Custer County Commissioner Meeting Proceedings May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones advised that he would like to have the Snow Removal, Cattle Guards and Driveway Approach Policies with the Prosecuting Attorney before reviewing with the Commissioners. He will review these items with PA today.

Has been dealing with water on roadways, is a usual start up issue. Has had a little trouble with a lessee in the Pahsimeroi Valley.

Will be taking a dump truck to Idaho Falls this week for repairs. May have another one that needs repair but will see what happens with it.

Will be getting ready to start chipping, have been doing potholes and shoulders. Met with an individual on Garden Creek regarding survey stakes that need to be replaced after the road was replaced.

Received the results from the Hot Springs Road approach study, will be receiving the study for review and the billing for consultation.

The backhoe, that will be used for the Stanley Rural Drop Box will be gone through to make sure that is ready to be operable at the Stanley site. R&B has a seasonal employee that would like to work at the Stanley site, discussion regarding benefits and options for this employee to fit this position.

Discussion regarding the Stanley Rural Drop Box and the roll off trash bins that will need to be delivered. Weights and Measures will be contacted to schedule certification of the scale at this site. Commissioner Naillon has spoken with Wendell Gohn regarding pricing for the site and that will be implemented. Commissioner Naillon will contact Amanda Henderson to make sure that all permits are in order.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to amend the agenda to move the time for the Clerk from 9:00 AM to 8:30 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular Commissioner Meeting, dated April 30, 2025. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided a Disaster Drought Declaration for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to adopt the Custer County Resolution for Disaster Drought

Declaration 2025-4. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Prosecuting Attorney addressed resolutions through the County and the process for these declarations.

The Findings of Fact for the Whitney Collins Sub-division Vacation Application were presented to the Commissioners to review. The County Prosecutor has reviewed this document and advised that it was accurate. Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the Whitney Collins Sub-division Vacation Application, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli and motion passed.

Clerk Baker advised that dates will need to be set for the Public Hearings for a Zoning Change and a Road Vacation. Prosecutor Rogers advised that the dates will need to be scheduled with at least 45 days of notice. July 28, 2025 was set for the Road Vacation Public Hearing. June 23, 2025 was scheduled for the Zoning Change Public Hearing. All departments will meet with the Commissioners at the regularly scheduled meeting on June 12, 2025 for Budgeting.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to change the second Commissioner Meeting of the month to the second Monday of the Month, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 8:50 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the minutes from 04/30/2025 and claims through 05/09/2025 in amount of \$10.93, motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed unanimously. Reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:55 AM.

Commissioner Naillon advised that Howard Cutler brought to his attention that the North Custer Rodeo Grounds charges kids to use the facility and he feels that this is not acceptable. Commissioner Naillon explained to Mr. Cutler that there would be appropriate channels to address this concern, beginning with the North Custer Rodeo Grounds committee and the Fair board. Commissioner Naillon explained that there are improvements that need to be completed and the tax apportionments are already designated for one fairground and that is where that money is designated.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve claims through 05/12/2025 in the amount of \$267,302.42. Motion seconded by Commissioner Corgatelli, motion passed.

Current Expense	\$ 28,237.58
Road & Bridge	\$ 59,031.61
Election	\$ 536.13
District Court	\$ 504.46
Fair	\$ 15,000.00
Rodeo Grounds	\$ 348.69
Revaluation	\$ 70.54
Solid Waste	\$ 4,377.54
Weeds	\$ 126.40
LATCF	\$ 158,809.74
Emergency Comm	\$ 259.73

TOTAL

Commissioner Naillon made motion to amend the agenda to move the Treasurer from 10:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Commission Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

\$ 267,302.42

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer gave the Commissioners the monthly Joint Report for the balanced accounts. Latimer advised that there are delinquent taxes that will be addressed within the next few months. Reminders for the second half of taxes have been sent out county wide.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to amend the agenda to move P&Z from 3:30 PM to 9:10 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica Clemenhagen came before the Commissioners to request a vacation request for July 14-17, 2025. The vacation request was approved. Clemenhagen hopes to have an assistant by those date so that there will be someone in the office. Clemenhagen also advised that she believes that she has five (5) candidates for the part time position in the P&Z department. She asked the Commissioners if they would like to be present for interviews or if they would be ok with just Clerk Baker and herself conducting the interviews, Commissioners advised that they would be fine with not being present.

Discussion regarding the next P&Z Commissioner meeting, scheduled for June 5, 2025, and the consulting for the Custer County Comprehensive Plan. There was a Public Hearing held in Mackay, which could come back as an Appeal but has not been filed as of yet. The Judicial Review is currently on the Judge's desk, have not received correspondence back as of this date.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the credit card application for Linda Dubiel, for an AIRBNB for Civil Process Class in the amount of \$113.00, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to amend the agenda to review NRAC at 10:00 AM from 10:30 AM, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and motion passed.

NRAC: Jim Hawkins and Louise Stark appeared to give the NRAC report. Stark presented a letter that she has drawn up for the Commissioners to review in regards to permitting at a project that is underway on Grouse Peak, she reviewed the background of this project and received an email from the Forest Service with an MOU with a section that outlines the BPA (Bonneville Power Administration) permits that are issued for different uses at specified locations, she is looking at the Grouse Peak location specifically. It appears that the permits issued are for building a new 1800 sq ft building for possibly BPA communications facility, support pad and Antenna Support Structure, which the public has not been notified of. Commissioner Naillon advised that the County is currently looking into revising the County Comprehensive Plan and this sort of permitting and projects could be addressed under this revised plan, to include Federal and State agency permitting, but will have the Prosecuting Attorney review this issue. It was agreed that the letter Stark has presented will be reviewed and sent to the USFS, after minor correction.

Stark also addressed Outfitter and Guides permits that were issued in 2015 as 10-year permits, but as of yet there are not any plans from the USFS for renewing these permits, which brought up further discussion regarding other permits with the USFS such as grazing permits and renewals of those as

well. Commissioners advised that this could be addressed when the Agencies come before the board later in the afternoon and questions asked.

Hawkins advised that there is a webinar that will be held on May 22,2025 at 9:00 AM that will address coordination of Federal, State and Local Governments. Hawkins would like the Commissioners to attend this webinar and hold a viewing in the Commissioners room so that the NRAC committee could be present. He would like to have the Lemhi County Commissioners and potential new Lemhi County NRAC committee members invited. Commissioner Naillon tried to call Lemhi County Commissioner Lynn Bowerman during the meeting to personally send the invitation, however they were unavailable.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman came before the Board with Shane Boyle, Dusty Tellford -clinical supervisor and Seth Walker - Counselor from the St. Anthony Facility for Juvenile Detention. Boyle presented the Custer County Annual Juvenile Justice Report and reviewed the information within the report with the Commissioners. Discussed State Funding that is available to the Straub-Workman and the Custer County Juvenile Probation program. Boyle praised Straub-Workman's support with the IDJC Association and Board and her work within her own Probation program within Custer County.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:57 AM and reconvened again at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Hawkins in attendance.

Federal Agencies:

<u>Chris Waverick (USFS)</u> - Have a request for BPA permitting or project that has been started on Grouse Peak. Waverick advised that in mid-June through October, IES will be installing a new building and tower. Special permit was granted to plow the road into the Diamond D, next year may be harder to get this permit due to the Wolverine, will need study. Have started re-assigning people and asking for voluntary re-assignments for employee structure.

Randall Anderson (BLM) — Did loose employees at the District Management level, lost Mary D'Aversa Martha Price will take her position. Did hire one seasonal for range monitoring, hoping to get another for this department. Commissioner Corgatelli asked about the Feral Horses, Anderson advised that they will be doing a round up of approximately 100 horses, Commissioner Corgatelli asked about gates replaced at the three key areas; Deadman's, Alkali Springs and flat above Butch's Rock, Anderson took note.

<u>John Runkle (USFS)</u> – From NRAC meeting, there was some concern regarding the Custer Townsite agreement for their opening. Should have a permit ready prior to the opening of the Custer/Bonanza townsite. Commissioner Naillon advised the NRAC committee had some concerns regarding the Outfitter & Guide permits that are coming up for renewal, Runkle advised that those permits will be renewed and will be sent out letters. Nick Shade is the primary contact for wilderness permits for Outfitters & Guides.

Mike Fuller (SNRA) – Trying to get an e-permit for firewood sales in the Stanley. Brought in the application for well to be drilled on SNRA for the Sheriff's Office housing location. Will be trying to

open up all of the campgrounds, but have put signage for people to be cautious. Could still have further employee cuts and voluntary terminations, will be restructuring employee structures.

<u>Lance Stavast (Lost River USFS)</u> - Cattle are starting to go out on grazing allotments, working on some of the trails. Campgrounds will be open and the water is being tested. BPA will be starting a new project at Windy Devil location and will being widening the road June 9, 2025, will be a similar project to the Grouse Peak location.

<u>Cody Kidd (USFS – Zone Fire Mgmt Officer)</u> - Introduced Mike Stewart who will be assistant deputy fire officer. Looking good on staffing for Fire, will have an engine in the Mackay area. New rules for aviation in regards to firefighting, can move helicopters around to different locations easier. Have completed training with the local fire departments and have met with the Custer Sheriff and Emergency Management. Will be looking at agreements with Search & Rescue in the Lemhi and Custer areas.

Joe Ellis – a community member and retired Forest Service came to the meeting just to listen to the updates from the Federal agencies. She finds it very disappointing that other community members do not attend Commissioner Meetings.

Custer County Sheriff: Sheriff Maydole provided the department status-report for the Commissioners to review. New Chief Deputy will be Mike NewMyer, new Patrol Sgt is Bryedon Brewer. Ashley Hill has taken the position of patrol officer and will most likely attend P.O.S.T in January 2026, Officer Valdez will be attending P.O.S.T in September 2025. John Bonk has been hired as a part time Court Bailiff. Officer Kelly has moved to the IP&R/Range Patrol Officer position. Currently have a missing person's search in the Big Hill area, have several agencies on location to assist with this search. New handheld radios have had the frequency programing updated. Have new light bars for patrol vehicles, donated by Ada County. Trainings planned for every Wednesday throughout May. Currently has one inmate in-house for the County and one inmate housed in Bonneville County female housing.

Sheriff Maydole had Spencer and Bodie from Unified Fleet Services on speaker phone in regards a fleet proposal prepared for the Custer County Sheriff's Office. Reviewed the vehicle and pricing options that were included in this proposal. Reviewed the Police Package upgrades or "upfit" for the vehicles. The proposal was written for a three (3) year lease, with an approximate 15,000 mile per year per vehicle price plan. Spencer reviewed the lease plan timeline and paperwork that had been provided to the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Corgatelli questioned the warranty for the vehicles and was advised that there would be a 3-year bumper to bumper warranty on the vehicles. Bodie advised that the County would be able to buy the vehicle outright if the Commissioners decided that they didn't want to continue the lease. Commissioner Naillon asked if the Police Package (extra \$20,000 of custom equipment) would be owned by the County at the end of the lease, Bodie advised that the equipment would actually stay with the vehicle when the leased vehicle was turned back, could keep it all and swap to the new vehicles but usually Counties go with upgraded equipment with the new vehicles. Commissioner Naillon advised that the Commissioners would like to review this information and would like to allow Commissioner Vaden the opportunity to review this information, he advised that there

may be further questions that the Commissioners will have for Unified Fleet Services. Bodie also advised that they would also assist in selling the Counties current vehicles, he also advised that Blaine County just signed this type of agreement. Sheriff Maydole advised that he had been introduced to Unified Fleet Services at a conference and asked them to provide this proposal. Further discussion regarding the timing of replacing vehicles. Commissioners will discuss the options and decide at a later date.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Randy Corgatelli, Chairman

Custer County Commissioner Chairman

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

