

Custer County
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings
May 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli in the commissioners' room at the courthouse. Those attending were Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Will Naillon, Commissioner Randy Corgatelli, Commissioner Elect Dennis Thornock, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer and Secretary Tina Hawkins.

Weeds: Brett reported the new battery powered backpack sprayers are here and they work great. He wonders why he didn't get them sooner. He has most of the BLM campgrounds taken care of, with only two more to do. He is looking to schedule the Mackay area spray day in Mid-July. Brett is meeting with the other counties that surround the Frank Church Wilderness to set up coordinated spray work. Custer and Lemhi counties are active, but Idaho, Adams and Valley counties are not. The Salmon/Challis Forest has been providing chemicals and air access, with Custer and Lemhi counties doing the work. They will be looking for more manpower and funding. Commissioner Naillon asked if the Stanley solid waste site had been treated for weeds? Brett will double check it for knapweed and toadflax that is in the area. Commissioner Vaden asked about the Idaho Fish & Game areas near the Mackay reservoir. Brett understood that the F&G planned to cut the brush back at those access sites, so the spray work would be more effective. He will touch base with them again. Brett is still working to get the "Weed Wash Stations" that the BLM has purchased and are currently stored in the USFS yard installed. He would like to have one at the "Land of the Yankee Fork Interpretive Center", or any other easily accessed public area.

The meeting was recessed at 8:20 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:23 AM. The board discussed the need to shop locally for any items we can get here, out taxpayers deserve our support.

Certificate of Residency: Upon review, Commissioner Vaden moved to approve the application received from Holt. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Allicyn attended with one Solid Waste fee cancellation. Commissioner Naillon moved to cancel the \$100.00 solid waste fee on parcel #RPB00130090220A. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Treasurer Allicyn asked that the Board verify the solid waste fees on each parcel before the next tax drive is started. Dennis asked about the percentage of taxes that are uncollectable each year. Allicyn responded that it varies between 6% and 8% that come in the next year. She has gone above and beyond to get the taxes collected without resorting to tax deed sales.

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the minutes from the 5/13/2026 commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims through 5/22/26 be approved in the amount of \$136,721.22. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	61,773.87
Road & Bridge	53,271.46
Election Fund	76.63
District Court	1,028.78

Rodeo Grounds	880.00
Revaluation	13,125.00
Solid Waste	2,601.92
Weeds	110.00
Waterways	27.84
Em. Comm. Fund	<u>3,037.20</u>
TOTAL	136,721.22

The power outage in Stanley during the primary election was discussed. The discovery of an undisclosed backup generator installed at the Stanley Community Building was noted by everyone involved. Everything worked out, but it showed a serious lack of communication between the City of Stanley and the County.

Great West Engineering/Jeremy Welch: Jeremy attended the meeting via “Teams”, and Wendell Gohn attended in person. Commissioner Naillon asked about any updates and was advised that there were none. He then inquired about the \$5 to \$6 million price tag. Jeremy advised that the figures come from engineering estimates based on equipment costs and from other sites that they have built. The Board asked to have a building and a Z-Wall loading facility at the Mackay solid waste site included in this plan. Specific design parameters were discussed, as the Mackay area has constant winds to deal with. The actual location of the new building at the Challis site was then kicked around. There are existing slopes at the site that would minimize the amount of dirt to be moved. Putting in road access to the new Mackay site was then talked over. Commissioner Vaden has talked to Lost River Highway District, and they have agreed to assist the county with this road construction. The BLM Right-of-Way application for this road was reviewed. A site assessment will be made to choose the final location for the access road and the Z-Wall and building at the new Mackay solid waste site.

Commissioner Naillon moved to amend the agenda and move Clerk up to 9:45 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion, and it passed.

Clerk: Clerk Lura Baker and Chief Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia attended. They reported on attending the Mackay Dam meetings that are held, the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Lura has been working with IOEM on this.

Election: Deputy Clerk Dawn Maydole provided the primary election informational printouts to the Board. She also had the pollbook printout available for them to review. She reported that the new tabulating equipment worked well, but there was a learning curve. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the canvassing of the primary election vote. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to go into executive session at 10:00 AM, under #74-206-(1)(a) for personnel. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous ayes, motion passed. Attending were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgateili, Clerk Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Secretary Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session. The meeting returned to regular session at 10:05 AM. Custer County employee holidays were discussed, and it was decided not to observe the “Juneteenth” holiday even though it is on the federal list of holidays. The 4th of July falls on a Saturday, so July 3rd will be observed within Custer County. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the comp time payment but not the carryover of vacation time for Hailey Provence in her move from the Clerk’s Office to the Treasurer’s Office and Probation Department. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion, and it passed. Commissioner Naillon moved

that the county holidays follow the federal holiday schedule. This motion died for lack of a seconded. Commissioner Vaden moved that the Juneteenth holiday is not observed by Custer County, and that July 4th will be observed on Friday July 3rd. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded the motion, and it passed. It was decided to put the Commissioners Minutes Briefs in the Arco Advertiser. The county request for the actual subscription count of Challis Messenger has never been received.

