

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
January 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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 and Admin. Assistant Tina Hawkins in attendance.

The first item of business was to select 2026 Officers within the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Vaden moved to retain Randy Corgatelli as the Chairman of the Board and Will Naillon as the Vice Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Vaden then made a motion to keep all the committee assignments the same as 2025. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

High Country RC&D	-	Will Naillon	E. ID Regional Dev.	-	Randy Corgatelli
Altura/ECIPDA	-	Will Naillon	Ctrl. ID Transportation	-	Randy Corgatelli
Public Lands	-	Will Naillon	Homeland Security	-	Randy Corgatelli
Custer Econ. Dev. Assn	-	Will Naillon	County Payroll	-	Randy Corgatelli
N. Custer Rodeo	-	Will Naillon	E ID State Fair	-	Gordon Vaden
Weed Dept.	-	Will Naillon	Magistrate Comm.	-	Gordon Vaden
Lost River Econ. Dev.	-	Gordon Vaden	Dist. 7 Health Dept.	-	Gordon Vaden
			Fair Board	-	Gordon Vaden

Commissioner Vaden then moved to retain Clerk Lura Baker as Risk Manager, Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to reaffirm all the local committee appointments for the Commissioners. (ie: Fair Board, P&Z, Rodeo, Waterways) Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones brought information on the GC Model CAT Loader that he is looking at. Currently the R&B has a 150M Loader. The same size GC loader has a lower cost and fewer electronic controls. The GC loader costs \$289,000 and the 150M loader costs \$330,000. Brandon is also looking to change the lease over to 7 years/2000 hours from the traditional 5 years/2000 hours. This will provide about \$3,000 in annual lease savings and the hours will come very close to actual operation. After discussion the Board agreed the lease of a GC Loader was approved, as long as it was what they needed for the Road & Bridge department. Wendell Gohn/Solid Waste attended and reported on the county excavator. When the Solid Waste Dept. was using it, they felt it had plugged fuel filters. After changing the filters and filling it with blended fuel it is still having issues. The County owns this piece of equipment, but will have the CAT man come and diagnose the running problems. Brandon has been contacted by Karma Bragg/CCSWCD. She has received the needed funding for the first two Kinnikinnik culvert contracts. These are planned to be installed this year and the 3rd culvert will be done next year. All were grateful for Karma's efforts and the success in getting project funding. Brandon then reported on the Stanley solid waste transfer station. The winter season is moving along well. He offered to install the compressor/welder that was purchased through Federal Surplus at the Stanley site as a reliable power source. The Board agreed that it was a good idea and approved the installation. Wendell reported that the new solid waste trailer has arrived, but he has not received the title. He will begin hauling as soon as he gets the title work completed. Brandon has the deep snow berm on Morgan Cr. Summit pushed back, as per the agreement between the USFS and Custer County. All agreed that it will only be pushed back as needed.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided the engagement letter for our Auditor Gary Merkel. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the Auditor Engagement Letter. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. This year Custer County will be required to complete another single audit process, due to the Court Annex building. Clerk Baker has completed the annual Waterways Certification Report and explained the funding system to the Commissioners. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the Request for Custer Co. Vessel Funds. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried. The SRS Funds were then discussed, as was the report that is due February 1st. The monies for the USFS-RAC and Schools is allocated first, then the remaining funds are eligible to be used by road departments or Firewise projects. Chief Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia attended and reported on the election training she just attended in Boise. Information on an enclosed trailer was then provided, for possible purchase by the Election Department to use transporting ballots. The Board approved of the plan. Custer County Elections are transitioning to central counting for their elections. Tamra has cleared the process with the State of Idaho. The new tabulators can process about 300 ballots per hour. Commissioner Naillon asked where the covered trailer could be stored? Clerk Baker voiced her concern about how each precinct will post their precinct results at the polling places. The voting precincts were then reviewed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the precincts as presented by the Clerks Office. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Battleground and Sunol will remain as "mail-in" precincts due to their small populations. Challis, Mackay, Stanley, Leslie, Round Valley I, Round Valley II and Clayton will remain the same as 2025. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to add Tamra Giampedraglia as Co-Risk Manager with Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Discussion of the Custer County ARPA funds was held. Commissioner Naillon agreed to contact Seth at IAC about these funds, their original intention and how they can be utilized by Custer County.

Assessor: Jacquel Bruno/Assessor brought information on an airplane that needs to be removed from the Custer Co. tax rolls. She has found that we are the only Idaho county that carried airplanes on the tax rolls. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the cancellation of taxes on #PP240200 in the amount of \$539.16. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer/Treasurer provided her monthly report as well as the list of solid waste fee cancellations.

Commissioner Naillon moved that the following parcels have their solid waste fees of \$100 cancelled, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

RP11N18E142401A	RPA00010240050A	RP000620040042A
RPB00170010082A	RPA00010170020A	RP000480020062A
RP08N22E263901A	RP08N21E151204A	RP000700000032A
RP07N24E076700A	RP000750000280A	RP10N13E094882A
RP000370010131A	RP9913N18E2120A	LR12N15E103001A
RP06N25E080642A	RP000620030040A	

Commissioner Naillon then moved to cancel the solid waste fee of \$300 on RPA00030000021A. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Clerk: Commissioner Naillon moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(1)(f) for legal at 9:42 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Baker, Chief Clerk Giampedraglia and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:50 AM.

Indigent: Commissioner Naillon moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(1)(d) for exempt records at 9:51 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Baker, Chief Clerk Giampedraglia and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:54 AM. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve payment of the cremation cost of \$1,500.00 for Indigent #2025-04. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(1)(a) for personnel at 9:55 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Baker, Chief Clerk Giampedraglia and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 10:02 AM. Commissioner Vaden moved to accept Closing Time Cleaning to be the Custer County janitor and handyman at a cost of \$40.00 per hour. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed.

Clerk Baker had some final expenses for the Court Annex Building that need to be paid via credit card. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the credit card use in the amount of \$877.55. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. The DOT requires a Drug and Alcohol Clearing House query fee that is paid with a credit card. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the card use for this payment of \$50.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. A letter to IOEM from Custer County was presented by Clerk Baker. This is to apply for possible grant funds to use for the completion of repairs on the Mackay Dam. Changes were noted. Clerk Baker then explained the stopping of woodlot deliveries until March. There have been issues with illegal green wood being brought in. It was agreed that rules need to be written up before the deliveries are reopened. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the Custer County Cash Rounding Policy as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and inquired about the letter to the Idaho Fish & Game Commission concerning the loss of private property within Custer County. Upon review there was a correction to be made and the letter will be sent out. The USFS has not responded to the Commissioners request for a Government to Government meeting as yet. Jim reported that the Lemhi NRAC cancelled their first meeting because Commissioner Lynn Bowerman could not attend. The American Stewards of Liberty are sponsoring a Private Land Liberty Summit on February 13th and 14th that Jim Hawkins would like to attend. After discussion it was decided that Commissioner Gordon Vaden would also like to attend. The Board agreed to sponsor their travel expenses and arrangements will be made. Commissioner Naillon reported that he has spoken to Representative Simpsons office about the pending purchase of private lands by the US Forest Service. He was informed that Simpson will not be funding such a purchase. Jim then reported that he will be promoting "coordination" at the Idaho Farm Bureau meeting in Boise on February 10th. He and NRAC member David Philips will be attending. Commissioner Vaden has been called about an issue with the BLM over ground water recharge efforts. They will address it further during the Agency portion of this meeting at 1:30. The Barton Flat Cemetery enlargement was also discussed and will be brought to the attention of the BLM at that same time.

Rodeo Committee: Myla Naillon attended and reported that the CHC Grant process has provided another \$15,000 to the N. Custer Rodeo Committee toward the purchase of a tractor. This combined with the other funds that they have collected this should get them the needed equipment. They have received a bid from Ray's Heating and Cooling/Salmon for needed repairs on the bathrooms, but she will solicit another bid from Wrangler Williams/Mackay.

Prosecutor: Paul Rogers reported on the pending cases that are still involving Custer County. There is slow progress.

Jess Johnson the Mackay High School history teacher and his senior government class attended the meeting. The members of the Custer County Board of Commissioners were introduced as well as the Prosecuting Attorney. Clerk Lura Baker explained how the Court Annex building came about and how it was funded. All agreed it was so good to see young people learning about how the government works.

Emergency Services: Lisa Benson brought her monthly report. She has been working on the job responsibilities and provided the list she has compiled. The Board agreed that it looked good and encouraged her to continue. Lisa has been in contact with Stanley about the cost of repeater services. They are working out a new contract that will come due in August. The IOEM is scheduling Zoom meetings on the upcoming election process for Jan 22nd or Feb. 5th. Lisa plans to attend the IAC Conference in Boise, Jan. 26th – 29th. IOEM will reimburse her for the registration, lodging and travel costs. The Board appreciated their help with keeping county costs down.

The meeting was recessed at 11:35 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 11:38 AM.

Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2025 Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Baker brought the IOEM paperwork for possible grant fund applications for signature. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the minutes for the Osprey Bend Public Hearing. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the Osprey Bend Public Hearing. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$243,416.40, with additions for Round Valley Supply \$68.95 and Computer Arts \$4,347.35. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	147,965.42
Road & Bridge	29,610.80
District Court	2,415.52
Revaluation	9,275.00
Solid Waste	6,128.63
Weeds	649.59
PILT	51,035.70
Emg. Comm. Fund	752.04
TOTAL	247,832.70

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00, and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Jim Hawkins/NRAC, Tom Coates, Bob Piva, Chris Waverek/Challis -Yankee Fk. RD, Lance Stavast/Lost River RD, John Runkle/Challis-Yankee Fork RD, Randai Anderson/BLM, Mike Fuller/SNRA and Tina Hawkins, Admin. Asst.

Agencies: Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. – Chris Waverek reported on the local community ski trail up in the Big Hill area. He has put a temporary winter closure on the Big Hill Gulch road to reduce conflict

between skiers and vehicles. This will only be closed during the winter ski season, January through April. Commissioner Naillon inquired about the Government to Government meeting request that had been made?

Lost River Ranger Dist. - Lance Stavast is working on getting a date set for the G2G meeting. The Pritchett property in question is located in Antelope Creek within his district. He informed the Board about another parcel that is surrounded by BLM in that general area that the owners want to bequeath to the Federal Government. His District is starting the EA for a timber sale in Sawmill Canyon of 250 acres with mainly standing dead timber. He reported on road improvements that will be done in the Alder Cr. and Cherry Cr. drainages. They plan to re-route the road up out of the creek bottom to eliminate most of the stream crossings.

SNRA - Mike Fuller reported that there are plans to replace the big white tent within the Redfish Lake compound with a permanent structure. They have also moved the stock corrals out of the middle of the compound, which will open up more parking that is badly needed. The Sawtooth Valley grazing allotments are moving ahead, but they need to get the stock water figured out. They are looking at either a well or a pump system to troughs. The permittee will rotate through each pasture to disperse the use and more fencing is needing to be finished. They are meeting with permittees on Feb. 18 in the USFS Conference room to keep everyone updated. His district is working with the Wapiti Fire emergency response funds to get the burnt fences repaired or rebuilt. They are moving more toward virtual fencing in the area. They are also working with the Sawtooth Lodge at Lowman to repair/replace the buildings that were burnt in the Wapiti Fire. The Arrow A Ranch is wanting to build two more houses, and permitting is moving ahead. They have let a Big Wood timber sale around the Galena Lodge to clean up the dead and dying timber. The huge slash pile at the Stanley solid waste site has been burnt and totally cleaned up.

BLM - Randall Anderson spoke for Field Manager Vince Guyer. They are dealing with feral horses on Highway 75 again. Still trying to decide who is responsible for the roadside fencing that is down. They are planning a fuels project on Willow Creek Summit this summer. They have no Weed person, so the work that gets done will be through contractors. They work a lot with the ID F&G and Custer County Weed Dept. The new road into Jimmy Smith Lake is getting complaints about being unsafe. Again, they are not sure just WHO has jurisdiction on the road. Tom Coates spoke on the problems he is having, trying to get information from the BLM concerning grazing permits. Randall said a FOIA is required for the amount of information that has been requested. Tom was with the permittee when the request was made and refused. This issue is about the AUM timing and the available water supply on the allotment. Tom is also helping with aquifer recharge issues in a ditch that crosses the BLM. Tom stated his desire to keep the livestock industry viable within Custer County. Commissioner Naillon offered to take talking points to the BLM director in Washington D.C. when he meets there. The enlargement the Barton Flat Cemetery was then brought up. Randall will get the request to Dave Hilliard, as he is handling the project.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole brought a proposal to put an apartment in the back of the Mackay Sheriff Office. This improvement would provide facilities for deputies that are sent to the area for patrol work. The Board made no decision. Sheriff Maydole has looked over the MOU agreement with the Search and Rescue and approved. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(1)(f) for legal at 2:25 PM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Sheriff Maydole and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 2:36 PM. A Waterways Deputy is still needed for the summer season. Bailiff Ray Simons has attended training and has become a certified Court Security Officer. In many counties the Bailiff and Court Security Officer is not the same person. The training brought many new security

requirements to light. It was verified that Custer County has vastly improved court security in the new Court Annex building. Questions that arose were; the many cameras that are installed need to be monitored by someone? We need a building security plan. Custer County needs to have a S.O.P. for the Bailiff and one for the Court Security officer. Ray is also concerned about who will be manning all the new security equipment at the Annex building? Commissioner Naillon suggested that any affordable changes should be done, but the expensive changes will need to be planned and budgeted for in the future. Ray was thanked for the effort he has put into this research.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen attended and brought a request for reconsideration from Mr. Gomes on the Whipple property C.U.P. to the Board. This is the next step in a long process. Commissioner Naillon inquired about the rewriting of the Ordinance wording, to enable quicker decision making. Jessica is working on getting the wording changed. The Planning & Zoning Board is struggling to have a full quorum at their meetings due to health issues. She still needs to find a P&Z representative from the Mackay area. Commissioner Vaden will visit with those that he knows that are interested in serving. A response letter to the request for reconsideration will be written up by Jessica for the Board. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to deny the request for reconsideration from Mr. Gomes. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.


Workforce Housing/Steve Botti: Mr. Botti brought copies of the current preliminary sit plan for the 4-acre site. Phase I is planned to have 18 townhouses for year around employees. Each townhouse will have a garage in the bottom level. Phase II will be for seasonal employee housing. The developer that they are working with is Northwest Real Estate Developers. He is ready to sign a lease agreement with the City of Stanley, but the City Council is wanting lower rent fees. It was stressed that this is affordable housing, not low-income housing. Botti then listed the two issues that still need to be dealt with. #1 Wetlands. There have been some recent changes in the Army Corp of Engineers wetland definition. And #2 Historic cultural resources. The effect of the new buildings upon the old ranger station building/museum. All agreed that those issues will take some time and research.


Dawn Maydole/Grant Application: There are grants available for \$2,500.00 to help pay for events to commemorate Americas 250th Birthday celebration. The City of Challis has received one of the grants. The Board approved Dawn to pursue application for this grant. She will bring a report on what type of event is being planned.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.



Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk


Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner