Custer County Commissioner Meeting Proceedings July 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, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Weed Supervisor Brett Plummer, USFS Engineer Mike Carroll and Sheriff Levi Maydole attending.

Weeds: Supervisor Brett Plummer reported on the CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area) that now includes Lemhi, Custer, Butte and the Little Lost River portion of Clark counties. The CWMA provides some good cost share programs, such as 50% of herbicide costs. Brett/Custer Co is working in partnership with Sherri/Lemhi Co. to get this completed. They are also starting a River of No Return Weed Management Area so they can get the cost share for chemicals used there. A new invasive weed has been found in south Custer county called "Yellow Flag". He is watching it closely and working on eradicating it quickly. The weed department is looking to get a different UTV trailer. The old trailer was for hauling 4-wheelers and is quite high and difficult to load the UTV unit on. Brett will bring his choice with prices to the next meeting.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones introduced Mike Carroll/USFS Engineer. Mike provided the background on the Custer Motorway project that is currently in process. The original \$17 million project has been scaled back from reworking the entire road, to repairing the most damaged sections at a cost of \$3 million. Mill Creek road work will begin next summer and the contractor will be chosen very soon. Challis Cr. road is the designated by-pass traffic route while work is being done in the Mill Cr. canyon. Custer Co. Road & Bridge is cosponsor of this FLAP project and signatures are needed to continue. Mike also went over all the public outreach that has been and is being done concerning these road repairs. Mike is retiring this December and will do his best to assist those tasked with replacing him. The Beaver Creek Road/Loon Cr. area has repairs scheduled for next spring. The area has constantly changing drainage channels that make lasting repairs especially difficult. Mike then excused himself from the meeting.

The Snow Removal Policy was reviewed, with all changes noted in red. Brandon explained the reasons for the changes. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the Amended Snow Removal Policy. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon moved to accept the attached Snow Removal Permit, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to adopt Resolution #2025-08 – Snow Removal, Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

The Cattle Guard Policy was then reviewed. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the Cattle Guard Policy and permit as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to adopt Resolution #2025-09 – Cattle Guards, Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

Brandon reported that the work schedule is caught up. There was some confusion on expectations by the grading crew, but it has been straightened out. Discussion was held on how to possibly integrate the public expertise that has been offered. Commissioner Vaden inquired about the request for "speed bumps" received from the Custer Townsite. Brandon explained the county policy is to suggest those wanting speed bumps to purchase the portable style and install them themselves. There are to many liability issues for the R&B Dept. to do it. A water truck has developed DEF problems, and needs to be taken in for major repairs. The Board agreed that the repair work needs to be done as it is used to plow snow this winter as well. Brandon reported that the chipping projects are nearly complete, and the crews are grading. Repairs are being done on damaged bridge

ends as well. The State/Local Morgan Creek Safety Grant Agreement- Key #23888 needs signatures. The Board agreed to sign.

Solid Waste: Wendel Gohn attended the meeting and advised that a large refrigerator was deposited in the household trash receptacle at the Stanley drop site when the site was closed. All appliances containing freon require decommissioning paperwork before they can be accepted. R&B Supervisor Jones advised that there will need to be additional crew training for what to accept at the drop site, specifically when dealing with cooling units (anything with freon) that are brought for disposal. Had been having problems with the scale at the Stanley site, but this has been remedied. The new gate sign has been hung at the Stanley site.

Discussion regarding the article in the Challis Messenger regarding the proposed price increases for Solid Waste for the County.

Gohn provided a bid from Scales Unlimited, Inc. for repairing the Challis site scale to the Commissioners to review in the amount \$33,770.00. Commissioners discussed this option and decided to allow Gohn to pursue scheduling the repair of the scale at the Challis site.

Brandon Jones advised that there needed to be discussion regarding a schedule for emptying the bins from the Stanley drop site, Gohn advised that he would be available to empty them on weekends to have ready for the upcoming week. Gohn advised that the most recent empty was 7,620 pounds. He will be billing a fee per ton plus \$2.70 per mile to empty. The mileage is 240 miles per trip. Gohn feels that Custer County needs to have an account with Lemhi County, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia will contact Lemhi Clerk Morton in regards to an account with Lemhi County Solid Waste. Discussion regarding purchasing bins and marking them as property of Custer County. Gohn gave a cost of \$12,000 to sell the County another 50 yd bin. Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the purchase of the third 50-yard bin that is currently located at the Stanley drop site, for the amount of \$12,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and the motion passed. Discussion regarding identifying stickers/signs to be made to mark the bins and facilitate proper billing from the Lemhi landfill. Brandon will look into getting the signs made. The smaller bins needed inside the building during the winter, can be leased from Blue Mtn. Refuse.

Jones advised that he has been approached by several businesses in Stanley that would like to have accounts set up for the Stanley drop site, Commissioners discussed this option and agreed that accounts can be set up for large businesses in Stanley. Jones will work on a billing system for those accounts and discuss options with Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen brought the revised plat for the Alder Creek Subdivision, which will reduce the lots from 7 lots to 4 lots. Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the amended plat for Alder Creek Subdivision, Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. The amended plat was signed by Commissioner Chairman Corgatelli.

Assessor: Assessor Bruno attended the meeting to discuss Solid Waste fee increases and the role of the Assessor's office in processing the proposed effect on property values. Assessor Bruno advised that she has had communication with the State and feels that this project will be attainable.

Clerk: Clerk Baker presented the Commissioners with a revision to the Custer County Personnel Policy. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to amend the latest revised Personnel Policy with changes made to Vacation leave and Comp Time is paid out. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to accept Resolution 2025-11, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1) Indigent, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed per role call vote at 10:16 AM. Those present Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Reconvened to the regular meeting at 10:18 AM

Commissioner Naillon made motion to release of Indigent Lien & Promissory Note 12-08, seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to release of Indigent Lien & Promissory Note 13-10, seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Clerk Baker presented a request from the Mackay School for an extension on completion of the L2 forms for the County. Commissioner Vaden made motion to grant the extension of the completion of the L2 for the Mackay School. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Clerk Baker presented a proposal for the court video system mandated for the Court Annex in the amount of \$44,607.85. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the purchase of the video system for the Court Annex in the amount of \$44,607.85, Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(i) Risk Manager, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden, motion passed per role call vote at 10:28 AM. Those present Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Prosecutor Paul Rogers, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Meeting reconvened back to the regular meeting at 11:13 AM

Commissioner Vaden made motion pursuant to Idaho Code 67-206 2(h), the Board of Commissioners is going to use its discretion to reject the presented bids so that the Board can review further information for construction of a future Jail Annex, to possibly reopen the bidding process in the future. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to revise the agenda to move Teton Communications from 11:30 AM to 11:15 AM, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Teton Communications: R&B Supervisor Brandon Jones, Alex Sarinana, P&Z Admin Jessica Clemenhagen and Sheriff Levi Maydole joined the meeting. Tony from Teton Communications gave a brief history of digital radio systems and the current status of these systems in Custer County. Gave list of the digital repeaters that are currently placed within Custer County, also has another application submitted. Discussed those fees that will be incurred if digital is mandated nationwide such as radio costs, monthly fees, etc. Presented information regarding the Fleet-Talk Digital 2-way Radio Service for the Commissioners to review, including mapping of current Custer County radio sites. Floor was open to the different departments for questions regarding the radio service. Agreed that further follow up with other agencies that currently use this service is needed.

Meeting recessed for lunch by Chairman Corgatelli at 12:00 PM. Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

LRED: Bob Bagley attended the meeting to report on Lost Rivers Economic Development events. Report on the Rodeo Parade, Mike Evans opening L7 Realty, a new Ag Business opportunity owned by Doug Belden, re-opening of Kens Club with new owner, the Royal Bakery will be closing, status of the event committee, their activities and issues that have surfaced.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve claims through 07/25/2025 in the amount of \$306,638.48 with the addition of Wildside sports in the amount of \$324.99 submitted by Sheriff Maydole. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden, motion passed.

Current Expense	\$ 51,655.57
Road & Bridge	\$ 15,294.68
Battleground Mosquito Abate	\$ 4,692.84
Fair	\$ 3,000.00
Revaluation	\$ 57.12
LATCF	\$231,877.55
Weeds	\$ 60.72
TOTAL	\$306,638.48

South Custer Ambulance: The meeting was recessed at 2:00 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2025, Commissioner Naillon seconded and motion passed. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve claims through 07/25/2025 in amount of \$23,432.17, motion seconded by Commissioner Naillon, motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting was reconvened at 2:02 PM.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the minutes for the special budget meeting held 07/16/2025, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the minutes for the special budget meeting held 07/21/2025, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held 07/14/2025, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the letter of support to Dave Hilliard, BLM Field Manager, for increasing campground fees. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the letter of support to Jeffrey Sneddon of ITD for modification of traffic speed on Hot Springs Road. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the letter of support for Challis Area Health Center in regards to grant funding. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(i) Risk Management, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed per role call vote. Those present

Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Lura Baker, Prosecutor Paul Rogers, P&Z Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia, Deputy Clerk Hawkins, at 2:05 PM. Reconvened to regular meeting at 2:40 PM.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole presented the Commissioners with a tentative drawing for the new Jail. Discussion regarding funding, bed space, building location and design. Commissioners went to the parking lot to review the area in which the proposed jail building would be located.

Emergency Management: Lisa Benson presented the Commissioners a report of activities to review. Advised that she has completed all evacuation zones for Custer County. She has a webinar on Thursday with IOEM to review Earthquake Resilience Plan. Still in process of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Discussed trainings that she would like to attend, will look into the agenda's that have been posted to see which trainings would be beneficial. Reviewed badge styles for the emergency management position. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the credit card application in the amount of \$215.25 for badge and belt clip for the Emergency Manager, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the Custer County 2025 Senior Officials Guide, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Corgatelli made motion to approve the Custer County Emergency Operations Plan, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and the motion passed.

Benson advised that the Commissioners need to review the Agreement to Provide Emergency Management Assistance, Multi-County Agreement renewal. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the renewal of the Multi-County Agreement, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Probation: Probation Officer Aletia Straub-Workman reported on the conference that she recently attended, thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to attend. Provided a report of the current caseload of juvenile and adult cases she is handling. Provided the Commissioners a bid for a new firearm, will be taking her current firearm to the local firearm dealer to see about putting on consignment to recoup cost to go toward the new firearm. Commissioner Vaden made motion to approve the purchase of a new firearm in the amount of \$850.00, motion seconded by Commissioner Naillon and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Outlander 7C, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for 9 Peaks Restaurant and Lounge, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for 7C Junction, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Buxs Place LLC, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Sawtooth Summit, Mountain Village Resort & Lodge, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Sawtooth Summit, Mountain Village Merc & Gas Station, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Sawtooth Summit Food & Beverage dba Mountain Village, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Papa Brunees LLC, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Oasis Stop & Go LLC, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Lambs Foodtown, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for The Sawmill Station, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made motion to approve the liquor license for Real Deal Smoke & Taphouse, motion seconded by Commissioner Vaden and motion passed.

Commissioners: Based on discussion regarding the need to complete the initial section of the jail project, Commissioner Naillon made motion to open up the bidding process for jail design. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaden and the motion passed.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Randy Cofgatelli, Charman Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk