

Custer County Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
April 22, 2025

The Custer County Commissioners Special meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Room at the Custer County Courthouse. Attending were Chairman Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Prosecutor Paralegal Chris Matson, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

The first interview for the Prosecutors position was begun at 10:05 with Paul Rogers via video. Each Board member questioned Paul from their list of topics. Upon closure of the interview at 10:35 a short discussion was held on the benefits of contracting versus appointment among the board members.

The second video interview for the Prosecutors position was started at 11:15 with David Claibourne. The board questioned David from their list of topics. The interview ended around 11:45.

Commissioner Vaden inquired about the process required for a drought declaration. They all agreed that the Lost River Valley is very dry and the snow pack is limited. Commissioner Vaden also reported that he has talked to Mr. Hendricks about drilling the well for the Stanley Sheriff's housing group, and he has agreed to do the job. Commissioner Corgatelli brought up the need for a backhoe at the Stanley rural drop box. Commissioner Naillon reported on his trip to Montana to tour 11 different solid waste sites in the Livingston, MT area. Clerk Baker returned to the meeting and was asked about requirements for doing a drought declaration. She will get the needed information together for their next meeting.

The third video interview for the Prosecutors position was begun at 12:30 with Rocky Wixom. The Board then asked questions from their list of topics. The interview concluded in about 30 minutes.

Deliberation on candidates for the Prosecutors position was then held. Levels of commitment were compared as well as long term plans. Commissioner Naillon suggested contracting the job for the rest of the term, but Commissioner Corgatelli and Commissioner Vaden felt that appointing the successful candidate to the position showed more commitment from Custer County.

At 1:00 a video connection was made with Susan Cleverly/ID Office of Emergency Management Mitigation Section Chief and her office. Also attending were Lisa Benson/Emergency Management Coordinator, Moj Broadie/video and Randy Woodbury/phone Big Lost River Irrigation Dist. Board Members, and Rich Harry/video Big Lost River Irrigation Dist. Manager.

Susan then updated everyone on the changes in funding for the Mackay Dam Project. The BRIC Grant funding has been pulled and cancelled for the Phase II portion of dam repairs. The LPDM funding is still available and she wants to get all of the Phase I work completed. When the funding is found for Phase II then the project will be ready to quickly move forward. Rich has met with the engineers and they will be coming in the next few days. Susan then asked that all invoices be submitted as quickly as possible to show progress. The quarterly reports are now due, and Clerk Lura Baker has submitted them. She has not received any past meeting minute information from Rich, but will include them for reimbursement along with today's meeting records. Susan then suggested checking with IDWR on grant funding available for flood damage. Rich agreed to keep trying to find other funding avenues. Moj Broadie is aware that the current IDWR funding is still available and he knows of no deadline on the use of these

funds. Lisa Benson asked about getting the engineering contract signed, and if there were any problems? Susan noted that all changes require prior approval. Clerk Lura Baker asked if Custer County could help by contacting the legislative offices about how important this project is for our residents? It was agreed that sending comments should be done. The video connection was ended at 1:30 PM.

Clerk Lura Baker provided the upcoming budget information packets to the Board members for their review. She also brought the new BOE application information for their review before the next meeting.

Resolution #2025-03 Idaho Vacancy of Elected Official and Appointment of Prosecutor was then reviewed, as provided by Clerk Lura Baker with legal review. Commissioner Will Naillon then moved to adopt Resolution #2025-03 as presented. Commissioner Gordon Vaden seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous Aye vote.

Commissioner Naillon then moved to put Paul Rodgers under contract for the remainder of the elected term of Prosecutor in Custer County. Commissioner Gordon Vaden moved to amend the motion to "appoint" Paul Rodgers for the remainder of the elected term of Prosecutor in Custer County. Commissioner Randy Corgatelli seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous ayes and the motion passed.

Mr. Paul Rodgers was then contacted via phone by the Board of Commissioners and informed of his appointment. Paul Rodgers accepted the position and will be serving Custer County as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give him time to complete and terminate his responsibilities in another County. Clerk Lura Baker was asked to let the other two candidates know about the decision that was made.

With no further business before them the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.



*Lura Baker*

Attest: Clerk Lura Baker

*Randy Corgatelli*  
Chairman, Randy Corgatelli