

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
January 7, 2012**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)  
GERALD “JERRY” WINKLE (COMMISSIONER)  
RAY MOORE, (COMMISSIONER)  
ARCHIE BANBURY, CLERK**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:01 a.m.

Commissioner Winkle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was considered, and the Chairman noted cancellation of minutes approval for December 27th, cancellation of the American Legion agreement, and addition of Ronn Julian’s discussion of a grant for the groomer shed. Motion by Commissioner Moore to so amend the agenda, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

An amendment to the agreement with Gem County for work in High Valley was discussed, and Commissioner Moore moved for approval, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

The Chairman discussed the combination of the property donated by AmeriTitle to be combined with the County-owned Road and Bridge Department yard. AmeriTitle requested a letter to document the intent, which Chairman Cruickshank provided.

Ronn Julian asked if the Commission desires to apply for the groomer shed addition again this year. The Board concurred the application for the grant should be submitted.

Ronn mentioned funding and Commissioner Winkle asked that he submit his proposal for funding of the grant, specifically Valley County’s match in written form, to the Board for consideration. Chairman Cruickshank agreed.

Pat Duncan appeared for the purpose of clarifying pay for the seasonal employees. This was not included in the budget discussions. She proposes to change for next year. She proposes that seasonal employees be included in those who get “step” increases. Chairman Cruickshank asked for determination of who is affected and for how much. Pat will coordinate together with the Clerk and Payroll, check budgets and confirm that there is adequate funding for the increase.

A discussion of the various ways to fund the EMS shortage followed. Three ways were discussed, first, borrowing from the general fund, specifically the General Fund Reserve. Secondly, borrowing from the Court Facilities Fund, and finally issuing registered warrants. Commissioner Moore opposes borrowing from the General Fund Reserve as the funding may be needed elsewhere. He favors issuing registered warrants. Whether or not the situation requires declaration of an emergency was not decided. Commissioner Moore moved to issue registered warrants, second by Chairman Cruickshank for purposes of discussing the issue. A brief discussion of binding the County to payments followed. The question was called by the Chairman and the vote followed: Commissioner Moore, "Aye". Commissioner Winkle abstained. Chairman Cruickshank voted "Nay" and the motion died.

Commissioner Moore moved to convene executive session for the discussion of pending litigation as provided by Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(f). Second by Commissioner Winkle. Roll Call vote: Commissioner Moore, "Aye", Commissioner Winkle "Aye", and Chairman Cruickshank, "Aye."

Executive session convened at 9:55 a.m.

The regular session reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

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Archie N. Banbury, Clerk