Coroner: Coroner Chad Workman attended and has been searching for better office space. Many issues about his current location were discussed. He has learned that the smaller building that was part of Jones & Casey Funeral Home is now up for sale at a cost of \$205,000.00. He did not know if it could be rented or leased. His current trade arrangement with Jones & Casey, to provide removals in exchange for cooler space is still in effect. The Board advised him to keep watching for better office housing opportunities.

Legislature Representatives: Sydney Decker/Simpson's office, Kathryn Hltch/Crapo's office and Kyle Wilson/Risch's office attended the meeting. Discussion was held on the proposed private to government land sale in Antelope Creek. The Board explained their suggestion of having a land exchange with the government to stop the continual loss of privately owned lands within Custer County. Isolated parcels of USFS land that is within the City of Stanley were pointed out to those attending. Commissioner Naillon stated that there are many such non-contiguous parcels within the Forest. Commissioner Naillon then questioned Kyle on Risch's stance on O-net-Gain. Kyle promised he would get back to Commissioner Naillon. Board members provided figures on how many acres of agriculture lands Custer County has lost as well as how much smaller the cattle numbers are within the County.

Mr. Braden/Crapo's Washington D.C. office, is working hard to get the SRS Funding put into the budget permanently. Small rural counties depend heavily on such funding. All agreed the PILT funding formula needs to be corrected. When Custer County that has 3Million + acres of federal lands, gets the same amount of PILT \$ as does Ada County with 30,000 acres, something is wrong. The costs and regulations for a new jail facility were then discussed. The Tri-County option of a jail to serve Custer County, Butte County and Clark County is still on the table. It was agreed that it should be located near Arco as they have the space as well as a central location. With inmate transportation costs continually going up a closer facility is badly needed. Board members asked for the ability to save grant funds for long enough to get local projects done. The high costs for mandated solid waste facilities is also out of reach for us. Sydney Decker then presented the America 250 flag that was flown over the Capital to Custer County, along with a letter from Rep. Simpson to be put into the time capsule. Photos were taken and thanks were given.

Jail Inspection: The 2nd quarter jail inspection was made by the Board. All the representatives from our legislative offices accompanied the Board members on the inspection of the old Custer County Jail.

Commissioner Vaden moved to re-appoint Troy Harris and Byron Pehrson to the Mackay Mosquito Abatement Board. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Funding for the woodlot needs to be utilized by the end of the year. The Wildfire Collaborative meeting scheduled for June 12th as discussed. It will be held at the Stanley Community Center at 10:00 AM.

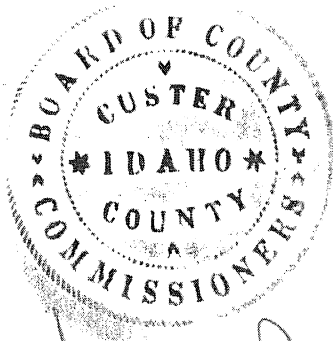
The meeting was recessed for a lunch break at 12:00, and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, and Secretary Hawkins.

Sheriff: Chief Deputy Mike Numeyer attended. The Sheriff's Department is looking into an ordinance to have better options for dealing with intoxicated persons. Many such ordinances are done by cities, but he didn't have a specific example yet. Mike has worked on more landscaping at the Sheriff's housing in the Stanley area. Photos were provided and he explained the need for better soil to get the grass to grow. He has submitted claims for reimbursement of the cost of the soil, seed and fertilizer. He has also replaced the roofing screws that were backing out with the size recommended by Commissioner Vaden. It has worked well and they are no longer working loose. Deputy Mike then took the Board out to show them the new patrol up-fit equipment that had been installed in his patrol vehicle. The new light bar was demonstrated, full cage set-up for prisoners, weatherproof storage deck in truck bed, computer station and weapons retention equipment, as well as the Star-Link connector. Each upgrade makes things much safer for the deputies and the public. He verified that they will be looking at replacement vehicles this equipment can be transferred to when a truck is sold.


Emergency Services: Emergency Manager Lisa Benson attended. She reminded the Board members about the Wildfire meeting to be held in Stanley on June 12th. Commissioner Vaden and Commissioner Naillon will attend. The notice on the injured Mt. Borah skier didn't come through her computer or phone. A computer update caused everyone to need to re-enter their contact information. She is setting up a phone notification system as well. The Red Cross Trailer has been found and will be brought back to Challis for storage. The R&B will be asked if they have space for it. The Idaho Dept. of Lands grant information will be coming to the Board from Tucker Flaten.

Probation: Officer Aletia Straub-Workman attended and introduced Dustin Bingham from the Juvenile Justice Program. Dustin provided the Annual Juvenile Justice Report figures with explanations. Commissioner Naillon inquired about how Custer County compared with other counties? The programs are working well in Custer Co., as there are few repeats. Hailey will begin working with Aletia in Probation tomorrow.

With no further business to take care of the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.




Randy Corgatelli, Chairman

Attest: 
Lura H. Baker, Clerk