

**Custer County**  
**Commissioner Meeting Proceedings**  
**December 30, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Steve Smith, Commissioner Jake Zollinger, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

**Road & Bridge:** Supervisor Brandon Jones updated all on the snow plowing schedule. All is going well to date. He is working on a Grant for planning on Wildfire Mitigation Projects in conjunction with Boise Co. and Idaho Co. This will mainly be for the Stanley and Yankee Fork areas. The needed tool boxes have been ordered for the new plow trucks, and are to arrive in January. The Hot Springs Road Meeting was then discussed. Commissioner Zollinger commended Brandon on his ability to keep the meeting on track. Reducing the highway speed was the number 1 request from area residents. The condition of the gates at the Stanley Solid Waste site was then discussed. Photos of the gates in their repaired condition were shown around. The R&B was able to straighten and reuse the gates. Everyone expressed their appreciation of the excellent Christmas Party Dinner. ID Transportation Department delivered the trees that they cleared from the Highway 93 right-of-way to the gravel pit by the airport. Road and bridge is processing it into firewood for their shop. The exchange of materials with the ITD is very beneficial for the Road & Bridge Dept. The ½" washed chips will be enough to do Garden Cr. and Morgan Cr. chip seal jobs at no cost to the county. Brandon will be meeting with the BLM on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> about the Bayhorse Bridge and locating a new gravel pit. The East Fork Road will be reviewed and the archeological inspections completed. The Forest Service is still working on partnering on a "screen plant" with the Road & Bridge Dept. They would like to see it used on the Yankee Fork and Bayhorse Roads. The problem of having stop signs knocked down was discussed, and it seems to be a problem everywhere. There are still some full time R&B positions open and they are looking for quality help. The live feed road camera that is in upper Pahsimeroi has been a big assist with maintenance for R&B. The actual conditions can be viewed live.

**Clerk:** The legal meeting notice for 2025 was reviewed. The meetings will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and last Wednesday of each month, with two meetings in Stanley and two meetings in Mackay as schedules permit. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 8:45 AM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Gordon Vaden, Will Naillon and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 8:50 AM. Commissioner Smith moved that employee vacation hours be carried over, but must be used in the first quarter of 2025. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Lura Baker then provided the needed wording changes in the Personnel Policy with Resolution #2024-14. After review of the resolution Commissioner Smith moved that Resolution #2024-14 be approved. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Cyber Security Conference was then discussed and Commissioner Smith encouraged the incoming board members to attend. The Planning & Zoning Board membership has been suggested to increase from 7 members up to 9 members. Clerk Lura Baker has requested a list of names to possibly fill the existing board seats that are open. Commissioner Zollinger reviewed the current members of the P&Z Board, mentioning the needed representative for Stanley. Brenda Dixon, Gary Chamberlain, Dan Woolley, Terry Pritchett, Rick Mauthe and Corrine Jones are currently serving.

The AARPA funds are required by the Federal Treasurer to be obligated. A letter of explanation has been put together by Clerk Baker and it will be sent to the Treasurers Department. This fund of \$720,000 K is earmarked for the new Sheriff's Office/Jail building. Altura Development Co. (Rick Miller) assists counties with RFP's and RFQ's. Jolie Turek/CEDA Director attended. She was introduced to Gordon Vaden and explained her work with ECIPDA/ALTURA in Region #6. She also went over the Socio-economic Study that is currently being done for Custer and Lemhi Counties.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 9:27AM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Lura Baker, Jolie Turek, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 9:38 AM. Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the time changes for Jolie Turek. She will go back to 32 hours per pay period and receive vacation hours. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith then moved to approve the Grant Application brought by Jolie. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Jolie also reported that the Clayton Museum has been successful in receiving another grant for roofing. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Career Fair went very well, even though it had to be moved to the Middle School. The City of Stanley has also received a \$4 Million Grant from Rep. Simpson for their workforce housing. The Wayfinding Study has been completed and will be used for signage and the Main Street Project. The Baseball Field Committee is getting closer to having enough funding for the Master Plan. The Grants and donations are adding up, with a donation of dirt work by Western States Construction.

The agenda was amended by Commissioner Smith to add NRAC/Jim Hawkins at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins brought conversation on the Pine Creek Road washout and the USFS refusal to repair the damage. The new Lemhi County Commissioners are Kim Caywood and Rick Carlson, with Lynn Bowerman remaining and acting as Chairman. Hawkins provided the draft letter to the BLM concerning the feral horse problems on Highway 75. The Board of Commissioners toured the road and agreed that the existing fence could be repaired. The Board approved the letter and agreed it needs to be sent. The minutes of the Zoom Meeting with the American Stewards of Liberty were reviewed. Continued support of the American Stewards of Liberty needs to be given.

**Assessor:** Jacquell Bruno, Assessor attended. She has 4 tax cancellations for home-owner's exemptions with a total of \$2,201.35. Walt Johnson RP09N22E298401A for \$643.55; Robert Gladics RPA00090000050A for \$1,156.68; Karen Sherry RP13N19E110012 for \$268.06; and Crayden Beard RP06N25E092420 for \$133.06. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations that were presented above totaling \$2,201.35. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. There will be a meeting on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> with the Assessors of the state and the Idaho Supreme Court to decide if exemptions can be pro-rated.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn Latimer/Treasurer has calculated the tax refunds that are required by the State of Idaho. They total \$14.07 and she will pay it from her over/short fund.

**Prosecutor:** Justin Oleson attended and questioned which budget line the three extra paid holiday days off should be paid from? He was informed that they should be paid from each department's payroll budget line. Oleson requested the Board clear such paid days off with the Department heads in the future so there is no budget shortfall.

The meeting was recessed at 10:55 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 10:59 AM.

Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12-9-2024 Commissioners Meetings as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it passed. The minutes of the Road & Bridge – Hot Springs Road meeting were reviewed. One typo error was corrected and they were approved.

**Claims:** Commissioner Smith moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$66,105.49. Including additions for Grand Lodge of Idaho \$398.21 & Chris Matson \$35.00 Commissioner Zollinger seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	34,099.44
Road & Bridge	12,332.85

Election Fund	411.20
District Court	897.95
Rodeo Grounds	204.37
Revaluation	13,989.50
Solid Waste	2,298.19
Weeds	48.40
PILT	375.00
Emergency Communications	1,219.09
Auditors Trust	<u>229.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 66,105.49</b>

**Clerk:** Clerk Lura Baker reported on the Grant that the Custer Waterways applies for through the Department of Parks and Recreation. This grant pays the salary of our Waterway Deputy and also for facility expenses. Clerk Baker has completed the application and brought it for Board review. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and submit the application. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. There is also a Snow-mobile Fund application that needs to be completed. These funds all go to the Stanley area.

Clerk Lura Baker then reported on the Indigent Defense Expenditure Report. The State of Idaho has taken over the Indigent Defense Program, but has not gotten it fully staffed. They are struggling to cover all the cases. After review Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the 2024 Indigent Defense Expenditure Report.

Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried. Signatures were affixed by the Board members.

The Solid Waste Fee of \$25.00 that is charged to all residents of Custer County is used to support the solid waste sites in Challis, Mackay, Stanley and the East Fork. Getting the 50-yard roll-off containers put into place in Stanley was discussed. The site will need to be plowed out before this can be accomplished. Wendell will be contacted to see where things go from here.

The second meeting in January was moved from the last Wednesday (1-29-25) up to Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. This is to enable the Board to attend the IAC Midwinter Conference that will be held Jan. 27 through 30<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Lura Baker went to pick up pizza for lunch for those attending the meeting. The meeting was recessed for pizza and reconvened again at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Smith, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Prosecutor Justin Oleson, Assessor Jacquell Bruno and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins attended.

**Prosecutor:** Justin Oleson reviewed the negotiations he has had with Attorney Laird Lucas of the Confluence Institute about the tax exemptions. Oleson and Commissioners Smith discussed their differences and how the court deadlines affect the final decision. It was agreed that the tax exemption needs to be for everything or nothing. Another attempt to negotiate will be made by Prosecutor Oleson to clarify what their counter offer will be. Deliberation will be held once the negotiations are completed and a decision will be made at that time.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(b) for Personnel at 2:10 PM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden, Sheriff Levi Maydole and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 2:14 PM.

**Sheriff:** Levi Maydole reported that the Idaho Transportation Department is no longer issuing ID Cards, which presents a problem for County employees. He is looking into a stand-alone card machine to be operated by the Sheriff's Office. He has found a machine that costs \$2,050.00 that includes a camera/software/printer that has a 2-year warranty. He has the funds available in his "Under threshold" account. Commissioner Zollinger made a motion to approve the purchase of the card machine by the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Sheriff Maydole then reported that his Reserve Deputy Robert Taylor is retiring from law enforcement and he would like to recognize him for his service to Custer County. Sheriff Maydole has visited with Blaine Aldous about the Custer Co. Waterways Committee. All agreed that it needs to be reactivated and the members receive

some instruction and training. The current members are Blain Aldous, Jim McKelvey and Ron Butts. It is understood that Ron would like to step down, so a meeting needs to be held to find more interested parties.

**Emergency Management:** Director Lisa Benson attended and reported on the balance in the 2023 SHSP Grant fund. The Sheriff's Office needs new P35 compliant handheld radios to equip their staff. He has a price of \$10,711.00 for 10 new radios from White Cloud/TAiT. These will mesh completely with the Communications Upgrade that is being worked on through TUSA. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the purchase of needed radios from White Cloud with a cap of \$12,000.00 from the 2023 SHSP grant funds. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into executive session under Title 74-206(1)(f) for Legal Review at 2:45 PM. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Aye. Attending were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Zollinger, Commissioner Corgatelli, Sheriff Levi Maydole, Director Lisa Benson, Will Naillon, Gordon Vaden and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session, and the board returned to regular session at 2:50 PM. Director Benson presented the invoice she received from Intermountain Service LLC for the recent maintenance work on the generators in the amount of \$2,433.52. This will be paid as a demand, but the generator maintenance needs to have its own budget line. Commissioner Smith would like to see the "service log" that has been done for the generators. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12-29-2024 R&B Hot Springs Road Public Meeting. Commissioner Zollinger seconded and the motion carried. Benson then reported that changes have been made on the Comm. Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and it is ready to submit. Also, the grant paperwork is starting to come back on the TUSA and TAIT communications projects. Emergency Management has been informed of IOEM Earthquake Grant Funds. The County has 25 building (private infrastructure) that could qualify. They come and do a ½ hour inspection of each building. Sheriff Maydole brought up the river bridges and how important they were to the community. The Board gave their approval to pursue the grant funds to Benson. The Custer County Plan for National Qualification System (NQS) is needing board signatures. After review, Commissioner Smith moved to approve and sign the NQS as presented. Commissioner Zollinger seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Smith then moved that the 2024 EMPG Grant be approved. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it carried. The 2024 SHSP Grant was then reviewed. The total is \$21,056.69, with earmarks of \$2,040.02 for cyber-security and \$19,016.67 for communications. Commissioner Zollinger moved to approve the 2024 SHSP Grant, Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. On January 27 through the 30<sup>th</sup> the IOEM is meeting and Director Lisa Benson requested permission and funding to attend. The Board gave their approval and suggested she attend as many of the IAC meetings as possible as well.

**Clerk:** Clerk Lura Baker reported that she has a \$600.00 invoice from the Idaho Department of Lands for the Cross-Valley gravel pit that needs payment. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve demand payment of the bill. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed. The Custer Co. Personnel Policy changes were then reviewed. Resolution #2024-14 outlining the changes was read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-14 as presented. Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting was recessed at 4:00 PM for the Deliberation Hearing on the East Fork Communications Tower.



*Randy Corgatelli*  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

*Lura H Baker*  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk