

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
February 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Clerk Lura Baker and Comm. Secretary Tina Hawkins in attendance. Commissioner Gordon Vaden attended via conference phone connection. Commissioner Will Naillon is attending NACO-WIR meetings in Washington D.C.

Road & Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Jones updated the Board on today's delivery of the new front-end loader from Cat. They tested it with handling the asphalt zipper and it worked well. Brandon will get the paperwork to the courthouse when it is completed. The fuel pump repair work is moving ahead on the excavator. A few more needed repairs were uncovered when they got the engine pulled and will be done. There are two crew members planning to complete the DOT training classes for Class A CDL's. They appreciate the financial assistance that the R&B Dept. is giving them. The used welder that was purchased through Federal Surplus is down. Repair costs are as high as getting a new one at \$4,500 to \$5,000. The Board felt it was best to upgrade to a new welder at such a cost. Brandon reported that when they hauled the excavator to Idaho Falls for repairs, they blew two tires on the lowboy trailer. Inspection of the trailer has revealed serious rust in the main support beam. Brandon checked with Lincoln Zollinger about repairing the trailer. He found that replacing the main support beam would render the trailer un-licensable, and it needs to be replaced. He has done some searches and found that most used trailers on the market are about the same age as this one. He did locate a 2012 truck/2011 trailer combination for sale. The R&B equipment budget has been depleted, but he does have funds he could transfer from other budget lines. The R&B truck is a 1989 KW that is about used up. Discussion revealed that a long-range outlook would be the best for Custer County. Clerk Lura Baker agreed that the budget could be opened and the needed funds moved. Brandon will contact the seller of the truck/trailer combination to get photos and more information. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve Brandon to search for the best lowboy equipment he can locate for the County. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Indigent: Commissioner Vaden moved to go into executive session for exempt records #74-206(1)(d) at 8:23 AM. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Attending were Clerk Lura Baker, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden and Secretary Hawkins. No decisions were made at this time. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:27AM. Commissioner Vaden moved to pay the cremation costs of \$1,500.00 for #2026-01. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to pay the recently received Bengal Pharmacy billing of \$3,896.46 for inmate medicines received between April 2024 and December 2025. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker reported that the 2024 USDA Grant application for \$600K to assist with ADA compliance for the courthouse and a Sheriff's Office are still available. She has talked with Taylor Pratt/USDA on this Community Funding Program. The ARPA funds of \$700K are also still viable for the above expense payment. Commissioner Will Naillon is also applying for a Community Grant of approximately \$7 M to complete the remodel of the Custer Co. courthouse and build a Sheriff's office inmate holding facility. Clerk Baker is assisting with getting the needed information compiled. Commissioner Vaden made a motion for full approval for Clerk Baker to proceed with this grant application. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Solid Waste/Axiom Tom Points: Denise Jones attended and updated the Board on her grant search efforts. She provided a list of the grant possibilities for elevators, solid waste and personnel costs. Getting the Zoom connection for Axiom/Tom Points required Tamra to assist and move over to a Teams connection. Attending this session were Wendel Gohn/Blue Mtn. Refuse, Denise Jones/Grant Writer, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden and Secretary Hawkins. Tom Points introduced himself and provided a power point presentation on new technology in the waste to energy field. All of Idaho is struggling with the management of solid waste. Grant applications are available through the Dept. Environmental Quality, the Dept. of Energy, and ID Office of Energy & Mineral Resources. He stressed power resiliency and getting a revenue source back from the system you invest in. Wendell asked about how the carbon quality is determined? Tom replied that waste is sorted before being processed. Denise asked if the "dryer units" could be set up as stand alone? This could reduce the tonnage of waste to be hauled. Wendell stated that compactors also de-water the load. Commissioner Corgatelli asked for a ballpark figure for purchase of an incineration unit. Tom responded between \$150K and \$200K, but they require buildings, sorting equipment and personnel to operate. There are Energy Service Companies that design and build systems which pay you back a royalty. He suggested setting up a regional system if possible. Wendell inquired about the water requirements for the air scrubbers that are part of the incineration unit. Not all units require water, some use granular media to clean the air. The generation of electricity is done by harnessing the heat the unit produces, or the gas is captured and re-used. Tom was generous with his slides and provided them to the County for review.

The meeting was recessed for travel to Mackay at 10:08 AM. The meeting reconvened in the Mackay City Hall at 11:00 AM with Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli and Secretary Hawkins.

Trout Unlimited: Cassie Wood and Jim Gregory attended. Cassie reported on the work completed in the Yankee Fork during the 2025 season. Engineering will be done for the re-connect project for Silver creek this year and the actual construction work will be done in 2027. Other small projects are also planned in the Pahsimeroi Valley. They are working on getting another 10-year permit from the State Historical Society, as their prior permit has expired.

Assessor: Tax cancellation notices were reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to cancel \$96.86 in taxes for MH09N14E3362A: a demolished mobile home. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to cancel \$2,182.33 in taxes for #RPA0008007002AA: a church. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Credit Card Applications: Commissioner Vaden moved to approve credit card use by Will Naillon for the registration fees for the WIR Conference of \$525.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the credit card use by Will Naillon for the NACO conference registration of \$600.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Vaden reported on his recent trip to Fort Worth, Texas to attend the Liberty Summit. Private property rights were the main topics, as well as digital ID's. He felt it was a worthwhile trip. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

LRED: Bob Bagley the President of Lost River Economic Development attended and reported on the recent changes being made to their board of directors. The old board had 8 members and it was quite hard to get a quorum to attend. Board Membership is being reduced to 4 or 5 with specific duties for each.

Marketing, Recruitment, Finance, Events, Tourism, Recreation, Communications, and Initiatives. Bob is accepting the Director of Marketing position. He has received a lot of help from Steven Weeks.

City of Mackay: The Mayor Richard Mangum and City Clerk Cynthia Smith attended with questions on the Custer County Prosecutor's billing statements. They are being directed to pay Mr. Paul Rogers directly which is a change from past invoices. Secretary Hawkins will take this to the Clerk to get them some answers. The City is also working on their 5-year Emergency Management Plan.

Claims: Commissioner Vaden moved that the following claims be approved in the amount of \$74,473.51 with the addition of Indigent cremation costs of \$1,500.00 and Bengal Pharmacy Invoice of \$3,896.46. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	42,507.16
Road & Bridge	17,579.82
District Court	740.11
Rodeo Grounds	79.85
Health District	12,959.25
Revaluation	63.97
Solid Waste	91.24
Weeds	74.05
Emg. Comm. Fund	<u>5,774.52</u>
TOTAL	79,869.97

Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the minutes of the 2-9-26 Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 12:10 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance District and reconvened at 2:40. The meeting then recessed for travel back to the courthouse in Challis. The new S. Custer Rural Fire Hall at Barton Point was viewed on the trip back. The meeting reconvened at 4:00 PM.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole attended and provided the materials list for the proposed Mackay Sheriff's office apartment renovation. The total cost was \$8,567.60 and Deputy Chris Harvey would do the remodeling work during his regular work hours. The Board members attending requested some time to discuss this with Commissioner Naillon and Clerk Baker before a decision was made. Sheriff Maydole then requested a replacement computer for the booking room at an estimated cost of \$1,400.00. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the purchase of a booking computer from Snake River Computers not to exceed \$1,401.00. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. The Bonneville Adult Detention Agreement was discussed. Levi stressed it was a very positive deal, as Custer Co. doesn't have to pay for beds that they are not filling. This will be put on the next agenda as an ACTION ITEM. Jail issues were then discussed and the County is between a rock and a hard spot no matter what is decided. Clark Co. and Butte Co. are in the same spot as Custer Co. Once the County jail is closed inmates can only be held for 24 hours. This requires transportation out for any arrests made on Friday afternoons.

Probation: Aletia Straub-Workman provided her monthly report. Hailey is continuing to assist her for a few days each month. Aletia needs ammunition for her new gun, which she has qualified with. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the purchase of 1000 rounds of ammo at a cost of \$349.34. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Aletia plans to budget for an

assistant in FY-2027, to continue receiving Hailey's help. Aletia has been assisting the Sheriff with local searches and logging of evidence into the inventory. Commissioner Corgatelli asked if having a drug dog would help with such searches. All agreed it would be a huge help and cut way down on the man hours involved each time. Aletia has also been sharing her County vehicle with the Sheriff's Dept. when they need an unmarked car. The file space in the Probation Office is filled and more file cabinets are needed. Inquiry was made about who would be moving into the now vacant court offices upstairs. The Board has made no decisions on that matter as yet. There are still a lot of court files and items that need to be taken to the new Court Annex.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.



Randy Corgatelli
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

Lura Baker

Lura H. Baker, Clerk