

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
September 22, 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, Clerk Lura Baker and Administrative Assistant Tina Hawkins in attendance. Also attending were Jake Southwick and Ben Bingham with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones introduced Jake Southwick and Ben Bingham to the Board members. He then laid out a brief history of the Garden Creek Road projects. Custer County is now on Phase II of the Garden Creek Road rebuild, working with LHTAC. Three Options for completing Phase II of the Garden Cr. Road were explained by Jake and the costs involved. Option #3 will cost \$3.2 million and is the only one that is affordable for Custer County. The rock face along the road, just as you cross the Garden Cr. bridge is the most expensive portion of this project. There will be .24 miles of road replaced but the big job is building the 15-foot-wide clean out area along the base of this rock face. Ben reported they are working hard to stay off of any private property and minimize any required purchase of land. When this Phase II section is complete there are only 2.58 more miles of Garden Cr. road to rebuild, and the cost estimate for that is \$18 million. Phase II will get all of the right-of-way work completed and also all of the design work. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to move ahead with LHTAC Alternative #3 at a cost of \$3.233 million dollars. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Brandon is working with a landowner on a place to dump the rock that will be removed, to minimize trucking costs. The LHTAC representatives then discussed the Morgan Creek safety project. The environmental work is done and they will be going out to bid soon. This will be paid through Safety Grant Funds at a cost of \$1.3 million. The fish windows will control when the work is done and they will need to be finished up by August.

Brandon reported his findings on the Sterling plow truck computer repairs. This system is strictly handled by eastern suppliers and they do not want to come west to do repairs. Force America is willing to replace the entire computer system at a cost of \$11,675.00, with a system they can service and repair in Idaho. After discussion, Commissioner Naillon moved to approve of the computer replacement by Force America. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Custer Co. Road & Bridge is working with Karma Bragg/CSWCD on replacing the culverts in Kinnikinnik Road. She has been able to fund replacement costs of the #1 culvert through Fish monies that will cover 90%, with the Road & Bridge able to cover 10% with in kind work. A bottomless culvert that is fish friendly is being installed, and the road will be a 2-way road when it is completed. They are now starting the paper work on culvert #2. The letter received from Gem Mercer concerning Stevens Lane was then reviewed. Commissioner Naillon that lives along Stevens Lane recused himself from any decisions. Everyone agreed that the traffic has increased, on this and every other county road. It was also agreed that the vehicle speed increases each time the road is bladed and smoothed out. Stevens Lane is on the R&B blading schedule 2 times a year, with the second scheduled blading coming up soon. Brandon pointed out that a dirt road can only maintain so much traffic before it starts to come apart. Other Idaho counties with the same problems have instigated a program to get problem roads paved. The resident public raises 60% of the cost of paving their road and the County will cover the other 40% of the costs and get the road paved. Currently it costs Custer County \$6,000 per mile to blade a dirt road, with pavement running into the millions. Another possibility discussed was speed limit signage. The recent large increase in Custer County population is overloading our road system, county wide.

Rodeo Grounds: Myla Naillon attended representing the Rodeo Committee. Commissioner Naillon recused himself from the decisions. Myla reported that they were able to hire Rocking D Septic from Arco to come and pump the rodeo ground septic system at a cost of \$550.00. They were able to pinpoint many small water leaks that have contributed to their problems. Myla then asked if she could use the funds saved by hiring Rocking D to repair all the incidental leaks that were found and also winterize the system? The Board approved her request and thanked her for taking such considerate care of the County Rodeo Grounds. The final event of this summer at the Rodeo Grounds was the Koeppen Bucking Horse Futurity. Myla said it was quite a good show and well worth attending.

Liquor License: Commissioner Naillon moved to approve a FY2026 Liquor License for Tree House Expeditions/The River Company in Stanley. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to approve a Liquor License for Lost River Lounge LLC in Mackay. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

Certificate of Residency: After review Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the Certificate of Residency for Tyler Rodgers, Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it carried.

Credit Card Use Applications: The following credit card use was approved by motions from Commissioner Naillon and seconds by Commissioner Vaden. Cal-Med - \$163.90; Lura Baker/jury chairs - \$1,589.85; Lura Baker /refrigerators for court annex - \$1,269.88. The motions passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Clerk from 11:30 AM up to 9:20 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Clerk: Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 9:21 AM for legal under #74-206(1)(f). Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed with unanimous ayes. Those attending were Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:42 AM. The parking lot at the new court annex was then discussed. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to put concrete in the entire parking lot. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This will enable wheelchairs to be used anywhere needed. The Waterways Deputy position was then discussed. Clerk Baker informed the Board that Mackay Deputy Chris Harvey has agreed to take over the Waterways Deputy job along with his regular Deputy position. Everyone was pleased to learn Custer Co. has a Waterways deputy once again. Clerk Baker then presented Resolution #2025-15 Transfer of Funds. The cash carryover amount is \$6,243,625.00. General Fund balance is \$5,633,755.00 with a shortfall of \$609,870.00. The Waterways Fund balance is \$8,956.00 with a shortfall of \$22,650.00. Cash transferred will be 609,870.00 into the General Fund from PILT, and \$22,650.00 into the Waterways Fund from PILT. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to do adopt Resolution #2025-15 and transfer the above funds. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Baker then reported that the final portion of Challis solid waste scale repairs is due, now that the work has been completed. It will be added to the Claims to be approved later today. The Custer County IT situation was then discussed. Lura has researched the problems and costs involved, so will get all the needed information together for the Board to review. The Public Hearing for the vacation of a subdivision was set for Oct. 14th at 6:00 PM.

Prosecutor: Attorney Paul Rogers attended and was questioned about the Whipple Judicial Review. He explained the wording in our county ordinance and how it has affected this judicial review.

Denise Jones/Grant Writing: Zoom connections were made and Denise attended the meeting from Arkansas. The Board inquired about what all she is willing to do on Custer Counties behalf? She stated she would begin with a search to find what funding options are available. Denise asked if information could be sent to her about what other counties have recently built or remodeled their jails or sheriff's offices. She would then put together a spread-sheet on what funding sources are available for our project. At that point she will need additional information from the county on what has already been done, as well as what is needed. She will also look into funding for upkeep of a facility and perhaps staffing. Commissioner Naillon inquired about an estimate of time she would need to do the research. A tentative schedule of 12 hours per week, or 40 hours per month was agreed upon. Denise will keep contact through Admin. Assistant Tina Hawkins and provide monthly reports for the Board on her progress. It was agreed to work from monthly invoices for payment on her services.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Naillon reported on his attendance of the PILT Fly In held in Washington D.C. Sept. 9th thru 12th. He went to Senate and House of Representative offices to help educate our law makers. He understands that IAC will reimburse Custer County for much of the cost of this trip. He felt his time attending was very beneficial. Commissioner Naillon is now Chairman of the Public Lands & Resource Council. The annual meeting will be held in Hawaii this year. The recently increased cost of tipping at the Lemhi Solid Waste Site was

discussed between Custer Co. Commissioners and the Lemhi Co. Commissioners during the IAC meeting. The upshot of it was there would be no change in their tipping fee. The Board then discussed getting a larger truck and trailer to enable Blue Mountain Refuse to haul Custer County solid waste to the Jefferson County land fill that has a substantially lower tipping fee. The discussion then turned to what current solid waste fees were being charged for BLM, ID F&G, and Forest Service installations.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/8/25 Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following FY2025 claims be approved in the amount of \$355,527.82. This will include one addition for Scale Unlimited, Inc for \$18,165.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried:

Current Expense	182,430.82
Road & Bridge	100,166.81
Battleground Msqto.	144.45
Election Fund	29.94
District Court	4,116.57
Rodeo Grounds	176.99
Revaluation	550.31
Solid Waste	39,957.86
Weeds	157.43
PILT	10,361.14
EMG. Comm.	799.52
Auditors Trust	<u>34,800.98</u>
TOTAL	\$373,692.82

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the FY2026 claims in the amount of \$12,840.60. These invoices were from Computer Arts Inc. and Grand Lodge of Idaho. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

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 Admin. Assistant Hawkins.

Lost River Economic Development: LRED President Bob Bagley attended the meeting and provided his report to the Board. Discussion was held on his work gathering sponsorships and other methods of finding funding. Custer Counties support is vital to their office. They are looking to lower the number of board members from 9 to 5, to assist with fielding a quorum at each meeting. Bob reported that the Show & Shine Car Show was a big success with 65 entries. Almost double of last years show attendance. Bob updated the Commissioners on the proposed Ag Store in Mackay. Because of getting no decision from the Mackay City Council, the owner is now considering locating in Leslie or Moore. Information on the Commemorative Christmas Coins was provided. All the proceeds from these coin sales goes to the American Legion Post #16 to help restore their kitchen. This building also serves as the Mackay Community Center. The annual Mackay Halloween Walk has been very successful with 75 kids participating last year.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Probation up to 2:00 PM from the original 3:00 schedule. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried.

Probation: Aletia attended and reported that she has 0 kids in custody at this time. She inquired about what the plan was for the upstairs court facilities, once the Custer County Courts are moved into the new annex building? The Board let her know that there have been no decisions made on that to date. She is going to pick up her new pistol on Thursday.

Jail RFP Selection: All the members of the Selection Committee attended. Clerk Lura Baker, Sheriff Levi Maydole, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, Commissioner Gordon Vaden and Commissioner Randy Corgatelli. Each member provided their Evaluation Rating Sheet scores and the points were tallied. Goldberg Group Architects tallied 51 points, Lombard/Conrad Architects tallied 56.375 points, Babcock Design tallied 52.125 points, Resin Architecture tallied 52.375 points, Schlager/Zimmerman Architects tallied 53.125 points, JHS Architects tallied 50.75 points, Laughlin/Ricks Architecture tallied 56.9375 points and CRA Inc. tallied 58.875 to rise to the top. Commissioner Gordon Vaden moved to select CRA Inc. for the winning RFQ. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Admin. Assistant Hawkins will get the letters written for each company that submitted a proposal. The successful proposal will receive an invite to come and meet with Custer County.

Sheriff: Sheriff Maydole attended and discussed the Mackay Law Enforcement Contract for 2025/2026. Review shows that they are inching up with their fees, but still under what was originally requested. Sheriff Maydole gave his approval of the contract although he had reservations about the smaller dollar amount. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the 2026 Mackay Law Enforcement Contract with the annual payment amount listed at \$50,000.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Sheriff Maydole then presented the need for Phoenix flashlights for his Deputies. They are rechargeable and have a very bright beam. The cost is \$1,522.00 to buy 20 lights. One for each officer and 8 spares for their vests. He verified that he had the funds in his Miscellaneous budget line item. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the purchase of 12 PD-35R lights and 8 PF-2K20R lights at a cost of \$1,522.00. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Stanley Deputy Mike Niemeyer provided his list of needed repairs on the Stanley housing site for the Boards review. All agreed that the repairs need to be done, but done slowly so there is no overspending of the budget. Sheriff Maydole then provided information on two body cameras that are needed. The cost for two cameras is \$1,327.00 annually. He verified he had the funds for the purchase in his budget. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of two more body-cameras for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. The final request for M4 gun lights was made. These lights stay on the rifles permanently and 7 are being requested. The cost for the 7 – MR gun lights is \$1,632.10. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 2:47 PM for legal under #74-206(1)(f). Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Those attending were Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Prosecutor Paul Rodger, Sheriff Levi Maydole and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 2:55 PM.

Credit Card Approval: A request for use of the county credit card by Clerk Lura Baker for purchase of office chairs and garbage cans for the Court Annex building in the amount of \$2,516.72 was received. Commissioner Naillon moved that the credit card use be approved, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

A motion to amend the agenda and move Solid Waste from 3:30 to 3:00 was made by Commissioner Naillon. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Solid Waste: Brandon Jones attended and reported that he is working with King James Vinyl Sign Co./Tammy Sins on the additional signage that is needed at the Stanley solid waste site. They plan to recycle some of the old road signs that aren't needed. The Stanley Solid Waste Operating Plan, requested by the SNRA was then gone over to get corrections taken care of. The list of "Items not accepted" was reviewed and edited. Brandon got board approval to have the big garage doors adjusted so they will open more easily for the site operator. He will be sure that there are two shovels and a Pulaski on site as the operation plan states. He will also get a "spill cache" put together for the Stanley site.


Road & Bridge Dept.: Brandon updated the Board on equipment that is needed for the new Road & Bridge pickup truck. They need to install a tool box, fuel tanks and the lighting system. The Board gave approval to purchase the equipment needed and get it installed.

Prosecutor: Paul Rogers returned to the meeting and updated the Commissioners on the Alan Bruce case. It will be going to a jury trial. Commissioner Naillon then inquired about what the legal requirements were for a county Waterways patrol deputy. Prosecutor Rogers agreed to research that and get back to the Board. The question was then asked if the solid waste fees for government entities were raised more than 5%, was a Public Hearing needed. Paul verified that Yes, any fee increases above 5% required public notice and public hearings. The Whipple C.U.P. Appeal case was then discussed. The recent Judicial Review process was explained and the Custer County Ordinances that need to be looked at. The Judicial Review that is upcoming for Living Waters Ranch was also discussed.


Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker brought copies of the 2026 Salary Order for review and approval. It was agreed that the Janitor compensation would remain the same and the snow removal job would be let out for bid. After further discussion and confirmations, Commissioner Vaden moved to approve and adopt the FY2026 Salary Order. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden then made a motion to approve the Juvenile Justice Funds Agreement as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

With no further business before the Board of Commissioner the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.



on behalf of 
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk