

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
April 30, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Byron Pehrson, Rick Mauthe and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Big Lost River Upper Valley Ground Water Association: Rick Mauthe presented their plans to form a Ground Water Association in the Upper Big Lost River Valley. The requirements to post a bond was reviewed and understood. It will need to be on the ballot at the next election which will be in November. Commissioner Naillon inquired as to "why" they were creating a ground water district? Byron replied to facilitate future Big Lost River recharge and water mitigation work. Byron requested the Board's support and they all agreed that this is a very important issue for Custer County as a whole. If the agriculture pumpers are shut down the County will fail. Commissioner Vaden offered to get water well records from the INL Site for the group. Clerk Lura Baker reviewed the Idaho State Statute requirements to complete the process. Pumpers from Butte County were also considered and the boundaries will be checked to include them if possible.

Road & Bridge Dept: Superintendent Brandon Jones reported on some wording conflicts that are in the current Road & Bridge driveway/access application form. He will work with Prosecutor Paul Rogers to get the wording corrected. The culvert size requirement was also discussed. Kevin Duchow/SNRA Road Supt. attended the meeting with Mike Fuller/SNRA Ranger. The current Schedule A – Road Maintenance agreement between Custer County and the SNRA was provided and reviewed. Commissioner Naillon asked about SNRA road standards, if they were the same as the other USFS districts? Kevin assured him that "Suitable for a reasonable and prudent driver to traverse" was the Forest Service wording throughout Idaho. Kevin informed the Board of some BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) funding that can be used for needed road repairs. He has formerly used these funds to pay his road crew of 9, but this year he will only have 3 on his road crew. Kevin offered to put the funds toward Schedule A road work this year. Brandon shared that the County Road & Bridge Dept. is losing \$500K from the usual SRS funding of the past, so this funding boost will help. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the 3-year, Schedule A – SNRA Road Maintenance Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Naillon and passed. Mike Fuller then reported on the ongoing struggle with losing employees at the Stanley Ranger Station. Firewood permits will now be available on line. Brandon made a proposal to the Board to shift the current R&B backhoe over to the Solid Waste Dept. and for the R&B Dept. to purchase a new backhoe with a needed thumb attachment. This backhoe is used and still in good condition, but the trade in value is much less than the purchase cost of a used backhoe for Solid Waste. The Board expressed their approval of the idea and it will be pursued. The requested letter to Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality concerning the re-opening of the Stanley Rural Drop Box solid waste site was reviewed. Commissioner Naillon requested that it be carbon copied to Rensay Owen in Idaho Falls as well. Commissioner Naillon moved the letter be signed and mailed to DEQ. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried. Mike Fuller then inquired about progress on the proposed Stanley Sheriff's Office? Commissioner Naillon updated him on the need to drill a well before beginning construction. The portable office trailer was discussed and the possibility of getting it put on site. This does not fill all the needs, but is a start. Mike suggested the County put in a proposal to the SNRA. Discussion was then held on use of county vehicles for the Saturday solid waste Stanley employee.

The timing of Commissioner meetings was discussed, trying to enable Paul Rogers/Prosecuting Attorney to attend both Custer County meetings as well and Bingham County meetings.

Clerk: Lura Baker went over items of interest from the IAC Legislative Review Session that she attended in Idaho Falls. They included "Domestic Water Use", Hospital Tax Exemption changes, Transportation Funding, Broadband Infrastructure, Secure Rural Schools Funding, PILT, Utility Tax Exemptions and 911 Funds.

Coroner: Chad Workman/Coroner attended the meeting via phone connection. He discussed the truck topper that he has selected and options that are available. The two bids were looked over. Wild Things @ \$3,530.00 and Auto Trim @ \$4,283.00. Upon verification that his under threshold budget line could be used for this purchase, Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the purchase from Wild Things at \$3,530.00 for the truck topper to be used on his county vehicle. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda to move Probation up to 10:30 AM from the original 11:00 AM time. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman/Probation Officer provided her monthly report. It was good to see that her work load is getting lighter. She is also assisting Butte County Probation with a conflict case. The Board informed her of the upcoming Budget meetings and how this coming year the funding will be much tighter.

The Jail Inspection Form was then completed and signed for the 1st Quarterly required inspection. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the Credit Card Use Application from the Clerk's office for payment of the annual Zoom membership fees of \$159.90. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the Credit Card Use application in payment of vehicle registration fees of \$53.00 for the Coroner/Probation offices. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4-14-2025 Commissioners Meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the minutes of the 4-22-2025 Special Meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon made a final motion to approved the minutes of the 4-24-2025 Special Meeting. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

The regular commissioners meeting was recessed at 10:40 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting reconvened at 10:43 AM.

The BLM application for Right of Way Access to the new Mackay Solid Waste Site was then reviewed. It was agreed that the access route needs to be kept on BLM lands and not cross any private lands. Commissioner Vaden will talk to Lucas Yockey/Road Supt. Lost River Highway Dist. about the location of this access road.

After talking with Assessor Bruno, Commissioner Naillon made a motion to amend the agenda and move Assessor BOE up to 11:15 AM from 3:30 PM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno and Clerk Lura Baker attended the meeting and provided the tax exemption applications and information to the board.

- Challis Ski Club - Commissioner Vaden made motion to accept the tax exemption for RP13N18E107860 under Idaho Code § 63-602C for Fraternal, Benevolent, or Charitable Societies. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.
- Jehovah Witness – Commissioner Vaden made motion to accept the tax exemption for RPA00110030010 under Idaho Code § 63-602B, for a religious corporation or society. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.
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- New Hope Assembly of God- Commissioner Naillon made motion to accept the tax exemption for RPA01050220001 under Idaho Code § 63-602B, for a religious corporation or society. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.
- Clayton Historical Society - Commissioner Vaden made motion to accept the tax exemption for RPC00250010210 under Idaho Code § 63-602C for Fraternal, Benevolent, or Charitable Societies. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

- Challis Community Church – Commissioner Vaden made motion to accept the tax exemption for RPA0001038006A under Idaho Code § 63-602B, for a religious corporation or society. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.
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The Mackay Community Church application was tabled to get the correct parcel number on the 2nd parcel. Assessor Bruno then discussed the past wildlife exemptions that have been granted within the county. The requirements for approval of a wildlife exemption were also reviewed. Assessor Bruno will be reviewing all wildlife exemption applications closely.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Those attending were Commissioner Will Naillon, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, LRED Board Pres. Bob Bagley and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins.

LRED Lost River Economic Development: Bob Bagley/Board President reported that he has reluctantly accepted Mike Evans resignation as Executive Director. Mike has agreed to assist and consult with LRED as needed. They are looking to recruit a new director, but lack of funding is hampering them. Bob provided the schedule of events poster that they have organized in the Mackay area. He then went over the status of their USDA Grants and some of the advertising issues they have encountered. LRED is encouraging a child care project that is affiliated with Proud Source Water and their employees.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda to move Tom Coates/Comp Plan RFP forward from 4:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Sheriff: Levi Maydole/Sheriff, Ethan Kelly/Chief Deputy, Mike Neumeier/Deputy and Tyler Bennet/Deputy attended. The quote for repairs on the Grouse Peak repeater antennae from White Cloud Communications was reviewed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the needed repairs by White Cloud Communications at a possible cost up to a cap of \$1,600.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Sheriff Levi then presented a sample Time Keeping Policy that he got from Clark County. Payments to Deputies for time on call is considered. The Board suggested that it be looked over by Prosecutor Paul Rogers before moving ahead. Sheriff Maydole then provided a MOA for next generation software system for 911 calls. This system works with IPSCC and currently Bingham County utilizes it. The Board questioned the termination clause that was included? Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the MOA for the 911 software system. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The agreement needs to be completed and signed. The information on United Fleet leasing was then presented by Sheriff Maydole. He explained the different options that are available for Sheriff vehicles in this fleet program. He will make arrangements for the Board to view their presentation. Deputy Kelly then informed the Board about 3 used Tahoe vehicles that Custer Co. Sheriff Office has been offered from the Ada County Sheriff's Department at no charge. They come with a lot of police equipment, but no radios. Sheriff Maydole plans to utilize them for prisoner transporting, as they have the security cage installed. The Board expressed their approval and appreciation. Deputy Kelly then informed the Board about his plans to work as a Rural Patrol Deputy with the Federal Agencies. Funding has been secured through a Grant with the ID Parks & Recreation Dept. Kelly has already attended the OHV academy and qualifies for the position. Custer County needs to have an OHV Program and agree to present two classes per month – year around to receive the grant funding. Deputy Kelly plans to present the classes. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the Grant Agreement for this OHV coverage. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. It is understood that all these funds must be used for OHV programs. Deputy Tyler Bennett presented information on the thirteen Colt M4 service rifles that Custer County has received from the Idaho State Police at no charge. He demonstrated the need for some upgraded parts that are needed.

(1) KAK Full Auto firecontrol kits (2) Magpul Slings (3) Magpul M4 Magazines. He explained why the parts are needed for officer safety and security before the service rifles can be utilized. The Board verified that all officers will receive training with these rifles. Malcom Clemenhagen has offered to do the needed training at no cost to the county. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of needed parts at a cost of \$1,632.45. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved that the Sheriff's Office be approved to use the Credit Card for the above purchases. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it carried.

HIAS (Heart of Idaho Animal Sanctuary): Becky Morgan, Michelle Christiansen, and Amanda Gardner attended the meeting. Becky updated the Board on the cost of keeping a dog at the shelter. It has risen to about \$17.00 per day and they wish to bump up the rate listed in the MOU with Custer County to \$15.00 from the original \$10.00 per day. The Board expressed their appreciation to HIAS for the work they do keeping animals safe. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve a new MOU with HIAS increasing the payment to \$15.00 per day, yet no other changes to the original MOU. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed.

Emergency Manager: Lisa Benson attended and provided her report. She has been contacting local businesses about the Earthquake Reduction Program, but received no responses to date. North Wind has been contacted about possibly doing our AHMP update, but no response has been forthcoming. There is training available in Boise on May 13th and 14th for Emergency Managers and Lisa would like to attend. There is no tuition for the class, just the travel and lodging costs would be involved. The Board gave their approval for her to attend. Approval was given by the Board for Lisa to have her own set of keys to the County pickup, to use if she is called out on an emergency response. When the proposal costs are received from White Cloud Communications, it was agreed that the Sheriff dispatch system would be the number one priority for replacement. No decisions will be made until the costs are known.

Tom Coates/Comprehensive Plan RFP: Attending were Tom Coates, Gary Chamberlain/P&Z Board, Brant Tritthart/P&Z Board Chair, Lura Baker/Clerk and Jessica Clemenhagen/P&Z Admin. Tom provided a printout of his qualifications, as well as a summary of requirements and procedures that are involved for a Comprehensive Plan. He went over LLUPA (Local Land Use Planning Act) and what the requirements entail. The new information from the Legislative session on municipal water was also discussed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to adopt the RFP received from Coates & Associates as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Contact information for the new Custer Co. Prosecutor Paul Rodgers was provided to Tom to assist with his project. Tom plans to set up workshops with the Planning & Zoning Board, and public hearings will also need to be held at the proper time.

Deliberation Whitney Collins Sub-Division Vacating: Custer County Prosecutor Paul Rogers attended via phone connection. Commissioner Naillon stated his concerns about access right-of-way for the two pieces of private property that exist within this sub-division. Prosecutor Rogers went over the requirements from Idaho Code 50-1317 for unincorporated areas. It was agreed that all the requirements have been met and the Board was now ready to decide. Commissioner Naillon moved, based on Idaho Code 50-1317 that we have met our requirements of notice and that we have reviewed the documents and testimony and approve the application to vacate the Whitney Collins Sub-division. The intended vacation only includes those easements that were created with the Whitney Collins Sub-division and no other easements. There was no further discussion. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Deliberation closed at 4:55 PM.

Prosecutor Rogers discussed changing of the second monthly Commissioners meeting to Monday instead of Wednesday. The Board let him know that Tom Coates would be contacting him with Comprehensive Plan matters. A date for Budget meetings was chosen on Thursday June 12th to meet with the Departments for the 2025/2026 budget year.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved and paid, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.


Current Expense	26,572.08
Road & Bridge	31,154.11
Election Fund	186.46
District Court	6,377.07
Rodeo Grounds	121.37
Revaluation	550.00
LACTF	4,820.56
Emg. Comm. Fund	2.00
Auditors Trust	4,453.46
Odyssey Court Trust	<u>9,402.06</u>
TOTAL	83,639.17

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk