

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
June 8, 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, Road & Bridge Supt. Brandon Jones, Chamber President Sherry Maestas and Secretary Tina Hawkins.

**Chamber of Commerce:** President Sherry Maestas attended in response to our letter concerning the parade timing between the area towns. She gave a brief history of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade timing in the past, as it has changed several times. The Challis Chamber has been unable to connect with Clayton to discuss the matter. The Challis Chamber is trying to keep events flowing until the fireworks display, so people don't leave town. The Challis parade is scheduled for 2:00 PM this year. The Board thanked her for attending the meeting and explaining the schedule.

**Weed:** Brett reported on spray work he has been doing in the Stanley and Clayton areas. The State is using helicopters to do some large spray jobs in the East Fork and the Pahsimeroi. They are working with several other agencies such as ID F&G, BLM and USFS. There is fall spray work being planned also. Brett thanked the Commissioners for approving the temporary road closure during the car show. It worked very well for the families that attended the show with small children.

**R&B/CSWCD:** Karma Bragg has received the bids on the first Kinnikinnick culvert replacement. TD Pipe, Twin Falls, ID bid \$121,000.00 and True North, Montana bid \$117,000.00. The engineering work for the footings is included in both bids. Karma suggested using 50% up front payment method, to avoid the usual 90-day payment schedule to the bidders. She reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> culvert is being delayed by the BLM. Commissioner Naillon invited her to attend at 1:30 PM when the agencies come to perhaps get answers. The 404 Permit is nearly complete for this job, she only needs one more document for final approval. Her Board awarded the bid to True North, and the bottomless culvert will be ordered. Karma reported that the recently completed Road Creek Bridge has moved from #4 classification in the annual inspection report to a #9, which is considered excellent. Their criteria has been improved. Superintendent Brandon Jones updated the board on bringing the portable generator back from Stanley. The Challis Fire Dept. no longer has space to store it. Brandon suggested building a vehicle shelter along the current R&B building. It would have a concrete floor and a shed roof for cover. He would also like to set up connections to his shop/office for emergency power. This would provide power to the county shop if needed as well as keep the generator maintained and routinely tested. The Board agreed it was a good suggestion and to continue with his plans. Brandon also has the Red Cross Trailer that needs safe storage. The satellite phones that R&B uses have changed their billing from annual to monthly. He has paid the Sat-phone bill for this month but would like to shift over to more affordable Star-Link system. Options available with Star-Link were then discussed as well as the R&B radio systems. The budget cuts made by the State of Idaho will remain for 3-years, and everyone agreed it will demand changes locally. The letter of appreciation and support for the Custer Soil and Water Conservation District and Administrator Karma Bragg was reviewed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve and send the support letter. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Chip seal work will begin on Yankee Fork Road and East Fork Road in the next 3-weeks. Brandon is working with Lost River Highway Dist. exchanging equipment and manpower. He currently has the Butte County gravel plant set up and working in Morgan Cr., making topcoat material for that road.

**Solid Waste:** The Stanley solid waste site is getting very busy now that residents are aware it is open. The big roll-off is filled and ready to be hauled out. Wendell Gohn/Blue Mountain Refuse attended the meeting. Discussion was held on the change of solid waste management from the Health Department to the Dept. of Environmental Quality. Custer county has no issues, but other counties do.

**Great West Engineering/Travis Pyle & Jeremy Welch:** The Teams meeting began at 9:00 AM with a discussion of the Mackay site. Road access needs to be built to the County property and the application to the BLM for a road right-of-way was reviewed. Travis asked if the Board had a "plan" for the Mackay site. All agreed that it must include an access road, water well, power source, perimeter fence, a metal building over the Z-wall loading dock, backhoe, 2 roll-off trailers and a truck. The financial costs were then discussed. This site will require a site visit, surveyor, engineering and geo-tec work. The Board agreed that Mackay should be added to the current contract. Finances dictated the other smaller sites remain as they are. Travis agreed to send photos of similar sized solid waste sites to show the type of construction that will be needed. The real possibility of fire in solid waste was discussed now that lithium batteries are being used. Safety precautions and fire control methods were shared. Great West agreed to get a cost estimate back to the Board in about 2-weeks. The amount of dirt work that is suggested in the initial plans for the Challis site was then discussed. Re-locating the new building/loading dock where the current shop is located was tossed out.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn attended and provided her monthly report.

**Assessor:** Jacquell attended and updated the Board on the recent transfer of land from the Wood River Land Trust over to the City of Stanley. Effectively removing 11 city lots from the County tax rolls. Commissioner Naillon asked for the "loss of tax revenue" figures from the assessor. Commissioner Vaden asked about any tax assessment responses? Jacquell reported only a few from Mackay.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins inquired about the huge stockpile of fence posts and poles that are currently in the USFS/BLM yard. Some have been there for years and perhaps they should sell some. The two BLM "weed wash" stations that are parked there were also discussed. It was suggested to install one at the Land of the Yankee Fork Interpretive Center near Challis and one in Mackay at the City property on the east end of Main Street where the parking area is located. The topic of land swaps, PILT and LWCF will be discussed by Commissioner Naillon at the upcoming PILT Fly In held in Washington D.C. He has discussed the proposed Antelope property sale with legislators. He understands that the sale contract has been terminated.

**Clerk:** Commissioner Naillon made a motion to go into Executive session for legal under #74-206(1)(f) at 10:30 AM. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion, and it passed. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner elect Thornock, Clerk Baker, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Secretary Hawkins. No decisions were made and the meeting returned to regular session at 10:35 AM. Clerk Lura asked if the 2 remaining pews could be taken out of storage and placed in the upstairs meeting room. It was agreed that they should be moved into the space once the remodeling is completed in July. Computer purchases needed were discussed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the purchase of one Apple iPad and attachments for Court at a cost of \$982.50. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion, and it passed. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the purchase of a Dell Pro 16 PC Notebook at a cost of \$2,833.81 for the Commissioner's secretary.

Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. Tamra presented the catering permit application for Dana's Place in Mackay. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the application from Dana's Place to serve liquor on June 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mackay Rodeo. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion, and it passed. The Title II & Title III SRS funds were discussed. Lura reviewed the past years funding allotments. Clerk Baker suggested the Courthouse windows and carpets be cleaned this year, as last year it was missed. The Board agreed she should get bids for the cleaning. The "newspaper of record" was then discussed. The current paper of record has never provided their subscription numbers, but the Arco Advertiser and Recorder Herald have. The Board approved using the Arco Advertiser for public notices.

The meeting was recessed at 10:18 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance. The meeting returned to regular session at 10:20 AM.

**Fair Board:** Commissioner Vaden accepted the letter from IDWR about the well at the fair grounds, and will take it to the Fair Board meeting that is scheduled for tonight. Vaden then presented the recent bid they received from a local contractor to replace the fair building porch. The bid of \$1,159.20 is well under the former bid received from the roofing contractor.

Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5-26-26 Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion, and it passed.

**Claims:** Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims through 6/4/26 be approved in the amount of \$123,854.87, minus a duplicate of \$329.25 and including an addition of \$584.25 for commissioner travel expenses. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Current Expense	54,391.10
Road & Bridge	6,679.68
Election Fund	1,853.55
District Court	701.57
Rodeo Grounds	84.00
Jr. College Tuition	1,500.00
Revaluation	487.50
Solid Waste	190.00
Weeds	714.48
Waterways	2,022.34
Em. Comm. Fund	375.30
Auditors Trust	54,855.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123,854.87</b>

The Custer County mileage reimbursement rate was discussed. The Board asked the current IRS mileage rate be researched. (Dec 2025 IRS mileage was set at 74.5 cents per mile - it will be revisited July 2026)

**Credit Card Use:** Commissioner Naillon moved to approve Road & Bridge credit card use to hold motel rooms for the upcoming Idaho Transportation convention. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried.

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, Commissioner Elect Thornock and Secretary Hawkins. Attending for the federal agencies were Lance Stavast/Lost River Ranger Dist., Randell Andersen/BLM and Chris Waverek/Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Dist.

**Agencies:** Chris Waverek informed those present that the fire danger will be rated as "HIGH" starting tomorrow. He worked on the Trail Day Events near Stanley on the Potato Mountain trail. They had about 40 people participating. The USFS is being allowed to hire again for entry level jobs and higher. There has been an Executive Order on encouraging OHV use on public lands. They are looking into it. The crew has been working to clear roads and trails throughout the forest. The road repairs scheduled for the Custer Motorway are being done. The detour route up Challis Creek has been maintained and some places widened. Trailers can be towed over the route if you are careful.

Lance Stavast reported that the prescribed fires for this year have all been completed. He also worked on the Trail Day events near Mackay. With 6 others they cleared the Squib trail. The Youth Employment Program hires will begin work next week and will be working on trails. Commissioner Naillon updated Lance on the LWCF projects, and how he is working with Simpsons office to work up a method for the fair transfer of property.

Randell Andersen reported that the feral horse gathering is still on the schedule. They are finding that the PZP birth control given to the wild mares has been working. They are pleased to find the foal count is lower than it has been in the past. New hiring is starting to open up slowly. They have received the final rules on Grazing Regulations. The BLM Road crew will be headed up over Darling Cr. Road and coming out on Morgan Cr. The spring road washouts will be dealt with at that time. Commissioner Naillon asked about the Jordan Cr. Road repair progress?

**Planning & Zoning:** Jessica attended and updated the Public Hearing calendar. The Ordinance Hearing will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. She brought the amended survey plat for the Bluebird Ranchettes subdivision showing lot line adjustments. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the amended survey plat for Bluebird Ranchettes. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion, and it passed. Signatures were affixed. The Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Levi Maydole, Ballif Ray Simons and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia attended. First topic was Star-Link phone systems as the Potaman Peak repeater is not working. Ray has researched the Star-Link system and found it can be used anywhere you have a clear view of the sky. Different plans are available, depending on who you talk to. He understands there is an Emergency Services Plan that is as low as \$7.00 per month per unit once installed. The start up fee is \$200, shipping is \$20 the hardware cost is \$199 and a charging unit is \$45. You can get a refund for some of the accessories, once they are purchased. He understands that the Idaho F&G uses Star-Link, as well as the Mackay Search & Rescue. If you are not actively using the service, you can put your link to "sleep" and only pay \$5.00 per month. Rays' suggestion was to begin small and test drive a few links before jumping in for every department. The Sheriff would like to have 12 units, the Road & Bridge could use 4 units and the Election Department will need 6 units. It was decided to put this on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting agenda as an ACTION ITEM. The radio repeater on Potaman Peak is currently dead. The USFS does not have a chopper available until next month for access. It is thought that the solar panels that power the site have blown down. Levi is trying to use the National Guard through a training mission to gain access sooner if possible. The "weapon free area" signs on the building were then discussed. As the courts have moved everything over to the new Court Annex building, are we required to continue as a weapon free area? Sheriff Maydole then requested the purchase of a new computer for his public information officer. Her old unit

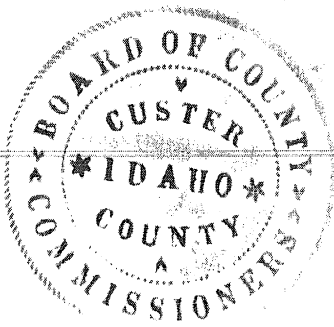
is beyond its useable life and not repairable. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of a new computer at a cost of \$1,957.50 for the Sheriff's Public Information officer. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion carried. The law enforcement equipment upfit that was shown to the Board during the last meeting was then discussed. Levi has found that the equipment can be purchased and installed by his staff. The original vehicle upfit cost the department upwards of 20K, he can get the equipment for \$5,209.06 delivered to Challis. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve the purchase of law enforcement equipment for a vehicle upfit at a cost of \$5,209.06. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion, and it passed.

**Emergency Services:** Lisa attended and inquired about who would be attending the Sawtooth Valley Wildfire Collaborative meeting to be held in Stanley on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>? Commissioner Vaden and Commissioner Naillon will be attending. Lisa agreed to let them know what time they were on the agenda. Lisa is having to start over on the AHMP, due to computer issues. The IOEM has provided her a letter explaining the unusual delay, so she doesn't miss the submission deadline. She then expressed her appreciation for Brandon and the Road & Bridge Dept. for all their help with the portable generator during the primary election. Lisa has been in contact with Tucker Flaten about a new contract. She is working to get a Zoom/Teams type meeting set up with them. The "evacuation zone maps" for Custer County still need to be printed up. She worked with the BLM before and will contact them to assist if possible. The IPAWS contract will expire in August. The past costs were \$2,975 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$3,123 2<sup>nd</sup> year and \$3,279 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The Board gave her the go ahead to continue the renewal process. Lisa then asked about purchasing a desk and office chair. She has the funds in her budget, and the Board approved her request.

**Probation:** Clerk Lura Baker and Officer Aletia Straub-Workman attended. Her requests for the 2027 budget were noted and will be considered by the Board.

Discussion was held on Court facility access. There will be a meeting tomorrow and the Judge will be making the decisions. The budgeting process was then discussed among the Board members.

With no further business to take care of the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.



  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman

Attest:   
Lura H. Baker, Clerk