

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
August 25, 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, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Road & Bridge: Brandon reported that they will begin their annual chipping projects tomorrow. He is working with Lost River Highway Dist. and they are providing 5 trucks with drivers for the job. Lucas has also allowed Brandon to use their roadside mower to take down the weeds and brush. This partnership between Custer Co. Road & Bridge and Lost River Highway Dist. is a huge benefit to both entities. Brandon updated the Board on a possibility of selling the unused tanker trailer and purchasing gravel product with the proceeds. It was agreed that the un-usable tanker be sold. The grading crews are finishing up Bayhorse Road today. The crew will then move to Pahsimeroi and help catch up on the road shaping work ahead of the chipping project. Commissioner Naillon has received calls about the dusty conditions on Lanier Lane, due to the increase in truck and trailer traffic. Brandon verified that it receives regular application of dust suppressant when it is bladed twice a year. He will check the conditions. The identification stickers for the Stanley solid waste roll-offs were discussed. They are only needed on the drivers' side to verify the owner at the landfill for billing, when being unloaded.

Public Comment: Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse attended to inform the Commissioners about the upcoming increase in tipping fees at the Lemhi County Landfill. He currently pays \$52.00 per ton and it is rumored to be raised to \$100.00 per ton for out of county solid waste. In 2024 he paid \$108,000.00 in tipping fees and this will be a 92% increase in charges which makes it unaffordable. Jefferson County currently charges \$42.00 per ton at the Mud Lake landfill. This is 130 miles one way, vs 60 miles one way to Lemhi Co. It was agreed by the Board members that a meeting needs to be set up with the Lemhi County Commissioners to discuss this increase. Wendell has checked into solid waste compactors and they cost between \$1 million and \$2 million dollars. He has also looked into municipal grinders and they cost around \$450,000.00. Equipment like a grinder or compactor would allow for much better efficiency with trucking costs. Currently Wendell figures \$2.70 per mile for his trucking costs. His trucks average between 8 and 9 ton of solid waste per trip to Salmon. If he could haul 18 ton per load to Jefferson Co. then the trucking costs would about equal out between landfills. He voiced his preference for "walking floor trailers" vs "end dump trailers" when hauling big loads as they are much safer when unloading. All agreed that whenever possible the Mackay solid waste needs to be hauled to the Butte County landfill when they can accept it. Many options were discussed on just how to handle such a large increase and still take care of solid waste in Custer County. Using different landfills; building a tipping floor and containment building; installing a compactor and/or grinder; land space required for a compacting system; truck & trailer options; etc.

North Custer Rodeo: Myla Naillon attended and updated the Board on the \$3,000 Grant they received from Ag West. They will put that money into their tractor fund. The income from the Braun Brothers Reunion camping was very good this year and folks seem to really like the location. They are having issues with the septic system as it is not draining like it should. Myla's research shows no record of the septic tanks ever being pumped. They were installed in 1996. She has a quote from Custer Septic to pump both tanks for \$1,500.00 and is requesting assistance with payment of this expense. Commissioner Will Naillon recused himself from any decisions made. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion for Custer County to cover the cost of pumping the septic system at the Custer Co. Rodeo Grounds, up to \$1,500.00 from the Building & Grounds funds. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Myla then reported that the dead trees have been removed and 3 new Aspen trees will be planted in the spring. They are still working on getting the entire site fenced for contestant & livestock safety.

Commissioner Vaden reported on the latest Fair Board Meeting. He wanted to verify the cost of electrical hook-up for the new Chicken Barn is \$750.00 will be paid with the Building & Grounds funds.

Liquor License: The following list of Custer County business were approved for their 2025/2026 Liquor Licenses by individual Motion from Commissioner Naillon, second by Commissioner Vaden and unanimous aye votes.

Outlanders 7C	Ace If Diamonds LLC (Casino Club)
Y-Inn Café	Stanley RV and Camp LLC
Sawtooth Spirits	Clayton Silver Bar

A catering permit was approved by a motion from Commissioner Naillon, seconded by Commissioner Vaden and unanimous aye votes for Capital Bar LLC, - August 30th & 31st – in front of the Rocky Mountain Ranch.

Commissioner Vaden moved for approval of a 2025/2026 liquor license with a second by Commissioner Naillon for Rickard L. Miller LLC (formerly Sammy's Mini Mart) motion was approved unanimously.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker informed the Board that Custer County has received the \$35,000 Economic Development Grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce. This is what supports CEDA and Jolie Oerke the Administrator. Clerk Baker notified the commissioners that there will be late L2's from the Schools and City. They have requested Sept. 10th as new due date. The US Forest Service RAC fuel wood program has offered a Grant to Custer County of \$63,000.00 this year. A motion to accept the modification of grant agreement as proposed by the USFS fuelwood program was made by Commissioner Naillon, seconded by Commissioner Vaden and passed unanimously. Discussion was held on making sure the Mackay area receives firewood as well as the Challis area. Clerk Baker has met with the State Insurance Fund and the new rate depends on the amount of wages that are paid. The safety meetings that our department heads hold provide Custer County with a 20% discount on State Insurance Fund rates.

Ground Water District: Loy Pehrson attended and updated the Board on his efforts with Clerk Lura Baker to get a Ground Water District established in the Mackay area. He spoke on just how critical this is to Custer County.

The information received from Stanley Mayor Steve Botti about the "city area of impact" was looked over. It was decided to get him on the Sept. 8th meeting agenda. He will be contacted by Secretary Hawkins. The Planning & Zoning training class that has been set up for October 9th, 6:30PM at the CEDA building through ICA with Seth was discussed. Zoom connections will be provided for P&Z Chairman Brant Tritthart to attend. Commissioner Vaden will contact Brant and work out the details.

Emergency Management: Clerk Baker reported on behalf of Lisa Benson. The IOEM earthquake resilience building inspections are being conducted on Custer Telephone and City of Challis buildings today. The All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Custer County is due to be updated. Lisa is communicating with North Wind on costs and how to proceed. The Em. Mgmt. class scheduled for Oct. in Boise has been cancelled. The Annual Preparedness Conference will be in Moscow, Oct. 28 – 30. They will pay the registration and hotel fees and reimburse our travel costs. It is suggested that the Emergency Manager, the IT representative and a County Commissioner attend. She needed the Board's suggestions. The Konexus invoice for the final IPAWS payment of \$3,279.94 was received. This contract will expire in 2026. This payment is due by month end, but she can get reimbursement once it is paid.

Weeds: There have been complaints about the noxious weeds at the Thompson Cr. Mine site. Brett has contacted the mine but received no response as yet. He will call again. Superintendent Plummer updated the Board on the expansion plans for the CWMA into South Custer and Butte County. Brett has been working with the ID State Dept. of Ag. on this matter. No CWMS funds for South Custer are being paid to the Custer County Weed Department. The lack of a CWMA agreement in that area is the problem. Brett is also working with the Lost River Highway Dept. to set up a roadside spray program to address their weed problem. All understand that getting someone to spray weeds in the Mackay area has been a problem for years. A possible staffing solution is being looked into by the Weed Department.

The meeting was recessed at 10:22 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance. The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:25 AM.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$406,893.89. This includes one addition for Konexus/IPAWS payment of \$3,279.94. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	197,530.30
Road & Bridge	22,109.99
Battleground Mosqt.	305.58
District Court	134.29
Rodeo Grounds	88.03
Solid Waste	17,427.78
Weeds	377.93
LACTF	168,119.87
Em. Communications	<u>800.12</u>
TOTAL	\$406,893.89

Commissioner Vaden moved that the minutes from the 8/11/25 regular commissioners meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved that the minutes from the 8/12/25 Public Hearing for Solid Waste Fees be approved, Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon moved that the minutes from the 8/19/25 Public Hearing for Solid Waste Fees be approved, Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Discussion was then held on the open meeting laws and what is required for all public boards.

Prosecutor: Paul Rogers attended and fielded the Board questions about legal requirements. For Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes, the State Code 74-405 was reviewed and double checked. A copy will be passed on to the Planning & Zoning Administrator. The public notice requirements for silent auction sales were also discussed. The right-of-way designation for a city alley way that goes through the courthouse parking lot was brought forward by Commissioner Naillon. It was decided to take a right-of-way vacation request to the City of Challis so any future construction project is not compromised by this un-used alley right-of-way designation. The property lines around the Custer Co. solid waste site near Challis were also discussed. Future solid waste improvements could require an agreement between the City of Challis and Custer County

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 for a lunch break. The regular meeting was reconvened at 1:30 PM attended by Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli and Deputy Clerk Hawkins.

Liquor License: Commissioner Naillon moved to grant Dana's Place a 2025/2026 Liquor License. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Probation up to 1:50 PM from 2:00 PM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Probation: Officer Aletia Straub-Workman attended and reported that her new pistol is ordered, but she is still waiting for it to arrive. She presented her monthly report and responded to Board member questions. Aletia asked how the Board would like her to handle her Assistant Coroner hours in conjunction with her Probation hours worked. The Board deferred to the Clerk's discretion.

The meeting was recessed to do a Jail Inspection with Jail Administrator Linda DuBiel. The meeting reconvened at 2:25 PM.

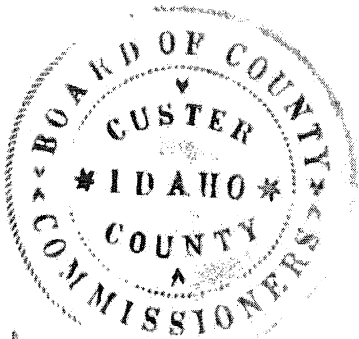
Sheriff: Sheriff Maydole attended. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 2:31 PM for personnel under 74-206(1)(a). Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Those attending were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Sheriff Maydole, Clerk Baker and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 2:38 PM. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the transfer of 150 hours of sick leave from the Sheriffs' office staff to another staff member, according to county policy. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Sheriff Maydole

then informed the Board of their need for a side-by-side trailer for the Sheriffs department. Commissioner Naillon suggested Maydole contact Brett Plummer in the Weed Department and see if the UTV trailer they are trying to sell would be acceptable. The Sheriff has some funding from Public Lands that can be utilized for this purpose. Commissioner Naillon updated Sheriff Maydole on the responses received for the Proposed Jail RFQ. He is forwarding all questions about specific needs on to the Sheriff. Clerk Baker reported she sent RFQ information out to 18 companies via e-mail and 3 via U.S. mail.

Clerk Lura Baker has begun the Ground Water District paperwork process with the ad in the newspaper. This advertising has cost \$657.00

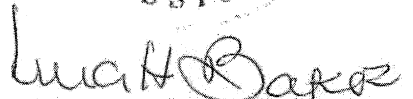
Planning & Zoning: Jessica Clemenhausen reported that Bryan Wilson has picked up a Subdivision Amendment application. He was also told to contact a surveyor by the P&Z Office. Jessica is doing more field work and is able to follow up on leads given to her by the public. She is getting some interest in the Planning & Zoning Board membership opening. The legal requirements for P&Z Meeting minutes are that "minutes must be kept" although they are not required to be a full transcript, were verified by Prosecutor Rogers. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to accept and approve the Findings of Facts for the Partial Vacation request for Kootenai Way. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. The Thompson Cr. Mine is planning on building on their property within the Blue Bird Estates. Some of the neighbors are against this. The mine housing located behind Tad Berry's Custer Septic business is being zeroed in on, to find the definitions for RV camping/living and tiny homes.

The forthcoming Challis Airport meeting information was shared with the entire board. With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 P.M.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk