

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
September 8, 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, Weed Superintendent Brett Plummer, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett reported on the bid walk he attended at the Thompson Cr. Mine site. They have a serious noxious weed problem. He is working with Pat Silvers to help them get the issue resolved. Brett has scheduled to do spray work in Lower Loon Creek, Lower Mahoney Bar and some trails on Sept. 25 & 26th in the backcountry, weather permitting. The weed department has received responses from the letters that were sent out to the Stevens Gulch Homestead owners. They are getting working relationships set up to solve the weed problem. Brett will be out of the area Sept. 15th thru 17th.

Road & Bridge: Clerk Lura Baker advertised the bid request for the mobile water tanker in the Challis Messenger per Idaho code. One bid was received from Gail Lim Construction and opened by the Board of Commissioners. The bid was for \$755.00. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to accept the \$755.00 bid from Gail Lim Construction. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. R&B Supervisor Brandon Jones will send the bid acceptance letter. Supervisor Jones then reported that the Garden Creek Road/Phase II concept report has been received. There will be a tour of the project held, before the report is completed and returned. The Board was invited to attend the tour. Brandon then reported that the KPFF and LHTAC will be coming to review the re-habilitation project on the Salmon River Bridge at Squaw Creek at 10:00 AM. on Wednesday Sept. 10th. Again the Board members were invited to attend if possible. One of the road grading crews is working hard on the Upper Pahsimeroi Road getting it re-shaped ahead of the scheduled capping work. It is slow going due to the rocks and lack of materials. Next week the re-capping project will begin with the assistance of the Lost River Highway District and Getty Excavating trucks. The plan is to recap as many miles as they have materials and time to get done. Brandon has received appreciation phone calls from the ranchers that will be using the route to ship cattle this fall. The Spar Canyon Road was washed out again by flash floods. Road & Bridge has an excavator and a dozer on site trying to get the route re-opened. The road is declared closed and there are barricades, but some people are going through anyway. The wash out is not as bad as last year, but R&B will need to haul in rock to harden some areas. It is not expected to be closed for very long. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 8:20 AM for legal and risk management under 74-206(1)(f)(i). Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Those attending were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Brandon Jones, Clerk Baker and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 8:28 AM. Discussion was then held on the Museum road in Stanley. With the adjoining wetlands it is understood that the ID Dept of Water Resources, the Fisheries Departments and the Army Corp. of Engineers will all be involved. Brandon then reported that the chip/seal project that was planned for the City of Challis got bumped due to the rain. The City and R&B have made plans to double the amount sealed next year to get the work completed. Having good working relationships with the City and Lost River Highway Dist. is a huge benefit for Custer County. The big garage doors on the Stanley solid waste site building are out of adjustment and need repairs. The Board approved Brandon to contact local talent to get the repairs done.

Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse attended to confirm to the Commissioners the increase in tipping fees at the Lemhi County Landfill to \$100.00 per ton for Blue Mountain Refuse. They are charging Lemhi Sanitation \$35.00 per ton. With the time required for legally advertising any rate increases, this will bankrupt Wendell in 3 months. The Board will confer with the Lemhi Commissioners about delaying the increase two months to allow Blue Mountain to get their fees in line with their expenses. Discussion was held on what other options the County needs to check into.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker reported on the struggles the taxing districts have had with L2 reporting. Of the 14 districts 8 are still trying to get the report done correctly and only 5 have completed the report. The original deadline is passed. It was decided by the Board of Commissioners that next year L2 Workshops need to be held in each community to provide lessons on how to get the reports done on time. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the L2's for 2026 per corrections handled by Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Lura then presented the 2026 Budget of \$25,662,517.00 for FY 2026. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the budget as presented, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to adopt the budget for Battle Ground Mosquito District for FY 2026. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to accept Resolution #2025-12 – Battle Ground Mosquito FY 2026 Budget. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to adopt the South Custer Ambulance Budget for FY 2026 and Resolution #2025-13. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon moved to adopt the Custer County FY 2026 Budget Resolution #2025-14, Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve and accept the CEDA Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Indigent: Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 9:40 AM for exempt records under 74-206(1)(d). Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Those attending were Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Chief Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:44 AM. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the cremation expenses paid to Jones & Casey Funeral Home for Indigent #25-01. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer provided her monthly reports to the Board of Commissioners.

Clerk: Lura reviewed the National Opioid Settlement funds that the County receives each year. In the past they have been forwarded to the Health District. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the Purdue & Slacker Family Settlement funds, and they be sent to the Health District. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Baker has received notice of Legislative pass through funds for the ID Dept. of Juvenile Corrections. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 9:50 AM 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, Clerk Lura Baker, and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:52 AM.

Lemhi County Commissioners: A Zoom connection was made between the Custer County Commissioners meeting and the Lemhi County Commissioners meeting at 10:00 AM. Discussion began with Commissioner Naillon requesting the delay of the \$100 tipping fee at the Lemhi landfill for Blue Mountain Refuse until November 2025. The Lemhi County Clerk agreed to check with their attorney to see if it was possible, and get back to Clerk Baker with the answer. The next question was "Did Lemhi County wish to continue pursuing establishment of their own Natural Resource Advisory Committee?" The Lemhi Clerk asked if these meeting could be done over a Zoom connection? The Custer Commissioners agreed that it was possible and they will be placed on the Agenda for the second meeting of each month at 10:00 AM. All agreed that it was good to be able to meet and abide by the letter of open meeting laws. The Zoom meeting closed at 10:15 AM.

Loy Pehrson/Upper Big Lost River Ground Water District: Attending were Loy Pehrson and Ron & Lori Babaneau. The Babaneau's attended to verify that they were not going to be included in another ground water association, as they already belong to one. Loy explained that he is not in a ground water district and that is why this one is being created. Clerk Lura Baker has placed the required legal notification ads in the newspaper on Aug. 11th, 16th and 25th. Commissioner Vaden made a motion that the petition for the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water District be approved and the public hearing be set for October 6th at 10:00 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed.

City of Stanley: Attending were Stanley Mayor Steve Botti, Stanley City Clerk Hannah Fake and Planning & Zoning Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen. Mayor Botti reported on projects the City of Stanley is working on. They are upgrading the City Park with additional rest rooms at the Redfish Trailhead, putting in more parking space and moving the old ice rink entirely to City property. Steve Botti then presented information on the Area of City Impact that has not changed since it was established in 1997. The City is required to update the information every 5 years. Stanley plans to annex the parcel where the proposed workforce housing will be built. This will involve Forest Service lands and the City of Stanley and requires the formal adoption of the Stanley Area of Impact. The City and County are required to hold public hearings. Hannah will get the necessary information to Clerk Lura Baker. Possible dates of Oct 6th or 13th were tossed out.

Steve then went into issues with the road at the workforce housing site. Maps were provided to show what the developer is wanting. With the recent Supreme Court ruling on jurisdictional wetlands there could be some leeway. The City of Stanley is presenting their plan to the Army Corps. Of Engineers to get things cleared up. Brandon Jones/R&B Supt. estimated the distance of road realignment and estimated a cost of \$80K. The present road is a single track and it needs to be widened to two lanes for those living in the workforce housing. The real possibility of wetland mitigation was also discussed, and how to handle it. Commissioner Naillon suggested direct communication between the R&B Dept. and City of Stanley. A field trip was planned to get the actual measurements on the road footprint. Jolie Turek/CEDA Admin. Inquired about funding for this project. She is able to apply for GEM Grants and they accept "in kind work" that can be done by the R&B Dept. Everyone agreed that by working together the project will move forward. The plan is to get the ground work started in the spring of 2026, with the actual housing construction being done in 2027.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the 2026 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Stanley. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it was approved and signatures applied. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 11:52 AM for personnel under 74-206(1)(a). Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Those attending were Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, P&Z Adm. Jessica Clemenhagen, and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 11:59 AM.

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. Agency personnel attending were Michael Fuller and Casey Johnson from the SNRA and Dave Hilliard and Robert Taylor from the BLM.

Agencies:

BLM: Dave reported on the "Dusty Lizard Campout" that was held at the Old Sawmill Station area upriver. It was understood that they charged \$300.00 for their maps and suggestions, but they were not guiding anyone. The BLM has sent letters explaining the permit process to them and a group calling themselves "Off the Grid Therapy". This group is hosting camping/fishing excursions in the area. The BLM is anticipating a request for expanding the waste rock area for Thompson Creek Mine. There are also rumblings that the Konnex Mine in Mackay is going to submit a new Plan of Operations. The acting State Director June Shoemaker has fulfilled her 8-month duty station. Currently Kimberly Kprill from Nevada is now the acting State Director. Commissioner Naillon asked about the Herd Creek Road condition? Some areas have sluffed into the road due to heavy rain, and it could become dangerous for trucks and trailers to cross them. Dave will check into it and get the BLM road crew involved. They have not hired any new crew members, as it remains frozen through mid-October.

Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Casey Johnson reported their work on the dead trees lining Highway 75. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for their letter. Mike reported that their road crew has been working on the Iron Creek Road and has it in good condition again. The Fire Protection District is very active in the Sawtooth Valley and arrangements were made to haul the chipped understory to the Stanley solid waste site. Commissioners requested that Tucker Flatten weigh the first few loads, and then keep count of the total number of loads that are taken to the site for billing purposes. When asked about space to dump them, it was agreed that the amount of chips doesn't matter, as they will all be burned this winter by the Forest Service. The Sawtooth National Forest is still in Stage 1 fire restrictions. Their officers have written 100's of warnings and tickets this summer for unattended and unextinguished campfires. A ticket for an unattended campfire will cost you \$260.00. They are creating an ADA Trail into Crescent lake for the disabled veterans' group "Higher Ground". The trail is usable for

wheelchairs and goes along a good portion of the lake side. The next job is to repair the access road into the lake to make it smooth enough for the mini-vans than most disabled folks use. Everyone agreed that such access is a great improvement for our veterans. Mike then inquired about the water well plans for the Sheriff's housing area. Commissioner Vaden has been in touch with Mr. Hendricks the well driller and it will be the spring of 2026 perhaps May when it gets drilled. Casey reported on 4 acres of land that has been gifted to the City of Stanley to facilitate the infrastructure connections for the workforce housing development. All agreed that workforce housing is desperately needed in the Stanley area.

Solid Waste: The proposed increase in Custer County solid waste fees were discussed and all the comments from the public hearings considered. The need to purchase a truck and trailer to haul maximum loads to a landfill was discussed. Wendell Gohn will be contacted by Commissioner Naillon about equipment costs and employees. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to set the Custer County solid waste fees at \$100.00 per year for Residential and \$200.00 per year for Commercial. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the credit card use application presented by Clerk Lura Baker for court annex furnishing and supplies in the amount of \$1,578.99. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Liquor Licenses: Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the 2025/2026 Liquor license application for Sunbeam LLC. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the 2025/2026 Liquor License applications for Bear Bottom Inn and the River Park Golf Course. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the minutes of the 8/25/25 Commissioners Meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the minutes of the 8/11/2025 Wilson Partial Road Vacation Public Hearing as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was recessed at 2:20 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance. The regular meeting was reconvened at 2:23 PM.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$100,239.73. This includes one addition for Lura Baker of \$1,578.99, and SY Electric for \$700.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	32,235.45
Road & Bridge	28,382.01
Election Fund	645.25
District Court	8,159.15
Rodeo Grounds	37.99
Revaluation	6,067.00
Solid Waste	3,387.87
Weeds	17,194.86
Waterways	147.15
Drug Trust	<u>3,983.00</u>
TOTAL	\$100,239.73

Sheriff: Sheriff Maydole attended and presented information on the "inReach Consumer Plan" to keep the Range Patrol deputy in touch with dispatch at a cost of \$29.99 per month. This enables two-way messaging via the global iridium satellite network. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the "inReach" plan at a cost of \$29.99 per month for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. The trailer needed for the Range Patrol Deputy has not been purchased. The trailer offered by the Weed Department is way to large for some of the roads he will be driving. The deputy is still searching for a good used trailer of the right size. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the use of up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a good used ATV trailer for the Range Deputy's use. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Levi then brought the Board up to date on the communications refit being done through White Cloud Communications. Phase I/Dispatch consoles

have been ordered and the work is being done. Phase II/Patrol vehicle radios is the next step. The quotation from White Cloud Communications for the needed updates including Starlink has been received. The Skymira radio equipment cost per vehicle is \$5,102.50; the Skymira dispatch equipment cost is \$4,411.00; the Kenwood VHF radio, equipment and installation labor totaled \$2,001.24. This brought the quote total to \$11,514.74. Sheriff Maydole understood that this would be paid out of the Emergency Communications budget line. The annual fees from Skymira for dispatch and 12 patrol vehicles (\$84.00 each) will be \$780.00 per year. The total cost to re-fit all 12 Sheriff patrol vehicles will be around \$93,000.00. Phase III will address the repeaters. The Board requested the breakdown of individual costs for the total package, per each Phase. Sheriff Maydole then inquired about providing a uniform allowance to the Dispatchers. He set aside \$1,000.00 in his annual budget and would like to give each dispatcher a \$100.00 for uniform shirts. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the \$100.00 per year uniform allowance for Custer County Sheriff Dispatchers. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

Elections: The meeting was moved up to the Clerks Office for the demonstration of a tabulating machine by the Election Systems & Services representative, Lori Mommaerts. Attending the demonstration along with Commissioner Corgatelli and Commissioner Vaden were Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Emily Schwarting, Chief Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Lynsey Harris, and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. Custer County election workers in 2025 had some problems in the ballot counting rooms, due to the extremely long hours worked. The use of a tabulation machine is being considered to solve these issues. Lori provided a demonstration of how the machine is set up and how it counts and tabulates the ballots. A special secure USB stick is created for each election that is recognized by the machine. A standard USB stick cannot be used. Each precinct ballot will be recognized by the machine during the tabulation process. Special time stamp ballot paper is available for the print on demand machines that Custer County uses. ES&S services the machines that they sell as long as they are being used in the field. Discussion was held on the difficulties arising when a change of process is made in the Custer County elections. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested that a representative from each precinct be invited to come and witness the ballot tabulation process. He also suggested getting two tabulation machines, so one could be used in the Mackay and Leslie precincts, and the other in the Challis, Clayton, Round Valley 1 & 2 precincts. Upon checking the Election budget line, Commissioner Vaden made a motion to purchase two of the DS300 Poll Place Scanner & Tabulating machines from Election Systems & Services at a cost of \$10,372.00 each. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Lisa Benson attended and reported on the seismic inspection plans that were done at Challis City Hall and Custer Telephone. She voiced her disappointment that more businesses didn't participate. She has received funds from the State to reimburse the County for the cost of her laptop computer. Discussion was held on who would be attending the IOEM Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference held in Moscow, Idaho on October 28th-30th. Lisa and Commissioner Vaden confirmed, with the final attendee undecided. It is recommended that the IT Person for each County attend, so Johnathan Huse will be notified. Lisa then reported on the Mackay Dam tour that she attended on Sept. 3rd. They were working on Part 1 – Spillway repairs. A temporary bridge system is being considered to get the needed concrete out to the control tower site. R&B Supt. Brandon Jones let her know about a temporary bridge that is housed in Salmon that can be scheduled for use.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker asked the Board members to check their calendars for a date that the Mountain Ash Meadows Subdivision Vacation public hearing could be held. The remaining budget was reviewed for Solid waste to see how much funding is available for needed purchases.

Denise Jones/Grant Writer: Denise Jones attended and provided the Board of Commissioners with her qualifications and background information. In a quick search she has located information on Federal funds for jails that could be a possibility. She was provided with the RFP request information on the proposed Jail that Custer County is needing to finance. Compensation methods for her efforts were then discussed. A starting figure of \$40.00 per hour for research was tossed out. Due to the lack of a full Board and Denise's travel itinerary no decision was made. A Zoom meeting will be set up for Sept. 22nd to finalize arrangements.


Jail/Sheriff Office Committee: The committee members attending were Clerk Lura Baker, Sheriff Levi Maydole, R&B Supt. Brandon Jones, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli and Commissioner Gordon Vaden. The eight (8) responses to the Request For Proposals on the proposed Custer County Jail and Sheriff's Office were then opened. Clerk Lura Baker will provide scoring sheets to each member to use, as they go over each proposal. Proposals were received from "Goldberg Groups Architect", "Babcock Design", "Resin Architecture", "Schlager – Zimmerman Architects", "JHS Architects P.A.", "Lombard – Conrad Architects", "Laughlin Ricks Architecture" and "CRA Architects". Each committee member received a copy of their proposals to review and score.

With no further business before the Board of Commissioner the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk