

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
December 8, 2025

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

Weed Dept: Supervisor Brett Plummer reported that the Lemhi and Custer County CWMA's have been combined into the River of No Return CWMA. They are setting up public spray days, with three in Custer county and 4 in Lemhi county. The Pahsimeroi spray day will be on the Lemhi side of the valley, but Custer county residents will participate. They are working to get more funding for spray work in the Wilderness. They are dealing with medusa head, puncture vine, skeleton weed as well as Knapp weed around the airstrips. Brett has also applied for more cost share funds to be used within Custer county. The Annual Weed Conference will be held in Boise from January 12th to the 16th. Brett will be attending and it will assist him in keeping up his required educational credits. Brett also let the Board know that he will be taking his vacation February 1st to the 9th.

Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones presented the Supplemental Agreement for the main river bridge at Squaw Creek. The main support pillar needs more rock work done and the ITD has decided to do the work now. Brandon assured the Board that the 7.34% funding match requirement is covered. Commissioner Gordon Vaden moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement for the Salmon River Bridge at Squaw Creek. Commissioner Will Naillon seconded and the motion passed. The used service vehicle that was purchased from Lost River Highway District has been sold on the Federal Surplus site. They were able to get \$4,000+ for the vehicle. The Road & Bridge Dept. kept the welder and compressor at a cost of \$1,500.00. Brandon reminded everyone of the Christmas Party this Friday, Dec. 12th. It will be at the American Legion Hall and begin at 5:30 PM. He has purchased the meat and there is a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts in the Clerk's office. Donations towards the cost of the meat are being accepted. This party is open to all County employees and their families. The Jumper Pack the R&B uses to start equipment on site is failing, as it is over 5 years old. Brandon has found and priced a replacement at \$859.99. They use it almost daily during the winter season, and occasionally during the summer. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Jumper Pack by the R&B at a cost of \$859.99. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Brandon then let the Board know about the failing computer in the crews break room. They all use it to put in their time sheets. Brandon would like to replace it and will get costs for approval at the next meeting.

Custer Soil & Water Conservation District: Karma Bragg/Administrator reported that the monitoring on the Garden Creek mitigation project is going very well. The vegetation is at 60% with the final recovery goal of 80%. There are a few weeds, but the cottonwoods and willows are coming back great. The NRCS has been assisting Karma, but she is still waiting for the green light from the Army Corp. of Engineers. The Kinnikinnick culvert project was then discussed. Karma has the bottomless culvert ordered for the lower crossing, utilizing BPA fish funding. She is trying to get both culverts done in one big project, so the fish issues don't cause timing problems. This is a complicated site as they are dealing with an old drainage pipe from the silver mine. The City of Clayton water system pipe is also involved in this project and goes through the culvert. To complicate matters further there is an overhead power line at the site as well. The main portion of the work will be done on private lands, and agreements have been made. Brandon is planning to do an informational meeting in Clayton to inform the residents about the project before work begins. Karma is working to get the Clayton City water pipe re-routed to make things better for everyone.

Karma then presented her annual request for SWCD 2026 funding. She reviewed the work they have done in Challis for the local cemetery district to solve the water issues that have arisen. The local educational projects that are facilitated through the SWCD office are Natural Resources Day and AG Week, with poster and speech contests for students. Karma is looking to hire someone in her office as she would like to retire at some point. The state funding holdback this coming year will be 3% of her former budget. Commissioner Will Naillon made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 in funding be sent to the Custer County SWCD for 2025/2026. Commissioner Gordon Vaden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Karma thanked the Board for their support. The SWCD now has a no-till drill available to residents. It was purchased with grant funding.

Brandon then reported on the Safety Fest that is coming soon. He wants to get the new crew members more training, as the ability to get grant funds is connected to their training. He also reported that road signs are still being stolen. Custer County R&B has lost \$1,300.00 worth of signs recently. He understands that City and State signs are also being stolen. He has replaced some signs two times. Law enforcement is working on the thefts.

Clerk: Lura Baker attended the meeting to verify if testimony would be accepted at the 2:00 Public Hearing time slot. The Board closed testimony at the first Public Hearing and this time is for a decision. The Title III funding that is used for the community woodlot was discussed as well. These funds are connected to the Secure Rural Schools/RAC funds.

Solid Waste: Wendell Gohn attended and inquired about using the County excavator to re-do the dead animal pit at the Challis site. R&B Supt. Brandon Jones agreed and arrangements were made. Wendell then presented his findings on solid waste hauling trailers. His search found trailers at a cost of \$68K through \$44K. He has placed his order for the \$44K trailer from a dealer in North Dakota. He decided to purchase the trailer through Blue Mountain Refuse, and free up the county funding for purchase of a compactor. After discussion, all agreed that the county needs to begin with a building and a compactor to facilitate the affordable hauling of solid waste. System design needs to be worked out to keep the entire system affordable and moving. Shredder/grinder type systems were discussed, but maintenance costs seem to outweigh those for compactor systems. The informational signs for each waste site were verified at 3 signs for each of the 4 county waste sites for Brandon. Wendell then presented his monthly invoices and explained the big increase in tipping fees at the Lemhi Landfill. He is planning to have the new trailer on line in early January if possible. The Stanley solid waste site was discussed, propane, snow plowing and keeping the scale batteries charged up.

Treasurer/Assessor: Treasurer Allicyn Latimer provided her monthly reports. The Lost River Electric Cooperative has purchased the old US Bank building. The co-op is tax exempt, so she has a tax cancellation for the building. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the tax cancellation for Lost River Electric Co-op on parcel #RPB00130090220A in the amount of \$339.84. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Assessor Jacquiel Bruno attended and verified the solid waste fee cancellation that were provided by Allicyn. The following parcels were given solid waste fee cancellations by a motion from Commissioner Naillon, a second by Commissioner Vaden and a unanimous aye vote.

#RP000370010032A	\$100	#RPHO16N19E9310A	\$100	#LR990000009340	\$100
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#RP11N16E259122	\$100	#RP15N20E173609	\$100	#RP14N19E10631AA	\$100
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#RP13N19E112402	\$100	#RPA00110110040A	\$100	#RPB00130230100A	\$100
#RP000650020050	\$100	#RPA00110110050A	\$100		

Treasurer Allicyn brought the following parcels for solid waste fee refunds, as they have already paid their tax notice. Commissioner Naillon moved that they receive a refund of the solid waste fees already paid. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Clerk Lura Baker will pay this \$500.00 refund amount to the tax collector.

#RP0083001013A	\$100	#RPB001300060122A	\$100
#RP15N19E265412A	\$200	#RPHO16N19E9400A	\$100

Assessor Jacquell then brought the following homeowners exemption requests. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the tax cancellation for parcel #RPA00061020040 for \$1,605.12, Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the tax cancellation for parcel #RP000730000160 in the amount of \$156.04. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

The e-mailed letter received from Darr and Dorothy Moon concerning their solid waste fees, was then discussed. The qualifications for solid waste fees on residential properties were gone over. Prosecutor Paul Rogers asked about the Custer County Ordinance for solid waste fees. Ordinance #21 was reviewed. Commissioner Vaden made a motion that the solid waste fees listed on the Moon properties be paid as charged. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sheriff: Sheriff Levi Maydole attended and provided his monthly report, and fielded questions from the Board. Levi has found two Dodge trucks at Sayer Chrysler Dealership at a cost of 96K. These are 2026 Tradesman 1500's that have extended drive train 1-year warranties. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the purchase of the trucks, one at \$47,000 and the other at \$49,000 for the Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Levi has arranged with Dana Supply to upfit the new trucks with all the law enforcement equipment at a cost of \$19,775.00 per truck. The trucks will go directly from the dealer to Dana Supply for the installations. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the equipment upfits for the new trucks by Dana Supply at a cost of \$19,775 each. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Sheriff Maydole then informed the Board that the computer being used in the evidence and records room needs to be upgraded. He has a new one from Snake River Computers available at a cost of \$1,400.98. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the purchase of the new computer for the evidence/records room from Snake River Computers. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to go into executive session at 10:36 AM under 74-206(1)(i) risk management/Insurance. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Sheriff Maydole, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Prosecutor Rogers, ICRMP Rep. Chad Sarmiento and ICRMP Rep. Cole Kuta. No decisions were made at this time. The Board returned to regular session at 11:37 AM.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Vaden informed all that the next Fair Board meeting will be held in January. He will get the signed MOU from them at that time. The recent donations received for the scholarships were given to Gordon to take to the next Fair Board meeting.

Sheriff Maydole informed the Board of Commissioners about the possibility of moving the Stanley Sheriff's Office into town. The Stanley Chamber of Commerce has an office that they struggle to keep manned. They are working on an agreement with the Sheriff's deputies to exchange office space for volunteer Chamber of Commerce duties. It would be a win-win situation for both parties. Currently the Stanley Sheriff's Office is in the home of one of the deputies, and the Chamber office is rarely manned. Commissioner Naillon agreed to contact Russel Clark about promoting the agreement. Discussion returned to Ordinance #21 and strengthening the definition of "private residence". The ordinance has a robust definition of "commercial" and "public establishments", but no explanation or list of "residential spaces". He reminded all that a change of Ordinance requires advertising, public hearings, and a Resolution process.

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, NRAC Chairman Jim Hawkins, NRAC member Louise Stark and Admin. Assistant Tina Hawkins. Also attending from the federal agencies were Michael Fuller/SNRA, Randall Anderson/BLM, Ryan Hilton/ID F&G, Chris Waverek/Challis-Yankee Fk. Ranger District, and Bart Gammett/Lost River Ranger District.

Agencies: Chris Waverek/Challis-Yankee Fork District Ranger brought a fully signed copy of the Collection Agreement between Custer County and the USDA-Forest Service. Commissioner Naillon inquired about "why" Custer County is being required to pay \$1,500 per hour for the use of the USFS helicopter to participate in Search & Rescue missions for the general public on USFS property? He understood and agreed that Ranger Waverek has no say in such USFS policy. Commissioner Naillon then inquired about how things were going since the long budget shut-down? Chris responded that there have been many changes. Very little re-hiring is being allowed, and the top priorities are different. Finding trail crews is a big problem, and his district is working to get public credit to those that are doing the work voluntarily. Will then asked about the use of chainsaws in the wilderness areas? So far nothing has changed in USFS policy on that. Chris updated the Board on the new ski trails that are being proposed by a local group in the Big Hill area. His office is putting out scoping for this project on January 15th.

Michael Fuller/Sawtooth National Recreation Area Ranger reported that they have done a lot of slash pile burning since the shutdown. He has also agreed to burn the slash pile at the Stanley solid waste site now that there is snow on the ground. His district is meeting with permittees about their grazing allotments. They are re-opening the burnt allotments and fixing the fences. Education of the new allotment holders is a top priority. They are getting a reserve allotment set up for use by permittees if their regular allotment gets caught in a wildfire. Mike stated that the new virtual fencing will be utilized very effectively for future grazing plans. His district is working on widening the Phyllis Lake trail to make it accessible for disabled veterans. They are also re-working the access road to be amenable to mini-vans, as that is what many wheelchair victims drive. When asked about the dead trees along Highway 75, Mike reported that District Ranger Casey Johnson is working with Idaho Transportation Department on that matter.

Bart Gammett/Lost River Ranger District reported that Lance Stavast is enduring chemotherapy treatments and will not be attending any time soon. The grazing season in the Lost River was a good one, in spite of the drought. The recreation staff was short on crew, but managed to keep up. They had many public partners come and assist with the maintenance of 150 miles of trail work. The Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation was a big help. The Bellus to Broad Canyon loop trail was completed. The Long Lost to Wet Creek trail will get finished this summer. The Mackay Mine Hill loop road was closed by the new mine owners, but the USFS is working to get the loop road re-opened. The Alder Cr. to Antelope RV trail will be worked on this coming summer. The greatest success has been the Cedar Creek fishery. The partnership between Mackay High School/Idaho Fish & Game/Lost River Ranger District has been working very well. Trent VanLoven the FFA Advisor in Mackay has done an excellent job facilitating this project. The high

school kids raise the fish in their school aquaculture classes, then the fish are planted in Cedar Creek, which has become a wonderful fishery. Bart reported on two of the private property parcels that are moving into public ownership. The Pritchett's sold their 160-acre Antelope property, and a 60-acre property in Badger Creek has been sold. This 60-acre parcel may be in Butte County.

Randall Anderson/BLM attended on behalf of the Acting Area Director Vince Guyer. The BLM offices are re-grouping since the shut-down. They have been told to focus on energy, minerals, fire and fuels. He understands that all large fire responses will be grouped under the Wildland Fire Service Agency in the future. Randall reported that they have removed one horse from the problem herd along Highway 75. When asked about gathering the feral horses, he responded that the funding has been cut. They are hoping to do a gather this spring but funding will dictate what happens.

Ryan Hilton/Idaho Fish & Game reported that the drawing system set up for Non-resident elk tags has been going well. He hasn't had anyone camping in the parking lot this year. The F&G and the Credit Union are partnering to provide free fishing rods to kids for the annual free fishing day. The project is getting a lot of attention. The ATV access route into Jimmy Smith Lake has been worked over and hopefully improved.

Stanley Area of Impact: Public Hearing – 2:00 PM Custer County Commissioners Room. The meeting was recessed for the public hearing and reconvened at 2:13 PM.

Emergency Services: Lisa Benson/Administrator attended and updated the Board on the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Naillon asked about including "threats" such as an active shooter. All agreed the plan should be all inclusive. Lisa reported the Ampli-fund training went well. Both her and Clerk Lura Baker attended and got more training and experience with the web-page interaction. Lisa is planning to attend the IAC meetings and will apply for the reimbursement scholarships. She has received a \$600.00 reimbursement for her Moscow trip expenses through the scholarship program. Lisa has purchased a mobile scanner/printer for use in her office, or on site at an emergency for \$455.00. Now she doesn't have to bring everything to the Clerks office for scanning or printing. The Idaho Military Division contract for the Basin Butte repeater site has been paid up to date by Custer County. Lisa will touch base with Amy in Stanley to find out more about the invoice they received.

NRAC: Attending were Jim Hawkins and Louise Stark. Jim voiced the concerns he has heard from grazing permit holders about all the new trails being built on Big Hill. The ranchers are concerned about harassment of their livestock, as well as gates being left open by the general public that doesn't understand the situation. Will the owners be responsible if their cows are found in the wrong allotment due to open gates that the permit has no control over? Will there be any recourse for permittees if their livestock gets chased or harassed by dogs they cannot control? Hawkins has been informed that the Jimmy Smith ATV trail is not very safe and has some soft spots in steep places. He warned folks to be very careful. Chairman Hawkins reminded the Board of Commissioners that the sale of private lands into public ownership should be "coordinated". The Custer County Land Use Policy states as much. The agencies are not doing their due diligence, and need to be called on it. The NRAC committee would like to have permission to pursue the insertion of "coordination" into the Idaho State Statute wording. They would also like to work on the repeal of the Idaho Roadless Rule, since the federal roadless rule has been repealed. Jim has plans to contact Idaho Representative Rob Beltsweiger and see if he will carry the request for "coordination" to the state legislature. The Board of Commissioners gave their blessing to go ahead. Louise then stated that the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Board needs to have coordination wording in their language as well. She is very concerned about the Outfitting and Guide permit renewals that are coming due, but are not being dealt with by the agencies. The local Outfitting and Guide businesses are a significant part of the economy in Custer County.

Coroner: Chad Workman/Coroner brought the 2026 Pathology Services Agreement between Ada County and Custer County for approval and renewal. Upon review, Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Chad explained that the Coroner Office needs to purchase a lifting mortuary gurney. The size of some of his clients is more than his crew can handle and he is worried about back injuries. Chad has researched cost and availability of such a mortuary cart as well as a ramp for loading into the coroner's truck. He also verified that his budget has ample funds for the purchase. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the Coroner to purchase a mortuary lift cart for \$3,487.90 and the needed truck ramp for \$874.00. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 3:04 under #74-209(1)(a) for personnel. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Prosecutor Rogers, Clerk Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decision was made in this session. The meeting returned to regular session at 3:38 PM. Prosecutor Paul Rogers was requested to write up some policy wording to assist with proper payroll execution. A Resolution reflecting any changes will be written up for presentation at the next meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 3:45 PM to go into South Custer Ambulance, and reconvened at 3:47 PM.

Certificate of Residency: Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the Certificate of Residency for K. Martinez. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the minutes of the 11-24-25 Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. The Solid Waste Fee Resolution #2025-10 was presented and reviewed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-10 as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon then moved that the 12-5-25 Claims be approved in the amount of \$73,020.55. With one correction of the account number charged. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Current Expense	44,194.69
Road & Bridge	21,322.31
Election Fund	612.00
District Court	1,830.35
Rodeo Grounds	2,550.00
Revaluation	1,430.74
Solid Waste	230.00
Weeds	53.24
ARPA	45.00
Emg. Comm.	<u>752.22</u>
TOTAL	\$73,020.55

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the credit card application for court annex supplies in the amount of \$780.35. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion was held on the January 27th regular Commissioners meeting date. Commissioner Naillon and Commissioner Vaden will be attending the IAC Annual Conference in Boise that day, so the meeting was cancelled. Public notification will be posted on the courthouse doors, the county web page and in the local newspapers.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Planning & Zoning up to 4:00 PM from 5:00 PM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

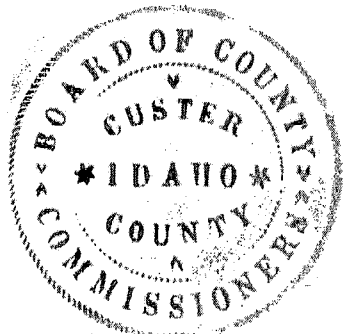
Planning & Zoning: Administrator Jessica Clemenhagen attended and provided the response letter to Mr. Gomes about the appeal request on the CUP for a manufactured home park for Mr. Whipple. This letter was written with advice from our land use attorneys, and will put closure on the appeal process. After review Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve and sign the letter to be sent to Mr. Gomes. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Jessica agreed that this information should be available to the other residents within 300 feet of the property.

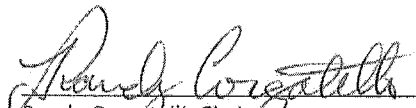
Probation: Officer Aletia Straub-Workman attended and provided her monthly report. She fielded questions about the 3B Detention Center. It is the Bonneville/Butte/Blaine county detention center. She also provided the IDJC Annual Financial Report and the breakdown of figures. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the Juvenile Justice Financial (10/1/24 to 9/30/25) report. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. The updated Passthrough Funds Agreement for 2026 was then reviewed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Aletia then shared with the Board that the Challis EMT's want approval to place a Wayne F. Butts memorial bench at the Challis Area Community Center. With no action item this will be on the agenda for the next meeting for official approval.

The parking lot at the new Court Annex building needs to have parking lot lines painted. Tina Hawkins has searched and found stencils for such projects at a cost of \$339.45 from Traffic Safety Warehouse. The traffic paint is sold in 5 gal buckets at a cost of \$181.25. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of needed supplies for painting the annex parking lot lines up to \$600.00. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

With no further business before the Board of Commissioner the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman

Attest:



Lura H. Baker, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-10
ADOPTION OF SOLID WASTE FEES

WHEREAS, Title 31, Chapter 44 holds Custer County responsible for the operation of the County's solid waste program;

WHEREAS, Because the strain on the budget as become unsustainable to afford repairs to existing infrastructure and set aside funds for new projects;

WHEREAS, A fee increase would allow Custer County to maintain and improve existing waste system infrastructure; provide fair and equitable rate structure for residences and businesses; and plan for future waste management systems and infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Custer County complied with Idaho Code 63-1311A for any fee increase of more than five percent;

WHEREAS; the current fee structure is Residential \$25 per year and Commercial \$50 per year;

WHEREAS, The proposed fee increases were duly published in the Challis Messenger and the Arco Advertiser July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, and Aug. 14, 2025.

WHEREAS, Public Hearings were held in the following cities to receive public comments on the proposed solid waste fees;

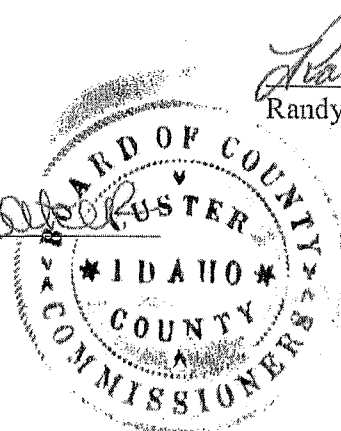
Challis – August 5th, 2025, Stanley – August 12th, 2025, and Mackay – August 19th, 2025

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by Custer County, Idaho, Board of Commissioners, the solid waste fees for fiscal year 2026 are set as follows;
Residential Households \$100 per year, and Commercial Businesses \$200 per year.
Definition for Residential: any residence which includes ranches and farms, and churches.
Definition for Commercial Business: includes any for profit business and schools.

Upon a motion to adopt the forgoing resolution made by Commissioner Naillon, seconded by Commissioner Vaden, the Resolution was enacted by the following vote: Aye 3, Nay on this 8th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:

Lura H. Baker
Lura H. Baker, Clerk



Randy Corgatelli
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman