

Custer County  
Special Meeting - Budget  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
June 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Randy Corgatelli. Attending was Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Will Naillon, Commissioner Elect Dennis Thornock, Clerk Lura Baker and Secretary Tina Hawkins.

Prosecutors Office: Chris Madsen attended and discussed her budget numbers. Except for needing additional help, the budget numbers are the same as last year.

Dennis inquired about the cost-of-living increases? Lura explained the methods the county uses and the PILT monies.

Coroners Office: Chad Workman attended and went over the miscellaneous expenses that are ever increasing for his department.

Road & Bridge: Brandon Jones attended and went over his crew members that have reached their wage cap. He currently has 3 part-time crew members and would like to add one more. He is struggling with the rising cost of shop supplies and equipment parts. With road oil and fuel prices also surging, Dust suppression material is up 25% as well. Brandon would like to be able to offer a .50 cent hourly increase to crew members that complete their road scholar certificates, as it benefits the department as well. Current levels of SRS funds were discussed and all agreed that the only way to reduce the budget is to lower the amount of road miles maintained.

Weeds: The budget proposal was very straight forward and maintains the same figures as last year.

Treasurer: Allicyn Latimer attended and Commissioner Naillon inquired about the part-time help that is to replace Verla Harvie when she retires. Allicyn has left everything else the same.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30 and reconvened at 1:30 PM. Attending were Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Elect Thornock, Clerk Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Secretary Hawkins.  
A Teams video connection was attempted but was unsuccessful.

Assessor: Jacquell Bruno called into the meeting on the conference phone system. Her main increases were for wages and vehicle repairs on the used truck.

Revaluation: Again, the only increase requested was wages.

Brett Plummer/Weed Superintendent stepped in to apologize for missing the AM appointment. No changes were made to the Weed request list.

The Board discussed the rates of compensation for surrounding counties for their elected officials. Possible options for payment of raises were discussed.

Disaster Services: Lisa Benson was called and came right in. She is currently working only 20 hours per week. Her department will be taking on the Mackay Dam grant work as well as the Idaho Department of Lands grant. FEMA requires weekly and monthly reports so her workload will be increasing in the future. The education line item was discussed, she signs up for remote training when possible. This will reduce her travel expenses as well.

Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the bid for work on the fair building at a cost of \$1,159.20. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The BLM Right-of-Way Application for the Mackay solid waste site access road was reviewed. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve and sign the application. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion carried. The application will be taken to the BLM office on Monday by secretary Hawkins.

Sheriff: Levi Maydole attended and was asked about Dues & Memberships by Commissioner Naillon. The Travel line was then reviewed, which includes POST training costs. The vehicle repairs and vehicle repair/maintenance lines were discussed. Repairs is for major outside repairs, the repair/maintenance line is for routine work and servicing. Tires are under Other operating expenses. With jail operation shifting over to temporary holding, many jail costs will be going down while the inmate transportation costs will be rising. Levi requested a 3% increase for all his employees. He would like to see \$50 added for each graveyard shift worked.

Waterways: The grant funds and required county match funds that support this department were discussed. Clerk Baker verified that it usually comes from the PILT monies. Levi brought up the waterway pay scale that is currently below his deputy pay scale. His waterways deputy was called back to regular patrol due to staff shortages but will be returning to waterway work soon.

Planning & Zoning: Jessica Clemenhagen attended and has left all budget lines the same as last year. She would like to see a 3-to-5% pay increase if possible.

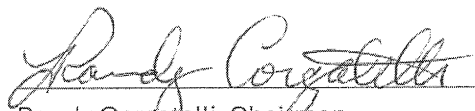
Rodeo: Myla Naillon attended in Krista Koeppen's stead. The only budget line increase needed is for utilities. Major work is needed on the fence between the Rodeo Grounds and the Challis Airport. She will contact the city to see what mutually beneficial arrangements can be made.


Commissioners: The current commissioner salary was discussed and compared to other similar size counties. Custer county is low. The travel budget line was also looked at and a raise to \$2,000 was suggested.

County Agent: U of I Extension Educator Sarah Baker attended and informed the Board that her former supervisor Barbara Petty has retired. She inquired about moving her budget back to a County managed process. Her office is looking to hire Jessy Morgan as her 4H assistant. She would also like to have a \$500 budget line for 4H expenses.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.



  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman

Attest:   
Lura H. Baker, Clerk