

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
February 9, 2026

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, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Wendell Gohn and Admin. Assistant Tina Hawkins in attendance.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Solid Waste up to 8:00 from the 9:00 time. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Solid Waste: Discussion on the possibilities for land acquisition in the area of the Challis transfer station was held. The City property adjoining the waste site was acquired during the Wilderness Bill and cannot be sold. Information on the solid waste incineration/generation presentation scheduled for the Feb. 23rd meeting was shared. Wendell then updated the Board on the new haul trailer and his ability to move more tonnage per load. Once the older truck that he is currently using is updated his payload will increase further. Brandon brought all attending up to date on the diagnosis for the excavator. The fuel pumps have slowly weakened over time and need to be replaced. This is a large expense but to be expected for equipment of this age. The new signage to be placed at the transfer stations was reviewed and the required Resolution and Ordinance are on today's agenda.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones provided the Cat estimate for fuel pump repairs on the excavator of \$17,000+. The entire engine has to be pulled to get the fuel pumps replaced. It will be taken to the Cat shop for the work. Brandon provided the CE&I Agreement on the Morgan Creek Safety Grant for approval and signature. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve and sign the service agreement with Civil Science and the ID Transp. Dept. for the Morgan Cr. safety project. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Road & Bridge has received a proposal for a mobile speed sign at a cost of \$6,720.12. It was agreed to hold back on this purchase until closer to the end of the budget year. Discussion of where and how to cut the R&B Dept. budget was held. All agreed that repeated blading on schedule A routes may have to be stopped. The new security camera system was working well, but experienced a glitch. Cody will check into the issue, as he installed the system. The recent incident with a snow plow in a local parking lot was discussed. Camera footage showed that it was not a County plow, but a State Highway plow. Brandon has offered to assist the property owner with needed repairs, through the ID Transportation Dept. Brandon has two employees that are looking to move their Class B CDL's up to Class A. A Grant in the amount of \$2,920.00 has been found to help cover the cost. Using the grant still leaves \$750.00 for the student to pay. Brandon would like to offer \$500.00 from the Road & Bridge budget to assist them. If the employee quits the department before a specific time, then they must pay the \$500.00 back to the County. The Board agreed that they could be kept on the payroll while attending the classes, which requires 4 days off site. The on-line portion of the class can be done during their free time. Once these upgrades are complete, the R&B Dept will have 90% of their crew members with Class A CDL's. This makes job scheduling and equipment movement much simpler. The crews have done road shaping and ditch cleaning around Round Valley as the winter moisture dries out. The Conex shelter kit is being put together and built at the R&B yard. This is the first time the crew has had any spare time to do it. They have also fabricated a special V shaped loader bucket to clean barrow ditches and improve the road drainage. Commissioner Vaden made a motion for the County to pay up to \$500 per student toward the CDL training classes, and keep attendees on the payroll during the CDL – Class A out of town training. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed.

Weeds: The letter provided by Supt. Brett Plummer was reviewed. The CWMA agreement with the US Forest Service was looked over. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to move Clerk up to the 9:00 time from 10:00 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker provided the E. Idaho State Fair financial report for the Board to review. Lura then reminded the Board of the money that was paid "In lieu of property taxes" when the Challis Hot Springs property went to government ownership. This account also holds in Lieu of Property tax money from a different private property land sale to the Forest Service. The FY 2025 Custer County Audit was also reviewed. The receipt of substantial Grant Funds required the County to do a single audit as well. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the FY 2025 Financial Audit done by Gary Merkle as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Baker then read a thank you letter received from a customer of the Records Office for the exceptional service he received from Deputy Clerk Hailey Provence. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(1)(f) for legal at 9:14 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Clerk Baker, and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 9:55 AM. Court security was then discussed. Bullet proof glass will be installed in the court clerk's reception window. Other defensive options were gone over and the panic button system was verified. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the key fob entry system be installed on the judge's hallway door. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Research into how the ARPA funds were listed has shown they can possibly be utilized for jail engineering costs.

Treasurer: Allcyn Latimer/Treasurer provided her monthly report as well as a 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.

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Commissioner Naillon then moved to cancel the solid waste fee of \$200 on the following cell tower parcels. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

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Commissioner Naillon moved that solid waste refunds of \$100.00 each be paid out to the following parcel owners. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

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NRAC: Chairman Jim Hawkins verified the travel arrangements with Commissioner Vaden on their forthcoming trip to Texas for the Liberty Summit. The Government to Government meeting with the Forest Service schedule was then discussed. Jim reminded the Board that "co-ordination" requires public interface and transparency. If they meet at the Forest Service office, the public is not able to attend and monitor the conversations. Possible dates given were March 10, 11, 12, 13, or March 24, 25, 26, 27. These dates will be presented to the Forest Service to select from. The proposed private land sale to the federal government was discussed. The State of Idaho can only pay up to market value, but the federal government can pay up to double that value. The NRAC committee suggested pursuing a judicial stay on the transaction until all facts are verified. The actual acres involved were researched.

Solid Waste/Travis Pyle: Zoom connections were made with Travis Pyle/Great West Engineering, the full board of commissioners, Wendell Gohn and Tina Hawkins attending. The discussion centered on transfer stations and hauling of solid waste. Currently Wendell is hauling the waste on a 260-mile round trip. He is needing a full payload to make it work. Travis spoke on stationary crane tamping systems as well as excavators with stinger bars. Wendell stated his concerns about tearing up the walking floor haul trailer. Travis gave a list of sites with similar situations as Custer County. Lincoln Co, /Shoshone, Blaine Co./Ohio Gulch and Carey. Commissioner Naillon and Wendell Gohn will make plans to visit the sites. Great West engineering will be sending a "Scope of Services" for Custer County to review, then the contract will be negotiated. After the zoom session ended, the solid waste monthly reports were gone over and explained by Wendell. Currently the costs of site operations and income is just breaking even.

Rodeo Committee: Myla Naillon attended and provided the second plumbing bid from Lost River Plumbing of \$2,788.54. Commissioner Naillon recused himself from voting on this issue. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve payment of the Lost River Plumbing bid of \$2,788.54, Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Myla reviewed the \$1,000 savings that they enjoyed with the septic pumping bill.

Butte Co. SWCD – Walt Johnson attended and brought the annual funding request, they are not asking for any increase. The department has been building pipelines to deliver surface water, and working on ground water recharge sites. They are also working on wildlife friendly fence projects with the ID Fish & Game and Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the annual appropriation to Butte Co. SWCD in the amount of \$5,281.75. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. This is the same amount as FY2025.

Certificate of Residency: After review, Commissioner Vaden approved the Certificate for Bailey Johnson. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the minutes of the 1-12-2026 Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. The credit card use applications were then reviewed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the expense of \$1,054.46 for the new Court Annex submitted by Clerk Lura Baker. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the annual fee of \$159.90 for Zoom connections, submitted by Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. The request for Life-Loc expenses will be further discussed with Sheriff Maydole.

Prosecutor: Paul Rogers attended the meeting and fielded questions. Purchase of public lands by the federal government was discussed.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$131,288.89. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	87,506.89
Road & Bridge	22,491.81
Battleground Mosq.	567.17
Election Fund	3,719.00
District Court	4,356.85
Rodeo Grounds	21.51
Jr. College Tuition	2,000.00

Revaluation	83.95
Solid Waste	7,149.15
Weeds	2,157.12
Emg. Comm. Fund	<u>1,175.44</u>
TOTAL	131,228.89

The meeting was recessed at 11:55 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District. The meeting was reconvened at 11:57 AM. The meeting was then recessed for lunch at 12:00 to reconvene at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Tom Coates, Bob Piva, Chris Waverek/Challis -Yankee Fork RD, Lance Stavast/Lost River RD, David Hilliard & Vince Guyer/BLM, Jason Brinkman, Matt Kreizenbeck and Bill Nicholson/ID Transp. Dept., Ryan Hilton/ID Fish & Game and Tina Hawkins, Admin. Asst.

Agencies: – Chris Waverek – Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger Dist. reported on Ranger Districts receiving the new priorities from the Chief of the Forest Service. Timber, grazing, minerals, wildfires, disasters and recreation. Government to Government relations with a good exchange of needs and ideas is stressed. Commissioner Naillon inquired about the status of the New Forest Plan and the use of chain saws in the wilderness? Chris responded the Forest Plan Revision is on stand by and the possible use of chainsaws is in the Chief's hands at this time.

Lance Stavast- Lost River Ranger Dist. inquired about possible dates for the Government to Government meeting that has been requested? After looking over their schedules possible dates in March were given. Lance then reported that along with a full fire crew, the fire engine needed has been received for the Lost River Ranger Dist.

David Hilliard – BLM introduced acting Field Manager Vince Guyer. He is also acting FM for the Salmon office. The proposed local Bike Skills Park is still on deck to be built this summer. Trail work will be done on the Jimmy Smith Lake Trail as soon as conditions allow. Barton Flat Cemetery is being put in for an enlargement, due to burial sites located outside of the current fence. They are starting the land patent process on this cemetery enlargement. Grazing issues between VerNon Roche and the BLM are being negotiated, and Vince Guyer and VerNon Roche have met. The feral horses along Highway 21 are back creating a safety hazard. There have also been some horses on Highway 93 that were put back behind the roadway fencing. Ownership of the Highway 21 fence is still to be determined. There is a possible horse gather planned for September. The BLM fire crews have been absorbed into DOI's - US Wildland Fire Service, along with National Park crews, Fish & Wildlife crews and Dept. Indian Affairs crews. Only the US Forest Service will keep their fire crews separate.

Jason Brinkman – ID Transportation Dept. reported on the funding for 2026 and 2027. The local road budget is set for this year but next years is undecided. Discussion was held on the many standing dead trees that line Highway 21 between Challis and Stanley. The ITD is working on a formalized tree management program for the entire state. He has shared the information with Mike Fuller/SNRA. All trees can come down during a major weather event. The Wapiti Fire in 2024 has created the need for major repairs to Highway 21. There have been mud slides, creek displacement, tree falls and avalanches. Commissioner Corgatelli voiced the need for widely distributed road closure signage. Jason stressed the ITD tries to notify everyone on their list of road closures. All closures are loaded into the 511 system. They have notification signs at Challis, Stanley, Banks, Eagle and Lowman and are adding more as possible. Notifications are sent out 8 hours in advance if at all possible.

Ryan Hilton- Idaho Fish & Game spoke on the new F&G Strategic Plan. He verified that any land deals will be brought to the Board of Commissioners.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole introduced Ben Wolfinger/ ID State Jail Inspector. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(1)(f) for legal at 2:13 PM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Prosecutor Rogers, Sheriff Maydole, Inspector Wolfinger and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the meeting returned to regular session at 2:38 PM. The credit card use application for Life-Loc payments was discussed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the application for Life-Loc battery replacements when needed, ranging from \$20.00 to \$50.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Sheriff Maydole then requested the Sam's Club credit card payment be done as a demand. Commissioner Naillon moved to reset the payments to a demand. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. Sheriff Maydole proposed putting in an apartment in the rear portion of the Mackay Sheriff's Office. He wants it to be for part time and temporary housing for deputies that are working in Mackay. The estimated cost is around \$7,000 and it would be paid out of Buildings & Grounds. He then presented the need for Axion cloud storage for body camera data downloads. The annual fee is \$817.75 and it will reserve 1 terabyte of storage. This is a 4-year contract of secure cloud storage. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the Axion Evidence Storage Contract. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. The Sheriff's final request was to replace the patrol officer's computer at a cost of \$1,498.00. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the computer purchase, Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Naillon asked for the basic needs list for a Sheriff's Office, now that a local jail is out of the picture. The Rutherford organization will be notified of the jail plan changes being made.

Emergency Services: Lisa Benson reported on her attendance of the IAC Conference in Boise. She has applied for the reimbursements that they offer. The AHMP (All Hazard Mitigation Plan) renewal meeting is scheduled for this month. They plan to get the renewal completed by June. Gordon offered to attend the meeting on behalf of the Commissioners. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the List of Incidents that need the Emergency Manager to be contacted. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed. The list will be given to the Sheriff's Office and dispatchers. White Cloud Communications will be contacted and all the needed channels will be put on the EMS radio in Lisa's office. She will return to the Board with the cost when it is given. Lisa provided the 2022 IOEM Grant adjustment figure. The unused \$200+ will be returned to IOEM. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the adjustment amount, Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Lisa has learned that Idaho is accepting the grants for FEMA for the next 3 years. The SHSP and EMPG grants are coming up soon.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman provided her monthly report. Hailey has been assisting her for a few days during the past month and is doing well.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the annual appropriation for the E. Idaho State Fair of \$1,500.00. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. The proposed fines for the Solid Waste Oil Dumping Ordinance were discussed. It was decided to set them at: 1st offense - \$100.00 the 2nd offense - \$250.00 and the 3rd offense - \$500.00. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve Resolution #2006-01 regulating the improper disposal of used oil or liquid chemicals. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Clerk Baker will get it to the newspaper for publication.

Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen attended with her assistant Lynsey Harris. The letter of response needed for Mr. Gomes inquiry was provided for approval and signature. Problems with the current mapping provider on issuing new address' were discussed. A new provider is needed as

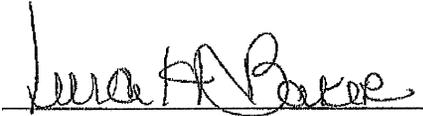
Custer County is getting no services. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve and sign the letter to Mr. Gomes. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to appoint Amber Beck of Mackay Idaho to the Custer Co. Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jessica then reviewed the flood plain wording currently in the County Ordinance. Prosecutor Rogers suggested putting in an exception clause. All agreed that would be best. The updated Comprehensive Plan was then discussed. It is currently in the hands of the Planning & Zoning Board and they plan to have it completed by March. The proposed workforce housing project in Stanley was also discussed.

Tucker Flaten/Firewise: Tucker attended the meeting via Zoom connection. He reported that they have completed work on the Crooked Creek properties. They are still working in the Iron Creek area and there is a ranch south of Stanley that needs more work. Upon asking if there were other landowners that could use some Firewise assistance, he was given the Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch contact information. They have had good results and are planning to move on when the last properties are done. He informed the Board about DEQ grants available to purchase Air Curtain Burners, to dispose of woody debris. They are looking to work with the USFS through the Good Neighbor Authority, as one delay in the past has been the NEPA requirements. He will need an updated contract or an extension of last years contract to continue. He is no longer offering to haul away the masticated. That will be up to the landowner. Commissioner Naillon inquired about an estimated starting date for the summers work. Tucker is planning on May 1st, but it is weather dependent.

Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the Weed Departments purchase of rugged tablet computers at a cost of no more than \$1,200.00 for their weed mapping. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.


Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:


Lura H. Baker, Clerk

