

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
February 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Ben Winter with Western States CAT, and Myla Naillon in attendance. Commissioner Gordon Vaden attended via telephone.

**Road & Bridge:** Supervisor Brandon Jones introduced Ben Winter from Western States CAT regarding the grader lease on the 140M Grader that is coming up, looking at replacing with a 150 Model Grader. They have a guarantee buy back on the leased equipment that will be returned and have a new program where they will pay \$15,000 to go toward the first annual payment for the new lease on the 150 Model Grader. Discussed the options and warranty on the new Grader and the attachments that could be available. Will deliver and pickup the old grader. New Government Fail Safe Warranty Program to guarantee that there is a replacement in case a machine is needing repair and cannot be used, this program also handles the service/maintenance for the leased equipment. Reviewed the financial documents for the new lease through CAT Financial on this Grader.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the lease on the 2025 150A WD Motor Grader in the amount of \$392,863.00 with credit of \$15,000.00 to be applied to the first years' lease payment, motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaden, motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Chairman Corgatelli signed the initial lease agreement.

Winter discussed the CAT snow wing attachment for the Grader. Gave the options and proposed reserving one until fall 2025, at the \$22,696.00 price quoted. Discussion regarding the snow wing and the Commissioners agreed to have Western States CAT reserve this attachment to be possibly purchased under the FY26 budget. Once this attachment is purchased, it belongs to the County, is not part of the lease buy back equipment.

Jones advised that he appreciates the working relationship that the County has with Western States CAT on this equipment, has been very beneficial.

Jones stated that he wanted to go over Garden Creek Phase II, currently in design with LTAC on Phase II for this project. Was originally supposed to be \$2.5 million, received a grant for \$2.7 million. However, now with Phase II, the costs have increased substantially. Rough estimate now for construction is \$13 Million. Biggest cost is the blasting of the rock point in the first mile. Haven't committed, as cannot afford this project as it currently stands. Proposal now is to cut back on the distance in which can be completed and to at least get through the designing stage. Discussed options that would be able to lessen the cost of the project, Jones will continue to explore these options but wants the Commissioners to think about

Jones does have a presentation put on by ASI on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Twin Falls and asked if a Commissioner would be interested in going with him. Commissioner Vaden advised that he could attend with Jones.

Jones advised that the Policies in regards to snow plowing permitting and cattle guards, that are up for Commissioner review, he is happy with these policies and how they are written currently. He would like the Commissioners to look them over and make suggestions if needed. There is however an in-house snow removal policy that he feels will need to be reviewed as it is older and needs a little bit of work, Jones would like to rework this policy and present to Commissioners for review and revision.

Jones and Commissioner Vaden did go up Kinnikinic and to the Muleshoe Bridge to review those projects.

**Custer County Coroner:** Coroner Chad Workman has found a vehicle for the Coroner Department, has found that the length of the bed greatly affects the price of the vehicle. He gave information on the vehicle that Salmon River Motors has, which is only a 6' bed rather than the 8' bed that he feels is needed. This vehicle also does not have a topper and a topper for this would be another \$2000. Commissioner Naillon advised that he felt that there needed to be more accommodation for the room in the bed for what Workman needs to be transporting and feels that more research needs to be done so that Workman is able to get the appropriate vehicle. Discussion ensued regarding additional assistance in researching a vehicle that will be more suited.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to amend the agenda to move the North Custer Rodeo from 11:30 AM to 8:53 AM, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

**North Custer Rodeo:** Myla Naillon advised that the grant for the new tractor was submitted yesterday. Would like to submit additional grants AgWest Grant to help with a tractor shelter, has found another grant GEM Grant for the RV park. Talked to City Council regarding the RV Park and they have the go ahead on the RV Park. Will be cleaning up the old bleachers. Will be having a beef raffle. Vaden made motion to allow NCR to proceed with the grant writing and with their beef raffle, seconded by Naillon. Motion passed. Corgatelli advised to just keep board apprised of what is going on.

Meeting recessed to travel to Mackay City Hall at 8:56 AM. The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:00 AM at the Mackay City Hall. Those present: Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Will Naillon, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins and Custer County Sheriff Levi Maydole.

Commissioner Naillon asked the other Commissioners about their feelings on a computer for Commissioner use. All Commissioners agreed that it would be beneficial to have a computer for the Commissioners. Commissioner Naillon made motion to either purchase a computer

valued up to \$2000 or use the spare Clerk Office computer that is being repaired. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve minutes for the regular Commissioner Meeting held Monday, February 10, 2025, motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaden. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the minutes for the special meeting held for a County Policy Workshop, held February 12, 2025. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden, motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Hawkins asked the Commissioners to set a date for a special P&Z hearing. Commissioners agreed upon March 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM for the P&Z hearing.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from the North Custer Hospital District asking for support on a Grant they will be applying for with Idaho Emergency Services. Commissioner Vaden made motion to sign the letter of support for, motion seconded by Commissioner Naillon and motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Hawkins advised that the City of Challis would like the Commissioners to respond regarding the sidewalk designs for a 9<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk. Commissioners asked Deputy Clerk Hawkins to reply to the City of Challis advising that the logistics for sidewalk in correspondence with the new Jail Annex is still under review. Discussion continued about input from the Sheriff, as this will be in the area in which a jail annex is being planned. Set time and date for March 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM for a special meeting/working lunch to 3:00 PM to discuss the jail annex and other Sheriff Office action items.

**Custer County Sheriff:** Sheriff Maydole began discussion regarding a new plan for expanding food and dry good purchase vendors. They would like to be able to open an account with Sam's Club, which would have an annual membership cost of \$110. The savings of using Sam's Club vs another vendor for certain items would pay for the membership cost in just the first order. Deputy Ray Simon gave a presentation for the Commissioners regarding this vendor plan and gave specifics on price comparisons, quantities and storage of items. Commissioner Naillon advised that this appears to be a positive for the County, Commissioner Vaden agreed. Commissioners agreed to support the Sheriff and Deputy Simon in going forward with purchasing a membership with Sam's Club and purchasing items through that vendor when feasible. Will be put on the March 10<sup>th</sup> agenda as an action item.

Reviewed the job description for an Administrative Assistant for the Sheriff. Reviewed the qualifications and questions that Commissioners had regarding the form the Sheriff had submitted. Commissioner Naillon asked Sheriff Maydole what the goal is for having an Administrative Assistant, Sheriff Maydole explained the current scheduling for the Sheriff's Office, employment status and training. Sheriff Maydole will rework the job description and bring it back for more discussion at the special meeting scheduled for March 20, 2025.

**Claims:** Commissioner Naillon had some questions regarding some of the claims that were submitted. After review Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve claims through 02/25/2025 in the amount of \$345,511.78 with no additions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden, motion passed.

Current Expense	\$ 52,547.46
Road & Bridge	\$ 44,996.66
Rodeo Grounds	\$ 79.00
Health District	\$ 12,994.50
District Court	\$ 100.00
Revaluation	\$ 443.61
Solid Waste	\$ 100.00
LATCF	\$229,173.30
Emergency Comm	\$ 9.00
Auditors Trust	<u>\$ 5,068.25</u>

**TOTAL** **\$345,511.78**

The meeting was recessed at 11:18 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve claims through 02/25/2025 in amount of \$584.21, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden, motion passed unanimously. Minutes for the 02/10/2025 will be presented at the 03/10/2025 meeting. Reconvened to the regular meeting at 11:21 AM.

Deputy Clerk Hawkins will write a letter in support to the BLM for the Commissioners in regards to the proposed Jimmy Smith Lake trail.

Commissioners discussed the easement for the solid waste site in Mackay and the future planning that is going to have to be addressed. Discussed the future of the Stanley Site and getting an employee, agreed that the Stanley site is a priority.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:01 PM and reconvened again at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Hawkins, Cindy Kimball and Randy Ivie in attendance.

**South Custer Ambulance:** Randy Ivie and Cindy Kimball attended as representatives for the South Custer Ambulance. It was discussed that the third-party medical billing company, SoleStone Reimbursement Services, isn't a good fit for the Ambulance service anymore. The ambulance transports are not being billed in a timely manner, if at all. Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia gave a handout of other companies that offer medical billing services and other options that could be reviewed if the Commissioners decided that this would be beneficial. Kimball agreed that the communication with SoleStone Reimbursement Service is lacking and she has a hard time getting in touch with them regarding billing and trainings. Ivie advised that there were at least fourteen (14) transports just in December, which reimbursement has not

been sent for. The Commissioners agreed that a new medical billing company should be selected and asked for additional information to be presented. Giampedraglia will contact Lemhi County in regards to their ambulance biller and Kimball will contact Butte County Ambulance. Ivie would like to have the prospective company provide a list of information that is needed for each transport.

Ivie and Kimball reported that the new ambulance is very nice and working well. They are currently holding an EMT class for new members and have seven participants. The local fire department went through their annual rating system and the City of Mackay received the rating of a town class (TC) 4, which is a very good rating for a rural department.

**LRED:** Mike Evans gave information on the Rural Development Grant they have been working on for some time. They have two websites and a Facebook page. Have been working on a report to identify where consumer spending is leaving the county due to insufficient local service and business offerings. Had their Quarterly Board of Directors meeting on January 30, 2025. Discussed Proud Source Water expansion, the status of Konnex Resources permitting, and a potential new business to be added to the High Country Tech Park. Working with City of Mackay, Konnex and Rural Development to complete an infrastructure study for Mackay. Working with BLM on the distribution of a Family Friendly Hiking map. The LRED building was tested and the existence of radon was identified, the City of Mackay is still testing and trying to find a remedy to ventilation. Bob Bagley joined the meeting. There are several events scheduled for this year and Bob has completed a yearly events calendar for the Lost River Valley.

**Fair board:** David Barnhard advised that the Fair has been scheduled for 7/28/25 to 8/2/25. They are having problems with the exhibit building that was built in 1976 of galvanized metal, and it is again leaking. There is an avenue that they can pursue and are in the process but the extent of the water damage and continued leaking is extreme. Have had three incidents resulting from the non-ADA compliant bleachers and they need to be discussed in the near future. Also have a problem with the electrical utilities for the grounds, have gotten a bid from one contractor for this replacement as the electrical is no longer up to code in sections. Poultry barn will be reset this year with electrical installed. Still do not have a secretary hired for the Fair board, have three applicants to review and hopefully will have someone hired at the March meeting. Commissioner Naillon advised that someone that could assist with writing grants would be beneficial is possible, as grants may be what is needed for the upcoming expenses. Have been wanting to put a cover over the show arena for many years, have had it bid several times and Cathy Brower is working on a grant for this again. Commissioner Vaden had a few questions regarding the market animal sale and discussion ensued. Still have a problem with concessions as the kitchen is not quite equipped and vendors are already booked, is a continued problem. Brought up some sort of fencing for around the RV parking area as there has been damage from free access, Commissioner Naillon suggested jack fencing that would be temporary but deter damage. Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia asked about the financial

information for auditing as the Auditor for the County has asked about this information, Barnhard advised that he would look into this and get the information up to the Clerk's office.

Meeting recessed to travel back to Custer County Courthouse at 3:30 PM. The regular meeting was reconvened at 4:30 AM at the Custer County Commissioners Room. Those present: Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Emergency Manager Lisa Benson, and Commissioner Gordon Vaden via telephone.

**Emergency Management:** Lisa Benson advised that she had worked with Josh from CRG Critical Response Group (mapping of schools and large buildings) he provided a proposal for mapping the schools in our area. Benson had spoken with Superintendent Rembelski who advised that they are already working with a company for this type of services. Benson would like to work more with the School District and see what needs are, if any. Completed two FEMA Courses and have three more that she will be completing. Two men from the National Weather Service met with Benson in regards to providing assistance to Custer County if needed. Attended the CEDA Community Meeting and felt that it was very beneficial. Will be providing sandbags to the Road & Bridge Department for the public use, will also have sandbags in Stanley and Mackay. Her computer and accessories arrived and she is still having some issues that Jonathan will have to assist her with. Clerk Baker and Benson gave an update on a Zoom meeting held with the Sawtooth Valley Wildland Collaborative, the next meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM via Zoom.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to sign off on the grant adjustment through the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the corrections and additions to the Custer County Vehicle Purchase Policy and the Custer County Personnel Policy, motion seconded by Commissioner Naillon, motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.



Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk

  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman

Custer County Commissioner Chairman