

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
August 11, 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, Weed Supt Brett Plummer and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins in attendance.

**Weeds:** Brett has received many calls about the knapweed throughout the county. Commissioner Vaden has also gotten calls about weeds in Trail Creek that he passed on to Brett. The Weed Dept. just sent out weed control compliance letters to 36 landowners. Brett explained the safety issues with loading and unloading the UTV on the current trailer. He is looking for a new trailer with a much lower deck. He still needs room to haul the 4-wheelers as well as the UTV. He will attempt to trade the old trailer in, but if unsuccessful he will sell it and apply the receipts to the new trailer purchase. Commissioner Naillon made a motion that the Weed Dept. be approved to spend up to \$4,000.00 on a UTV trailer. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Brett then updated the Board on CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area) work being done. He is working to include southern Custer County as well as parts of Butte Co. His goal is to better assist landowners with the high cost of chemicals. It was reported that the ITD/Stanley Sheriff housing area is weed infested and he will be treating that as well as the Stanley solid waste site.

Commissioner Naillon updated everyone on the Solid Waste Fee Public Hearing held in Challis on Tues. Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. The takeaway lessons he received were; 1) Proposed commercial rates were going way to high, way to fast. 2) The need to lower the rates when necessary costs are covered. 3) Many requested the increase to come gradually. 4) The need to search for grant funding. His contact with DEQ revealed no grant opportunities, but Pat Bricker sent him information on Solid Waste Grants. Clerk Lura Baker provided the name and contact information of a grant writer, and she will be contacted by Commissioner Naillon. The full Board of Commissioners and Deputy Clerk Hawkins will be attending the Solid Waste Fee Increase Public Hearing to be held in Stanley 8/12/25 at 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Vaden moved that the Solid Waste Fee-Challis Public Hearing Minutes from 8/5/2025 be approved as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

**Planning & Zoning:** Jessica Clemenhagen reported that Planning & Zoning Board Member Rick Mauthe has resigned from the P&Z Board of Directors for personal reasons. A new member will be needed from the Mackay area. Lura has sent out informational e-mail to all adjoining land owners along Kootenai Walk as required for the public hearing process. Jessica Clemenhagen/P&Z Administrator updated the board of the process to follow for tonight's hearing. She then thanked the Board for allowing her to hire Lindsay Harris part time. Her excellent help has allowed Jessica to catch up on her work backlog. Discussion was then held on P&Z Board member recruitment, as well as the status of current board members. Clerk Baker verified the legal requirements that are involved with replacing a P&Z Board member. Planning & Zoning has received a C.U.P. Appeal for the Whipple/Home Park on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Prosecutor Paul Rogers will be consulted about legal requirements, as well as the Land Use attorney. Commissioner Naillon asked how the Comprehensive Plan Meetings were progressing. Jessica responded "very well" and everyone is participating in moving the process forward. All agreed that once the Comp. Plan is updated, the Ordinances need to be gone over.

**Treasurer:** Allcyn Latimer brought her monthly report for the Board. She then reported on the conference she just attended with other county treasurers, and what she has learned. The slow progress of finishing the Court Annex was then discussed. The plumbing is being worked on as we meet, after Clerk Baker discussed things with them.

**Clerk:** Clerk Lura Baker informed the Board of the new Jail Plan, RFP interest. She has received 9 inquiries to date and they are still coming in. She has provided Will's phone number as a phone contact. Clerk Baker then brought the CAI/Harris contract for annual software information renewal to the Board. Commissioner Naillon moved that the CAI Agreement be approved and signed. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Baker

then provided copies of the ADA Transition Plan that she has updated, for the Board to review before the next meeting. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session under ID Code 74-206(1)(i) Risk Management at 9:48 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed with Roll call vote all ayes. Those attending this session were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No Decisions were made during this session. Returned to regular session at 9:55 AM.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins and member Louise Stark attended, and the letters addressed to the BLM were discussed. Jim then updated the Board about receiving no response from the Lemhi County Commissioners concerning our effort to help them begin "co-ordination". New possible meeting dates were chosen of 9/5/25 or 8/29/25. Jim will continue to try to get a joint county meeting set up. Louise then shared her information on the Appropriations Bill. There is an opportunity to get the Salmon/Challis Forest Plan Revision completed. Page 407 Forest Management Plan, section 4 of this Appropriations Bill is where the information is. Louise stated that working with a 38-year-old Forest Plan is unacceptable. Louise then provided a copy of her recent comments to the IOGA Licensing Board for the "Negotiated Rulemaking Notice". She felt they need to clearly define the authority guidelines between State and Federal agencies. The Board of Commissioners agreed with her and stated they will also submit a comment.

**Prosecutor:** Paul Rogers updated the Board on the local Search & Rescue groups in Challis, Mackay and Stanley all needing to have a MOU with Custer County to maintain their 501C-3 status. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to go into executive session under ID Code 74-206(1)(i) Risk Management at 10:45 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed with Roll call vote of ayes. Those attending this session were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Prosecutor Paul Rogers, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tina Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session. Returned to regular session at 11:05 AM.

**University of Idaho Extension:** Extension Director Marny Spencer and Extension Educator Sarah Baker attended. Marny provided a handout on Extension Education within Idaho and Custer County. An animal incident that happened at this years Custer County Fair was then discussed. Sarah provided a 2025 county fair report. The exhibit count was up in all areas from last year, sewing, leather work, art, etc. and the Market Animal Sale was a resounding success. The 2025 Market Animal Sale proceeds were \$412,000.00, up from \$318,000.00 in 2024. Add on money that has been received totals \$73,000.00 to date and is still coming in. The new members of the Market Animal Sale Committee are doing a great job and have instituted an on-line billing/payment system. They also re-set the payment due date to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sarah provided pictures of this year's grand champions with the new photo backdrop. It has been approved and appreciated by all. There were more Open Class exhibits in the Fair Building, as well as having better attendance at the Ranch Rodeo. Commissioner Vaden asked who selects the judges for the Fair? Sarah responded they are chosen by the Leaders Council, and the Fair Board issues their payments. This years livestock judge was very difficult to hear from the audience. Sarah then reported that the Fair Board has hired a new secretary, Sharon Bradley, and the next Fair Board meeting will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to go into executive session under State Code 74-206(1)(i) Risk Management at 11:40 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed with Roll call vote of ayes. Those attending this session were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Prosecutor Paul Rogers, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. No Decisions were made during this session. Returned to regular session at 11:59 AM.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden and Deputy Clerk Hawkins. Also attending from the agencies were Michael Fuller/SNRA, Randall Andersen/BLM, Robert Taylor/BLM, and Chris Waverek/USFS Challis-Yankee Fk. R.D.

**Agencies:**

Chris Waverek-Challis/Yankee Fork District Ranger reported on the area fire activity. To date they have been successful in catching fire starts early and getting them put out. To date they have caught 23 fire starts. They do have 3 wilderness fires that are being monitored but not staffed. Chris inquired if any more information was needed about the Grouse Peak, BPA microwave site installation. The Board thanked him for his response letter. The Sleeping Deer road is currently being worked on by the USFS road crew. There is also trail work being done in

Kelly Creek. The USFS is receiving 157 acres of private property in the Antelope Creek area at Leadbelt Creek. It was asked if it was a gift or was there a land swap agreed to? Commissioner Naillon asked about doing some road maintenance on the Jordan Cr. road? There is a small section that is very rough before the Hecla Mine.

Michael Fuller/SNRA reported that their road crew is working on the campground roads as well as doing maintenance on the Iron Cr. Road. The letter about dead trees along Highway 75 has been received and they are working with ID Transportation Department to verify who has jurisdiction where. They all agree that the trees need to be taken out. Commissioner Naillon verified that the bulk of the big leaning dead trees are from Marshal Creek up river. Mike reported that they have stopped 5 small fire starts with quick response time and great cooperation with the other fire departments. Fire restrictions are currently in force on the Sawtooth Nat. Forest. Personnel have written multiple tickets for unattended campfires, as well as putting out multiple escaped campfires in the forest. Mike will be bringing his new Forest Supervisor to the next Commissioners meeting. He has heard many compliments about Custer County re-opening the Stanley solid waste site. The Elkhorn burn area is being re-opened for grazing, and the Millers are looking at getting back on their grazing allotment as well. The Forest is working on letting some timber sales in the Galena Summit area to reduce the fuel load. The staffing for their Forest is currently frozen at around 40%.

Robert Taylor/BLM Area Field Manager gave some of his background information. He updated the Board on BLM staffing number. The Challis Field Office has 26 positions with 11 of them vacant. All hiring is frozen for now with a 4 to 1 ratio. (If you loose 4 employees, you are authorized to hire back 1). They are expecting a new State BLM Director to come onboard the end of August. The Commissioners asked that the "Weed Tech." position be the first job filled if possible. Commissioner Naillon inquired about the planned feral horse roundup this fall? The BLM has no funding to do the gather now.

Randall Andersen/BLM reported on their use of virtual fencing to enable allotment grazing around the edge of old burns. It is cost effective, with permanent fence costing \$7,500 per mile and virtual fence costing \$3,000 per mile. Currently the Morgan family is test driving a virtual fence system on their grazing allotment. *Michael Fuller verified that the SNRA is utilizing virtual fencing also*". Randall informed the board that the BLM is using a skid-steer with a mowing unit along their roads in the Spar Canyon area. They are also planting white bark pine seedlings up in the Poverty Flats study area.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda to swap Sheriff time of 3:15 with Road & Bridge time 2:30 PM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Maydole attended with Eric from White Cloud Communications. The current dispatch consoles used by Custer County are becoming obsolete and are unrepairable, as parts are no longer available. White Cloud has offered a Z-tron Max system that will fit the budget and bring the dispatch up to date. This is a two-desk system with add-ons available when needed. The annual contract carries the cost out for 4 years. Blaine, Valley, Elmore and Power Counties are using this same system. When asked, Levi stated that the lead dispatcher is all for this update. The cost is \$119,653.00 for two dispatch consoles, but will require some fine tuning and accessories that could amount to another 1%. This system can be moved over to a new location when required with minimal switch over time needed. Discussion then turned to Star-Link systems and if they could be hooked to the vehicle radios. The bullet list of needs were #1 Dispatch consoles, #2 Star-Link in patrol vehicles and #3 Repeater upgrades. White Cloud will work directly with the dispatchers to nail down just what accessories are needed.

**Road & Bridge:** Supervisor Brandon Jones introduced Matt Koster with LHTAC. (Local Highway Tec. Assistance Council) Matt is a staunch advocate of support and training for all the highway districts and road departments in Idaho. They offer many training classes. The Road Scholar certificate verifies 80 hours of training and special classes. This year he presented the Road Scholar award to Gary Covington and Gary Hansen that work for Custer County Road & Bridge. They both received a Road Scholar Hat, a Leatherman tool and a framed certificate. The Road Master award requires 80 hours of training, special classes and 5 electives. He presented Supt. Brandon Jones with the Road Master award that included a Carhart Jackett and a framed Certificate. The Board expressed their appreciation of the dedication and hard work of these employees. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve and sign the Custer Motorway FLAP Grant plans. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to approve the Safety Grant for Morgan Creek Road to release the funds. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Brandon then presented the

agreement for the Squaw Cr. #3 bridge replacement. This has been approved and accepted with a previous motion, but needs Board signature. Chairman Corgatelli signed the paperwork. Brandon then provided the invoice for scale tickets required at the Stanley solid waste site. He has ordered 2000 duplicate tickets at a cost of \$1,000.00 and was surprised at the high cost. The Identification sign/stickers and unit numbers that are needed for the Stanley roll-off units will also be taken care of by Brandon. The Stanley area business' that may require a solid waste account are being contacted by Brandon on a limited basis. Brandon is also working with the BLM to set up a crusher and use the old tailings at the Three Rivers Stone rock quarry. He has received a letter from the ID Dept. of Lands verifying Custer Co. Road & Bridge access and he is currently allotted 50,000 yards of materials. The next step is to see that the materials once crushed will meet specifications for road materials. All agreed it was a win – win situation for everyone involved. Brandon is also working on setting up a place in the lower Yankee Fork area to keep a snow removal vehicle plugged in during the winter. He has a possible location, but the owner is asking that the county pay the power bill involved. The Board agreed that request was fair, and he should proceed and get an agreement put together if possible. Lost River Highway Dist. has loaned their road-side mower to Custer Co. Road & Bridge to mow weeds along the shoulders of the routes that are scheduled for chip seal work. They will also cut the encroaching brush back on the Morgan Cr. road for safety.

Upon review of the ARPA Fund requirements, Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of the Dispatch console system from White Cloud Communications with the ARPA fund money, at a cost of \$119,653.00 for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion of the needed jail plans was held with Clerk Baker to be sure the RFP requirements are correct. The new jail cannot be attached to the courthouse or all the deferred ADH work will be triggered. Sheriff Maydole reported that there were very few DUI infractions connected to the BBR that occurred over the weekend. Deputy Mike Newmyer attended and updated the Board on the work he has been doing around the Stanley Sheriff's housing area. He has cleared dead brush, gathered and hauled off garbage and leveled out the area enough to plant some lawn for his children. The photos he showed the Board brought approval and gratitude for his efforts that have gone above and beyond. Mike then requested possible reimbursement for his out of pocket expenses for grass seed and fuel, totaling \$728.68. The Board expressed their appreciation and felt the county could certainly pay the costs, as Mike has done all the work. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to reimburse Mike Newmyer for the expenses involved in maintaining the Stanley Sheriff housing area. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Claims:** Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$484,134.81. This includes additions of Mike Newmyer \$728.60, White Cloud Communications \$119,653.00 and Ray Simon \$162.25. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	38,733.80
Road & Bridge	228,367.54
Battleground Mosqt.	14,927.60
Election Fund	200.05
District Court	302.00
Rodeo Grounds	80.14
Revaluation	10,783.79
Solid Waste	747.20
Weeds	172.97
PILT	5,707.04
ARPA	119,653.00
LACTF	22,944.03
Em. Communications	736.20
Auditors Trust	<u>40,779.45</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$484,134.81</b>

The meeting was recessed to go into South Custer Ambulance. The regular meeting was reconvened at 3:33 PM.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Maydole and Deputy Newmyer updated the Board on the 15 LED cartop lightbars that they have been gifted by Ada County for the Custer Co. patrol vehicles. These lightbars are used, but would cost \$3,000.00 each to purchase new. An explanation of why this style of lightbar is needed to replace the interior lightbar system currently in use was given. The safety of the officer when in pursuit after dark and the safety of the public that is unable to see the interior light system on patrol vehicles. Sheriff Maydole has contacted Day Wireless about the cost of installing the lightbars, which runs \$2,000 for 3 vehicles. Commissioner Naillon made a motion that Day Wireless be paid up to \$4,000 for installation fees on top lightbars for Sheriff patrol vehicles. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Department was commended for finding needed equipment being passed on for free, from other larger counties.

**Certificates of Residency:** Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the application received from Calen Zollinger, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the application received from Bailey Johnson, Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Liquor License:** The following list of Custer County business were approved for their 2025/2026 Liquor Licenses by individual Motion from Commissioner Naillon, second by Commissioner Vaden and unanimous aye votes.

L7 Bar and Grill	Challis Golf and Recreation Association
Family Dollar LLC	Stanley High Country Inn
Sawtooth Lucy's LLC	Kimble Oil & Gas LLC
Redfish Lake Lodge LLC	Shyla's Hideaway Bar & Grill
Loon Hospitality LLC	Stanley Baking Company
Sawtooth Hotel LLC	Challis Floral & Gifts
River 1 Inc.	

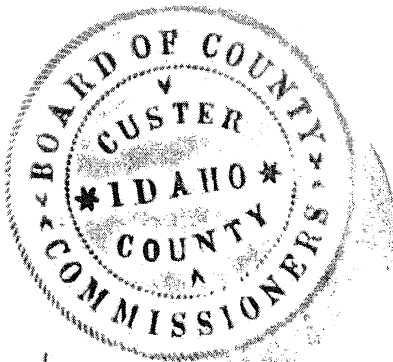
Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the credit card use application for Cal-Med AED expense in the amount of \$276.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Vaden moved to approve sending of the letter to the BLM State Office and carbon copies to the Federal and District offices. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to approve the letter to Heather DeGeest/USFS. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Vaden moved that the minutes from the 7/28/25 regular commissioners meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed for the Public Hearing for Bryan Wilson/partial road vacation at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened and with no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.



Attest:

Lura H. Baker, Clerk

Randy Corgatelli, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner