

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
April 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Will Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones and Secretary Tina Hawkins in attendance.

**Weed Dept:** Brett reported on his spray work in the backcountry at the Mahoney and Soldiers Bar airstrips. He is planning to sponsor three spray days this summer, one each in Mackay, Challis and Stanley. He has hired a part time employee Travis Sakellaridis for the summer. ITD has asked the weed department to write up a new contract, as the old 5-year contract is up. Weed control funding received from the BLM was then discussed. According to the agreement it must be used for equipment and supplies. Brett is working with the BLM to keep their campgrounds and public areas weed free. Commissioner Vaden passed on a "thank you" from the Fair Board for his weed control work at the county fairgrounds.

**Road & Bridge:** Brandon updated the Board on the Cat grader lease renewal that is coming up soon. He is getting the actual trade in numbers and plans to use CAT financing as the interest is better. The AWD Kenworth truck needs new bearings, and is still in the KW shop. The excavator is home and working again. Both rollers are back in service as well. All three crews are out grading roads. The crack sealing is being done on Yankee Fork and East Fork in preparation for the summer chip seal. Brandon has reviewed the BLM right-of-way letter for Valley Avenue. Once the entire history was looked into the BLM found no right-of-way agreement was needed, and the issue is closed. Upriver Bridge work being done through LHTAC was then discussed. The 7.34% match on River Bridge #311665 design is owed, but there will be no match required for construction costs. Fish windows have caused the 2-year delays in getting the work done. Brandon will connect with Thompson Cr. Mine to keep them in the information loop. The safety grant work scheduled by LHTAC for the Morgan Cr. Road is slated to begin this year.

**Solid Waste:** The Stanley Drop Box Site had a good uptick in customers over the weekend. The staff is still pleased with their duties there. The last storm system blew down quite a few lodgepole pine trees at the site. The SNRA will be contacted, and perhaps they can be used to repair some of the fence that was burned in the last fire. The work being done by Great West Engineering on a County Solid Waste Plan was discussed. They have sent the first invoice for services rendered. The funds generated by the last solid waste fee increase will be used to cover these costs.

Ollar Construction has provided a bid for the remodeling work needed in the old courtroom in the amount of \$4,580.00. A review of the remaining budget figures for buildings & grounds was done.

The meeting was recessed to go into South Custer Ambulance at 9:55 AM and returned to regular session at 9: 59 AM. A letter to address the publishing of public notices was reviewed to Mr. Travis Quast at APG West. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve sending the letter upon approval of the Prosecutor. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the minutes of the 4-13-26 Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried.

**Claims:** Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims of 4/10/26 be approved in the amount of \$204,850.95, with additions of \$398.44 woodlot expenses, \$373.88 for Prosecutors rent & electricity,

and \$146,270.60 passthrough to BLRID-Mackay Dam rehab. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

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| Current Expense | 19,136.30         |
| Road & Bridge   | 142,338.94        |
| Election Fund   | 5,210.20          |
| District Court  | 551.16            |
| County Fair     | 3,000.00          |
| Revaluation     | 123.57            |
| Solid Waste     | 246.50            |
| Weeds           | 33,887.65         |
| Waterways       | 164.89            |
| Auditors Trust  | <u>146,485.68</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>351,519.99</b> |

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move the Treasurer up to 9:20 from 9:30 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn Latimer requested the following solid waste fee cancellations. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to cancel the solid waste fee of \$100.00 on the following parcels. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motions passed. #MH14N19E224822A, #RP13N19E020002A and #RP13N19E027812A. Commissioner Naillon then moved to cancel the solid waste fee of \$50.00 on the following parcels. #RP11N16E259022A and #MH11N19E259022A Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Clerk Lura Baker brought information on a hardship case of back taxes owed. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to cancel the taxes and all penalties and interest on parcel #RPB00130060042A for the following listed years and amounts; 2022 - \$457.51; 2023 - \$556.42; 2024 - \$1205.86. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Board of Equalization up to 9:30 from 10:30 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Board of Equalization:** Commissioner Vaden moved to approved the minutes of the 4-13-26 BOE meeting as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden then moved to approve the minutes of the 3-23-26 BOE meeting. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Vaden made motions to approve the exemptions for the following parcels. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motions and all passed.

#RPB0013019004AA & #PPB0013019011AA – Mackay Community Church & parsonage – religious

#RPA0008007002A - Challis Mission Church – religious

#RPA00A00130010 & #RPA00130000010 – Challis Jehovah Witness – religious

#RPA0001024006A – American Legion Philip Kirk Post 109 Mackay – benevolent

Commissioner Vaden moved to amend the agenda and move NRAC up to 9:45 AM from 10:00 AM. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion carried.

**NRAC:** Jim Hawkins attended and asked if there were any trails that needed work in the Mackay area, as the agencies were inquiring about suggestions. He then reported the road damage that spring runoff has caused on the Morgan Creek end of the Darling Creek road system. Total lack of progress with the Forest Plan Revisions was then discussed. Possible sub-leasing of grazing permits within the forest service

permit system, following the method currently being used by the BLM was suggested. It will be brought before the USFS representatives at the next meeting they attend.

Commissioner Vaden moved to amend the agenda and move Planning & Zoning to 10:00 from 11:30 AM. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

**Planning & Zoning:** Jessica Clemenhagen has contacted Tom Coates about filling the open seat on her board of directors. He is unable to commit to serving at this time. She has left a message with Patsy Kindt and will contact Brandon Hamilton soon. It was suggested she place an ad in the Arco Advertiser to help locate volunteers. She has followed up on the complaint received before the 4/13 meeting, and has located an on-line ad for renting RV spaces. She asked for direction on how to proceed. The property owner has agreed to contact the P&Z office. The newly written Comprehensive Plan is still in the hands of the Planning & Zoning Board awaiting their approval. With the lack of a quorum no action or meeting is scheduled. Serious personal health issues have created this stalemate. Jessica will get the pending ordinances to the Commissioners to review. Clarification on what is required for locating a RV Park, as well as requiring septic, water and power connections to allow living in a RV, was given.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Sheriff from 3:00 PM to 10:0 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Sheriff:** The Salmon River Propane contract for tank rent on the Search & Rescue building was provided by Sheriff Levi Maydole and reviewed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the tank rent contract as received. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. The unused food from the jail was approved to be donated to the Challis Senior Citizens Center rather than let it go to waste.

**Clerk:** Lura has been asked by Coach Bryce Jones to have another baseball field option, if Custer County purchases the property the current ball field is located on. Clerk Baker has talked with Alicia Cotant about the MOU concerning her property. She would like to have better surface materials in her parking area, as the Court Annex runoff pools in her driveway. The MOU was reviewed and it includes just such repairs. Lura reported the BRIC Grant for repairing the Mackay Dam has been re-activated.

**Upper Big Lost River Ground Water District:** Attending were Bob Simmons, Randy Pehrson, Byron Pehrson, Sheriff Maydole, Jim Hawkins, Dennis Thornock, Loy Pehrson, Ryan McAfee and Shane Dirks. Bob Simmons explained the situation they are currently in. With their pump's red tagged, they can only run their pumps until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Randy Pehrson stated his feeling of being singled out for punishment even though they have met all the IDWR requirements. The group requested a letter of support to Governor Brad Little, the Lt. Governor and Idaho Dept. of Water Resources. Bob provided information that is connected to the mitigation process. The hearings are set for June and if they are not allowed to pump water before then, all their crops will be burnt up. Byron spoke on the work they have done to pipe water and/or line the canals to control shrink. He is not aware of any effort to control water delivery shrink in the lower country. He invited the Board to come and view the canals that SHIPO is managing to see what they think. The BLM is not allowing them to put a pipeline across their lands where the canal is. Hawkins suggested they contact Leon Smith, as the Smith family ran into the same problem when the 1984 earthquake ruptured their cement ditch system. The BLM is also fighting their aquifer recharge efforts. The Board agreed to get a support letter written on their behalf.

The meeting was recessed for a lunch break at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Sheriff Maydole, Will Rutherford and Secretary Hawkins.

**Will Rutherford/CRA Architects:** The real needs of Custer County were discussed as well as all possible funding sources. The Community Development Grant application that Commissioner Naillon completed through Representative Simpsons office was not successful. We were told to try again next year. The option of a "Regional Jail" in combination with Butte and Clark counties is still being considered. Mr. Rutherford voiced his view of what is required as well as what is needed, and showed the Board visuals of different layout options. The list of needs included; sally port, sheriff's office, butler kitchen, medical room, small laundry, holding cells, booking room, control room and an elevator to serve both buildings. Discussion on what triggers courthouse upgrades was held. Any building improvements that equal 50% of the value of the building requires ADA upgrades to be done. Sheriff Maydole suggested naming the project an "Emergency Communications Center" as funding is ever available for firemen, EMT's and Search & Rescue. All these departments will receive their communications through the Sheriff's office. The Board explained that full funding is not in hand, but they would like to have a set of shovel ready plans so all future grant applications have realistic funding requests. Mr. Rutherford felt he understands what is needed and wanted. His company will provide a contract with funding terms and task orders. No payments are required until the work is completed. The project costs will be included and it will be a set of shovel ready plans. Everyone agreed that all three Idaho counties need to push the tri-county jail process as a group to find funding for the project.

**Clerk:** Clerk Baker provided a letter of commendation she received. Commissioner Naillon read it to those attending. Both Deputy Clerk Hailey Provence and Clerk Lura Baker were commended for their exceptional public service. Lura then reported that Deputy Clerk Dawn Maydole has received the \$2,500 grant for the America 250 celebration. The LPDM funding reimbursement for the work that the Big Lost River Irrigation District did on the Mackay Dam has finally come through. They will be paid back the \$146,270.60 that they invested in repair work on the dam. Lura has also received the SRS monies for 2025. She explained the revenue share system that requires South Custer Ambulance and Mosquito Abatement to be separated from the general districts. The Community Firewood Project is needing to get ahold of John Gentry in the Mackay area. They have more firewood to deliver. Both Lura and Tamra will be attending the Levy Training that is being held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, so they will not be able to attend the next scheduled Commissioners meeting.

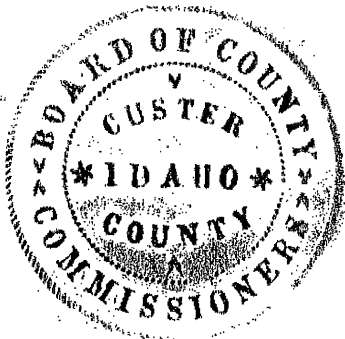
**Prosecutor:** Paul Rogers attended the meeting and was asked to review the letter to APG West about public notice requirements. He approved the letter for mailing out. Assessor Jacquiel brought the 2026 BOE application received from Living Waters. She has found no differences from their 2025 application. Paul agreed to assist with the correct wording for the BOE motion, which he will get to her before the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

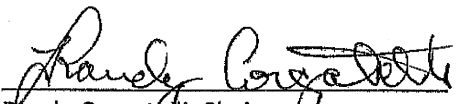
**Probation:** Aletia Straub-Workman and Hailey Provence attended. Aletia asked for a part time employee in her office. She understands that there are other part time job openings in the courthouse as well. She would like to have Hailey work for her, as Hailey's future plan is to move into the Probation field. Aletia then requested to have the office half door repaired or replaced on the planned UA office upstairs. The Board toured the upstairs offices to view the needed repairs and progress she has made in getting Court items moved and cleaned up.

**Emergency Services:** Administrator Lisa has met with the Sawtooth Valley Wildfire Collaboration group and they would like the Board of Commissioners to attend a June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Stanley Community Center if possible. She has been asked what the cost is for taking the limbs and cleared materials to the Stanley solid waste site. The board understood it is a minimal fee per truckload, but to check with Tucker Flaten. Lisa is not getting much information from the stakeholders in the AHMP since the original meeting. She asked the status of the Comprehensive Plan? She has had help from Snake River Computers on her computer issues. The mouse and keyboard issues have been fixed, but now her i-Cloud memory is full. Lisa reminded the Board about the State Comm. meeting that is scheduled for this Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Challis Community Center at 11:00. The school safety mapping is being done, and the school district is pleased with the job they are doing. Lisa is trying to finalize plans to use the mobile generator in Stanley on Election Day. Commissioner Naillon provided Wunch Electric's phone number, so final plans can be made. The generator will be taken to Stanley on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Road & Bridge will be bringing it back to Challis on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The remodeling bid from Ollar Construction was again reviewed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the bid for \$4,580.00 to remodel the upstairs courtroom for Commissioners use. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Secretary Hawkins will contact Ollar Construction about the successful bid, and see if the door repair/replacement can be added to the project.

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



  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk