

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
December 22, 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 and Admin. Assistant Tina Hawkins were in attendance.

**Road & Bridge** Supt. Brandon Jones reported that plowing snow has begun for the season. The warm temperatures are making it hard to keep the surface materials in place, so the blades are being used on the unpaved roads. Brandon has received a quote for two security cameras from the Dimensional Warp of \$3,634.86 for the Road & Bridge yard. Discussion was held on benefits of local service, cost and quality. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the purchase of the security camera system from Dimensional Warp at a cost of \$3,634.86. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The old computer that the crew uses to put in their time will no longer boot up. Brandon has a price from Snake River Computers for a replacement and a 32" monitor that can be utilized for crew safety meetings. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the purchase of the computer and monitor at a cost of \$1,620.25. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Brandon has the Annual Road Report completed, but didn't bring it for signature. He will get it to the Board later in the day. The lease agreement for the Cat loader is coming up for renewal soon. Brandon is looking into other options as well, to get the best equipment for the money. He will have the necessary information for the next meeting. The mild fall weather earlier in Dec. provided the R&B Dept. a chance to haul road materials from the Salmon River pit up to the Yankee Fork area. They were able to move about 80% of the material pile and will finish up in the spring. Plowing snow is the priority now.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to amend the agenda and move Solid Waste up to 8:30 from 9:00. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Solid Waste:** The Board discussed just what needs to be prioritized in the solid waste plan. Getting a building and a compactor at the Challis site came up first. A water well will be needed at some point as well. The Mackay site needs were also discussed. Brandon reported that the burn pile at the Stanley solid waste site has been burnt, now that there is snow on the ground. All agreed that Travis Pyle/Great West Engineering needs to be contacted to assist with information and design.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the Liquor License application from "Mother & Daughter Inc." formerly Perk's Bar in Mackay. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. The Forest Service is reactivating their RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) and are searching for possible members. Ranger Chris Waverek sent the application form, and copies were provided to the board members for distribution to possible members. Commissioner Naillon moved that the minutes of the Stanley Area of City Impact Public Hearing be approved as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved that the minutes of the 12-8-25 Commissioners meeting be approved and signed. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 8:50 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance, and reconvened at 8:55 AM.

R&B Secretary Amanda Wetherbee brought the Annual Road & Street Financial Report to the Board for approval and signature. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the Report, Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Wendell Gohn attended the meeting and reported on his work at the Challis solid waste site. He is having some issues with the excavator, but felt it was just fuel filters. Commissioner Naillon reported on the visit to the Jefferson County Mud Lake landfill he and Wendell took. They were able to set up billing accounts at the landfill for when Custer County begins hauling solid waste that direction. Wendell is getting his truck ready for the new trailer and longer haul routes. It was agreed that a new truck will be needed at some point. All agreed that having Travis Pyle/Great West Engineering work with us on future plans and infrastructure design would be needed. He will be contacted via letter about meeting with us in February.

**Prosecutor:** Prosecutor Paul Rogers attended. Commissioner Naillon inquired about the legalities of requiring an applicant to supply an updated survey when changes are made. Discussion then lead to having a County Ordinance address the need and cost of a survey. Commissioner Naillon then asked about the definition of a "private residence" for Ordinance #21. This matter will be further discussed with Jeremy Dixon and the Assessors Office. Paul reported on the Living Waters Appeal response. Custer County will have 2 weeks for their response. The other tort claims have become stagnant.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn Latimer/Treasurer brought the list of solid waste fee cancellations that her office has dealt with. Commissioner Will Naillon then moved that the following properties be granted a solid waste fee cancellation.

RP13N18E107220A	MHS11N17E30150A	RP14N19E106640A	RPHO11N16E5502A
RPA0001053002CA	RP11N17E308413A	RP14N19E082402A	LR14N18E054802A
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RP06N25E123621A	RP11N17E283610	MHS11N17E30080A	RP11N23E142401A
RP07N24E341250A	RP000280020270A	MHS11N17E30110A	RP14N21E1020601A
RP000870000132A	RP14N19E323012A		RPB00130090220A
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RP14N19E144203A	RP15N20E011901A		
RP14N19E152403A	RP00034007016AA		
RPA00110020160A	RP14N19E210002A		
MH11N18E354801A	RP13N19E029012		
RP00091001035A	RP000370010010A		
RPB00130130090A	RP15N19E239022A		
RPB00210000350A	RP15N19E145403A		
RPB0013008007A	RPHO17N19E0102A	The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaden and passed with unanimous aye votes.	
RP000730000060A	RP15N19E237212A		
RP06N25E069062A			

Commissioner Naillon granted solid waste fee refunds of \$100 to the following properties with a motion.

MHB00130010122A    RP15N19E237212A    RPA00530010010    RP00450000011A

Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

**Assessor:** Jacquel Bruno/Assessor brought the following tax cancellation for approval. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve tax cancellations for the following properties and amounts. #MHB00130010122 for \$70.98 and #RPA0010440052 for \$1,861.25. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Upon review of the request and situation, Commissioner Vaden moved that the request for solid waste fee removal on #RP14N19E281852A be denied. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Jacquel then updated the Board on the home behind the high fence that has been in question. Her office was able to view the home and it is apparent they are not living in the house. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the lowering of their taxes to reflect the above by \$788.65. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move NRAC up to 10:00 from 10:30 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins attended and discussed a letter to the USFS about the loss of taxable private property within Custer County. Sidney Decker/Aid to Rep. Mike Simpson was contacted via phone to sit in on the discussion. Sidney asked about the size of the property in question? Understood it is 160 acres, with 50 acres contained in Custer County, 110 acres contained in Butte County. This process goes directly against the Custer County Public Land Use Plan. Commissioner Corgatelli reported that Custer County has lost 15,000 acres of private lands over the past 20 years to government ownership and control. Commissioner Naillon spoke on the original SNRA rules that stated they would not increase government ownership by more than 5%. He understands that they have had an over 22% increase in government ownership since that time. Every acre of private land that is lost to government ownership hurts the Custer County tax base. The Custer Co. Land Use Plan will be sent to Sidney via e-mail, as well as a copy of the letter to the Forest Service. Possible dates for Government to Government meetings were then discussed. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 19th were offered as possibilities. Commissioner Corgatelli suggested we invite a Lemhi County NRAC member to attend our G2G meetings, as an observer. Jim then provided a copy of the Idaho Fish and Game Dept. Strategic Plan. Mentioned within is "to secure property and conservation easements" for their management. The Board of Commissioners all felt that a response letter to this "strategic plan" needs to be written and sent along with a copy of the Custer County Land Use Plan. This will be sent to the Idaho Fish & Game Commission and the ID F&G Director. Chairman Hawkins agreed to draft the letter wording. Hawkins then asked if the Clerk's office could publish and post the annual notice for NRAC meeting dates.

**Claims:** Commissioner Naillon then moved that the Claims as of 12-19-25 be approved in the amount of \$47,105.01. With one correction of the account number charged. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed.

Current Expense	24,197.61
Road & Bridge	12,612.25
District Court	604.41
Rodeo Grounds	83.11
Solid Waste	8,233.33
Weeds	54.11
Emg. Comm.	799.52
Drug Trust Fund	520.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,105.01</b>

**Clerk:** Clerk Lura Baker attended and brought information on Ordinance #2011-03 that addresses dead trees along the Salmon River. The upcoming Osprey Bend Subdivision easement vacation public hearing was also discussed. The amended wording to the Personnel Policy was then reviewed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the amended personnel policy wording. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Clerk Baker then updated the Board on the Mackay Dam. She has met with the Big Lost River Irrigation District and FEMA and found that there are more grant funds becoming available. The maintenance and improvements of the dam need to be completed. The need for updated surveys when a property changes size was discussed. Planning & Zoning Admin. Jessica Clemenhagen will check with our Land Use Attorney about legalities. Assessor Jacquel Bruno was then asked how the property size change process works within her office. It was agreed that the Custer County Ordinance needs to be amended. Assessor Bruno then brought up her recent issues with Ag exemptions. She is finding that there are properties that have Ag exemptions but no sign of agricultural use on the property. Prosecutor Rogers suggested a two-step system of notification could be utilized as a warning of tax changes to the owners.

**Challis EMT's:** Aletia Straub-Workman attended as a volunteer EMT to make a request about a memorial bench. Commissioner Corgatelli made a motion to approve the Challis EMT's installation of a memorial bench in memory of Commissioner Wayne F. Butts. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk:** Lura has learned that the IOEM may have grant funds available. She is working with the BLRID and IOEM to get the necessary letter of request written. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the letter to IOEM in support of Phase II funding for the Mackay Dam. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. The Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the Stanley Area of City Impact Public Hearing were then reviewed. A small correction was noted and will be made. Ordinance #2025-01 was also reviewed. Clerk Baker reported that the Supreme Court is coming on December 29<sup>th</sup> to move the Custer County courts over to the new Court Annex building. The plan is to begin using the facility in January. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve payment for a security camera in the Court Annex evidence room at a cost of \$1,886.50 purchased from Teton Security. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Lura then provided a sample "Rounding Policy" from another county. With the discontinuance of the penny, each department will be faced with how they manage receipts. The Board agreed that such a policy will be needed for consistency, and asked Lura to continue her efforts. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to go into executive session at 11:47 AM under 74-206(1)(f) for legal discussion. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Prosecutor Rogers, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Clerk Baker and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made at this time. The Board returned to regular session at 11:58 AM.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 2:00 PM. Attending were Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Will Naillon, Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Sheriff Levi Maydole, Clerk Lura Baker and Admin. Assistant Tina Hawkins.

Commissioner Naillon moved that the Findings of Facts & Conclusions of Law for the Stanley Area of City Impact public hearing be approved. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved that Ordinance #2025-01 Stanley Area of City Impact be approved. Clerk Baker verified that it was posted and published according to law. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

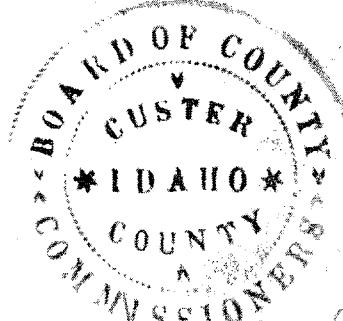
**Sheriff:** Sheriff Levi Maydole, and Sgt Bryeden Brewer attended. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to go into executive session at 2:15 PM under 74-206(1)(f) for legal discussion. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous ayes. Attending were Prosecutor Rogers, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Sheriff Levi Maydole, Clerk Baker and Admin. Assistant Hawkins. No decisions were made at this time. The Board returned to regular session at 2:53 PM. Sheriff Maydole verified that operation of the Custer Co. jail currently costs \$120,000.00 per year. When asked about the County Weapons Policy Levi suggested using the Idaho Policing Policy. This will be addressed at the next meeting. Sheriff Maydole brought the invoice for updated radios for the two new Sheriff Fleet trucks. White Cloud Radio's adapt to Star-Link and operate on UHF. The cost is \$1,961.48 for the two radios. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Sargent Brewer informed the Board about Idaho Transp. Dept. highway grant that pays overtime hours to county patrol deputies. They contract for basic highway rule enforcement on speed, seatbelts, DUI's, etc. Participation eventually leads to other grant opportunities. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the ITD Traffic Enforcement Grant Project Agreement application by the Custer Co. Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

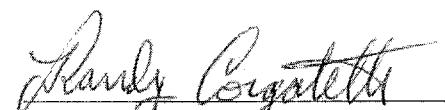
**Emergency Services:** Administrator Lisa Benson ha contacted the Military Division about the annual billings for the Basin Butte repeater. She has found that they bill Stanley for their use @ \$125 per month and \$95 per month for maintenance. They also bill Custer County \$125 per month but no maintenance fees. The balance due from Custer County has been paid, and she will share her finding with Amy in Stanley.

**Extension Agent:** Sarah Baker/Extension Agent attended and brought the annual University of Idaho Extension Office Agreement for renewal. She has verified the figures with Clerk Baker. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it passed. Sarah then reported on the 4-H Program. They are working on getting all the leaders re-certified for the coming year. The Know Your Government program will be coming in February. Her office is working to assist with weed certification credits. The local Cattleman's Assoc. is trying to encourage the younger cattlemen to become more involved in the association. The Market Animal Sale Committee has been able to pay all the kids that participated in the Custer Co. Fair market animal sale. She has collected from all buyers except one. This buyer will not be permitted to purchase at any future Market Animal Sales due to this refusal to pay.

The Board of Commissioners then discussed the ARPA Fund monies and how it can be utilized to benefit Custer County. Changes need to be made and research will reveal if they are possible. With no further business before the Board of Commissioner the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Attest:

  
  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk

  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman