

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
May 28, 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, Clerk Lura Baker, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Weed Supt Brett Plummer and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Weeds: Brett provided copies of the MOU between the US Forest Service, Idaho Fish & Game, and Custer, Lemhi, Butte and Valley counties. This integrated cooperative agreement provides invasive species management throughout the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness area. The county weed departments of Custer County and Lemhi County are going to combine. The Lemhi department will be handling most of the paperwork and grant applications, while the Custer department will be handling the mechanical repairs and upgrades. Both departments feel it will be a Win/Win situation. They are sponsoring some "Educational Days" as well as some "Spray Days" throughout the county. Brett is working with the Sawtooth Coalition in the Stanley area. Some of the worst Knapp Weed infestations are in Pole Creek and he has suggested the use of sheep for nontoxic control. Brett is finished with the roadside spray work along the asphalt edges, and is now working on the dirt edges. The new road-side spray truck is working well and speeding up the process. He is also working with the BPA to control weeds along the new access road work on Windy Devil. They are permitted to build the access road and Brett has contracted to do their weed control work. The Co. Weed Dept. has lots of private spray jobs ahead of them.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones requested an executive session. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session for personnel (ID Code 74-206(1)(b) at 8:20 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Brandon Jones, Ernie Gohn, Brett Plummer, Clerk Lura Baker and Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 8:55 AM. Discussion on the Stanley solid waste site was held and Friday's from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM were the hours decided upon. It is known that the summer season, May through Oct/Nov is the busiest and the winter season, Dec through April is quite slow. Commissioner Naillon will contact Blue Mountain Refuse about getting the roll-off's that are needed on site. The Stanley scale needs to be certified ASAP, and the Dept. of Weights and Measures will be contacted.

Brandon inquired about purchasing a "skeleton bucket" for the skid-steer to clear rocks from the borrow ditches. The Board approved the purchase.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker requested an executive session. . Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session for personnel (ID Code 74-206(1)(b) at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed with all ayes. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker and Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the board returned to regular session at 9:10 AM. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to use \$21,201.20 from the contingency fund to make up the short fall in unemployment payments that was found. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Baker then brought forward the letter for a proposed name for the unnamed lake in Copper Basin. The order of approval of proposed names was (1) Lake Bear (2) Sweethearts Lake (3) Lake Cutie. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the name choices, Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Baker then discussed the heated ramp and stairs connected to the Court Annex building. These are to be used for inmate access and the county does not need any tort claims from icy sidewalks.

The meeting was recessed for travel to Stanley at 9:20 AM. The Board members toured the Museum Road to give all members a view of what is being talked about concerning the housing project and wetlands. The meeting reconvened in the Stanley Community Center at 10:45 AM.

The scoping comment notice for local outfitter campsites was reviewed and the Board all agreed that a letter of support should be written.

Stanley Mayor Steve Botti: Mayor Botti updated the Board on Stanley's workforce housing project. The City of Stanley has hired a developer from Boise to provide a plan for apartments on the 4 acres behind the museum. They are using the \$4 million-dollar HUD grant to get the project moving. The developer will be raising the rest of the funds. It is estimated a total of \$16 Million will be needed to complete the project. The apartments are planned to house 50 to 60 people, but the housing needs for the area is about triple that number. They are focusing on essential workers such as; teachers, clinic staff, emergency workers, etc. Currently the average rent for a studio apartment in Stanley is \$1,500.00 per month. There are many, many HUD requirements that they are fulfilling. #1 an environmental assessment is required. A wetland report, done in the spring of 1985 has been requested and they waiting for it to be delivered. #2 a hazardous materials assessment is required for the "old barn" building that is on the property. It was verified that the City of Stanley owns the property but Custer County owns the road. The developer wants the road moved over to provide a bit more building space. Commissioner Naillon responded that the road is a RS-2477 original road and they are not to be moved. Mayor Botti understands that the entire road is a RS-2477 but the developer would like it moved over just 100'. It was also noted that this is a wetland that will be affected by moving the road. It was felt that any decision needs to be done at a joint meeting with State Highway Department, Board of Commissioners, Custer Co. Road & Bridge Dept., and the City of Stanley in attendance.

Mayor Botti also updated the Board on the need for a cold water well for domestic use. The City is looking into developing the hot water that is on site. This hot water fracture zone could be used for heating the entire facility. Commissioner Corgatelli noted that Stanley needs additional property to fill the housing needs. Mayor Botti informed them of a proposed land trade for a parcel of USFS land on Benner Street that is surrounded by private lands in Stanley. The Board of Commissioners supported such a trade. Commissioner Corgatelli voiced the fact that the current administration is into geo-thermal development and funding could possibly be found. The Board of Commissioners offered to send a letter of support when or where needed. Commissioner Naillon requested an actual map of where the developer would like the road to be moved to. Mayor Botti verified that the well head on the property (that was viewed during the road tour) is potable water. His quandary is just what type of housing needs to be built.

Commissioner Naillon brought Mayor Botti up to date on the Stanley solid waste site progress. Custer County will be opening up the Stanley Rural Drop Box solid waste site on Fridays, early this summer. The staff needed to man the site has been found. There will be some new rules, as all refuse dropped at the site will be billed as household. The Custer County solid waste fee will be increasing and public hearings will be coming for this increase. Mayor Botti then spoke on the effect of last summers wildfires on Stanley. Many of the small business are teetering financially, and they are hoping for a much better summer season this year. He also stated that he felt the Custer Co. Sheriff, Custer Co. Emergency Services and Rural Fire Departments all did an excellent job under very difficult circumstances during the Wapiti fire.

The meeting was recessed to go into South Custer Ambulance. The regular meeting was reconvened at 12:03.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$49,486.13

Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	12,418.93
Road & Bridge	33,856.65
District Court	6.12
Revaluation	21.29
Weeds	179.62
Waterways	60.00
Em. Communications	<u>2,943.52</u>
TOTAL	\$49,486.13

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the credit card application from the Assessor's office for IAC Conference expense in the amount of \$515.16. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved that the credit card application from Commissioner Naillon for IAC Conference expenses in the amount of \$735.63 be approved. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

The SNRA permit for a well site for the water supply for the Stanley Sheriff housing area was then reviewed. The Board approved of the application and felt it should be sent in for approval. Doug Hendrix has agreed to do the well sometime late summer. The meeting was recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Vaden reported on the Custer County Fair Board meeting. The Fair Board has received a bid from Wellard Construction in the amount of \$4,960.00 to pour a slab for upgrading the chicken barn at the fairgrounds. This bid is up \$180.00 from the last quote. This expense will be double checked with Clerk Baker before payment. The legality of selling beer on the County Fair Grounds was then discussed. The City of Mackay owns the Rodeo concession stand and they sell beer during the Mackay Rodeo. It has been asked if beer can be sold at the Ranch Rodeo that is held during the Custer County Fair? The liability of the County was then discussed concerning the new warm up area for horses, that is ½ on County property and ½ on City property. Commissioner Vaden asked if Custer County would be liable if someone gets hurt? The Fair Board currently charges \$15.00 per day for the RV hook-ups and stalls. It has been requested that a monthly rate of \$400.00 be given to the person that is staying on site for the summer and being the watchman? It was agreed that this is a Board of Commissioners decision. The Fair Board has hired Elizabeth (Liz) Enzenauer for the new Fair Board secretary. The Fair Board bank statements are still needed to complete the annual audit process.

The meeting was recessed for a tour of the Stanley Sheriff housing area as well as the Stanley solid waste site and travel back to Challis. After the tour Commissioner Naillon remained in Stanley to attend the Stanley community meeting at the Rocky Mountain Ranch with his wife Myla. The meeting was reconvened at Challis at 4:11 PM. Commissioner Naillon attended via phone connection.

CEDA: Jolie Turek/Challis and Tami Stringham/Salmon attended the meeting. After review of the Idaho Department of Commerce Grant and the CEDA letter. Commissioner Vaden moved they be approved and signed. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Jolie then updated the Board on the Community Round Table meeting that is being facilitated on June 30th from 4:30 to 6:30. Everyone was encouraged to attend. Copies of the Economic Development Study for Lemhi and Custer Counties were then provided. One of the statistics that set our counties apart is that Custer County land is 97% government owned and 3% privately owned, where Lemhi County land is 93% government owned and 7% privately owned. Within the western land ownership rankings Custer county is #7, Idaho county is #8 and Lemhi county is #12. Commissioner Naillon is looking for County Commissioners to represent these counties at upcoming PILT meetings. Commissioner Naillon and Commissioner Vaden will attend for Custer County. Commissioner Carlson will attend for Lemhi County, and Jon Christensen and Mike Boren will be attending as Custer County residents. Jolie through CEDA and Tammy through LEDA will facilitate the meeting dates. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to nominate Lura Baker for the IAC Civility Award. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. Deputy Clerk Hawkins will submit the nomination.

Emergency Management: Lisa Benson reported that the Emergency Operation Planning Class in Boise was awesome and well attended. She has the Custer County Senior Officials Guide and Emergency Operation Plan to Prosecutor Paul Rogers to look over. She has not had many responses on the Earthquake Reduction Program. Only 2 have responded from the 27 letters she mailed out. Lisa verified who would be attending the Sawtooth Collaborative meeting on Friday at 10:00. The full Board of Commissioners plan to attend with her on Friday. Commissioner Naillon will attend with her on Thursday. Lisa then updated the board on the EMPG grant with North Wind. She then inquired about the possibility of having a Public Information Officer for Custer County. Securing funding for the job as well as finding someone qualified for the position are both problems.

With no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.



Randy Corgatelli
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker

Lura H. Baker, Clerk