double D is needing to have their property certified to stay in compliance with USFS. Supervisor Brandon Jones advised that he would rather Garden Creek Road not be sprayed, as there are wildflowers that have been planted to stabilize the sides. Having a problem with henbane in the Pahsimeroi that needs to be addressed. Completed weed abatement for Windy Devil and Grouse Peak. Would like to combine the Custer and Lemhi County CWMA, and also the Butte County CWMA to be able to establish the boundaries between counties.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones advised that there are two (2) policies, Snowplow Authorization/Snow Removal Policy and Cattle Guard Policy, gave the Commissioners the rough drafts for the revised policies to review for next meeting. Cooperative agreement/Schedule A for the SNRA was given to the Commissioners to review. This will give additional funding for the roads in the Iron Creek, Stanley area. Motion made by Commissioner Vaden to accept the Schedule A between Custer County and the SNRA/USFS, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli to sign the agreement and it will be sent back to the SNRA. Had rented a skid steer from Avenue Rental for \$250.00, there is a new skid steer at Avenue Rental that the County could purchase for \$3250.00, will take of \$250.00 if purchase at this time. Commissioner Vaden made motion to purchase the Skeleton Bucket Skid Steer for \$3250.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) for Personnel. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, at 8:15 AM. Those present, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, R&B Supervisor Brandon Jones, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia, and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Recessed from Executive Session at 8:20 AM.

Clerk: Clerk Baker advised that she needed some information for reports for the Mackay Reservoir grant, has not been able to get any of the information from Big Lost River Irrigation and has not been able to get anyone from BLRI to respond. It is quite difficult to get the reporting done that is needed and the Clerk's office shouldn't have to go through so much trouble in order to do the reporting for the BLRI, when this is BLRI's project.

Clerk Baker gave the Commissioners the information for the Dains Rezone Application. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Findings of Facts- Conclusion of Law for the Dains Rezone Application, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion regarding budgeting workshop and hearing dates were set. Discussion regarding levies and L2 worksheets to be given to the taxing districts.

Computer Arts/Harris agreement was reviewed, updates discussed.

North Custer Rodeo Committee: Myla Naillon advised the Commissioners that they are in the process of applying for a CHC Foundation Grant, due July 30th, with the AgWest Grant by the end of the week. Asking for \$4000 to go toward the tractor fund. Will be needing another letter from the County regarding the 501(c)3 status. Naillon stated that Jones from R&B had advised her that he could possibly get the NCRC a tractor bid for less, Commissioners will ask the Prosecutor if this is possible. Gave status of the sign, scrap iron, and trees near the bleachers out to the road. Discussion regarding the cost for planting the new trees at a cost of \$2290.00, with water system of approximately \$800. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the bid for trees and water system at approximately \$3000, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the CHC Grant application, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and motion passed. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the AgWest grant application, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and motion passed. Naillon advised that the fence that was made of poly pipe is in disrepair and will be removed, have plans to replace fence sections.

Clerk/Treasurer: Treasurer Latimer presented the month end/joint financial report for the Commissioners to review. Gave update on CD's that were discontinued by Wells Fargo Bank. Discussion regarding the property that will be processed for tax deed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f)(i) for Legal, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously at 9:07 AM. Those present were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon was called and joined the meeting via telephone, Clerk Lura Baker, Treasurer Latimer, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Meeting recessed back to the regular meeting at 9:45 AM.

Board of Equalization: Recessed into the BOE at 10:00 AM with Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Corgatelli advised that without further business at this time, BOE will be recessed until November. Reconvened to regular meeting at 10:03 AM.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the credit card authorization for Linda Dubiel, in the amount of \$305.00, for lodging for the Civil Process conference. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for Challis Roadhouse LLC, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for TBCI, LLC, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for The Village Inn Restaurant, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for Riveras Quick Trip, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Hawkins presented the Commissioners with the proposal by the BLM for fee increases. The BLM is asking for public input regarding these increases. Commissioners asked Deputy Clerk Hawkins to draft a letter to the BLM in regards to the campground fee increases.

South Custer Ambulance: The meeting was recessed at 10:25 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 28, 2025, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and motion passed. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve claims through July 11, 2025 in amount of \$3,516.61, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:27 AM.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins reported that he had reviewed the Public Lands Roads statement and felt that the Asked about a response from Heather DeGeest from USFS, regarding Grouse Peak, would like another letter sent from the Commissioners concerning the activity on Grouse Peak. Addressed the dead timber along Highway 75, there are excessive trees that have died and could be a hazard. The Congressional repeal for the "Roadless Rule", does not affect Idaho and could potentially affect wild fire control. Discussion regarding the revision of the Custer County Comprehensive Plan, Hawkins advised that he feels that conservation easements need to be addressed in that revision. Addressed NEPA through the USFS and BLM, would like the Commissioners to question the agencies regarding the current status of the NEPA policy. Feels that the Social Economic Study for Custer County concentrates heavily on recreation, advised that this is not a benefit to our County and would like to have this addressed.

SREC: Dennis Swindell and Lacey Windsor attended the meeting to discuss a right of way on East Fork for a power line from County owned property to a private owned property. Produced a map to show the Commissioners where the location of the new pole and overhead line would be run for this private property owner. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the power right of way on East Fork Road for Salmon River Electric, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed. Commissioner Corgatelli signed the Easement Agreement, notarized by Lacey Windsor of SREC.

Prosecutor: Paul Rogers advised that in regards to the procurement process, in regards to the process for accepting bids, in order to accept additional bids, the County would have to formally reject the existing bids and reopen the bidding process. This is found under Idaho Codes 67-2805 and 67-2806. Would have to wait until next meeting and have an action item for reviewing this information and deciding on a plan to continue with accepting bids.

Commissioner Corgatelli asked Prosecutor Rogers about the legality of purchasing a tractor for the North Custer Rodeo, using Road & Bridge contacts. Rogers advised that this would be acceptable as the North Custer Rodeo is an entity of Custer County.

Commissioner Corgatelli advised that there is a section of land that the County owns near the reservoir, which was obtained through an agreement regarding wilderness land in that same area. The agreement states that the County is not allowed to sell this property, but Commissioner Corgatelli would like to know if it is possible to divide this land and place on ninety-nine (99) year leases. Prosecutor Rogers would like to have time to look into this proposal and bring back an answer at the next meeting.

Prosecutor Rogers gave update on his office's current case load.

Deputy Clerk Hawkins asked Rogers about hearings for the fee increases for solid waste, she asked if the same hearing can be used for multiple locations, to which Rogers advised that the same hearing can be used for all fee increases for solid waste.

Commissioners: Review of the Stanley Solid Waste Operating Plan, discussed several items that were on their list to complete.

Claims: Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve claims through 07/11/2025 in the amount of \$155,899.13. Motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Current Expense	\$ 45,730.40
Road & Bridge	\$ 83,498.83
Battleground Mosquito Abate	\$ 308.88
Election	\$ 509.00
District Court	\$ 2,133.53
Rodeo Grounds	\$ 439.67
Health District	\$ 12,994.50
Junior College	\$ 2,600.00
Revaluation	\$ 689.84
Solid Waste	\$ 4,529.66
Weeds	\$ 280.59
Waterways	\$ 1,006.82
Emergency Comm	\$ 1,177.41
Weeds	\$ 280.59
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TOTAL	\$155,899.13

Meeting recessed for lunch by Chairman Corgatelli at 12:00 PM. Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Agencies:

John Runkle (USFS): Harden Off-road will be having the Yankee Fork Rendezvous September 5-7th, event for riding trails in the Challis area and will be using CEDA building as base camp, planning on 150 people. Custer Days went very well. Would like for the 4th of July parades to be separated in times in the future so that they can support both.

Lance Stavast (Lost River Ranger Dist.): Asked about the USDA Collection Agreement between Custer County and the USDA/USFS for search and rescue provisions and protection options, advised that it would be signed by the Sheriff and Commissioners later in the meeting. Fire restriction are probably a few weeks out. Got a grant from IDPR for Mount Borah, to redo the campground. Have about 40 miles of trails cleared, have assistance from interns this year. IDFG is working on a fish project in Willow Creek and Bear Creek, getting rid of the brook trout as they are an invasive species in that area.

Ryan Hilton (Fish & Game): Chinook fishery has had good fish numbers this year. Sage Grouse season setting has been completed with sixteen (16) tags up for approval at the next commission meeting next week. Will be

starting the pronghorn counts, with some camera-based counting. Discussion regarding chronic wasting disease and testing for that issue.

Dave Hilliard (BLM): Will also be permitting part of the Yankee Fork Rendezvous, motorcycle event - Challis Trails Committee will also be putting on an event this fall. Swingy bridge, someone took down the barrier so it has been put back up again, closing off the road and bridge for safety reason until bridge is replaced. Commissioner Vaden asked about campground fees, asked if all reservations are done completely online or can people come through and camp there without online reservations. Hilliard advised that they are going to a partial "first come first serve" sites and the rest to be reserved online. Discussion regarding the expansion of the Joe T Fallini Campground.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to amend the agenda to have the scheduled 3:30 PM for Senator Crapo and Senator Risch's office moved to 2:00 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Senator Risch & Senator Crapo's Office: Kathryn Hitch and Kyle Wilson representatives of the Senator's offices discussed several issues that affect Custer County with the Commissioners, such as PILT, grant money for projects, housing, logging and the "Roadless Rule".

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole brought Spencer Reynolds in with Unified Fleet Services who presented a fleet service sales presentation. Discussed benefits of a fleet service for the Custer County Sheriff's office, Reynolds can process some quotes for the needs of the County.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a) Personnel, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the motion passed at 3:00 PM. Those present Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Sheriff Levi Maydole, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Reconvened to the regular meeting at 3:12 PM.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to amend the Salary Order for the Sheriffs Department, to include a Records Manager position with a cap of \$24.00 per hour. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve overtime pay for Waterways coverage through the Sheriff's office current deputies, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(a) Personnel, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and the motion passed at 3:16 PM. Those present Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Sheriff Levi Maydole, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Reconvened to the regular meeting at 3:25 PM.

Sheriff Maydole advised the Commissioners of a program for jail commissary through Sterling, which would provide tablets for inmate use for commissary goods, correspondence, visitation, etc. Would not be an expense to Custer County to provide this service. The Commissioners advised that they agreed this would be a beneficial system for Custer County and gave Sheriff Maydole approval to pursue this agreement with Sterling.


Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for Stinker Store #88, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.


Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for Stanley Supper Club, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Liquor License for Ivies Foodliner Inc., Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the Custer County Commissioner Meeting minutes for 06/23/2025, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.


Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest: 
Lura H. Baker, Clerk

