

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
January 22, 2013**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)
ELTING G. HASBROUCK (COMMISSIONER)
BILL WILLEY (COMMISSIONER)
ARCHIE BANBURY (CLERK)**

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

Trudy Eiguren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed, Chairman Cruickshank noted cancellation of the 9:15 item concerning the Joy Miller Homeowner's Exemption, and added discussion of Terrorism Insurance under Commissioner's Discussion, and "Stage" grant should be corrected to Stag Grant. Commissioner Willey moved and Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded approval of the agenda as so amended.

A Board Order Claim was reviewed concerning a loan for EMS of \$200,000 from the Court Facilities Fund and Commissioner Hasbrouck moved approval of the loan which will bear interest at the current State of Idaho's Local Government Pool rate of 0.0021% from this date through July 1, 2013 at which time it will be repaid. Commissioner Willey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The committee assignments made during the last meeting were reviewed, and Commissioner Hasbrouck exchanged his assignment to the Snowmobile Advisory Committee for an assignment to Valley County EMS. Commissioner Willey will assume the responsibilities for the Snowmobile Advisory Committee.

The Terrorism Insurance offered by ICRMP was discussed. It is available at a cost of \$30,096 per year. Considering the unlikelihood of such an incident, and the existing coverage, the terrorism coverage was declined on motion of Commissioner Willey and second by Commissioner Hasbrouck. The motion carried unanimously.

An alternate designee for the Woody Biomass Utilization Program was discussed. Commissioner Hasbrouck volunteered, and he was so appointed by the Board.

Commissioner Willey moved for approval of the minutes of January 14, 2013, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to accept of the Stag Grant report and authorization for the Chairman to sign. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Willey moved to approve the letter of support for Treasure Valley Transit and authorization for the Chairman to sign the same. Second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and the motion carried unanimously.

An e-mail received from the City of McCall invited the Board to a “meet and greet” dinner and provided a list of available dates. The Board has some conflicts with the dates proposed, and Chairman Cruickshank responded as had the other commissioners.

A discussion of working hours for the Road Department followed. It is noted that the hours are different for the road department than they are for the Courthouse.

Russ Barsby appeared and discussed Spring Valley Road in Wagon Wheel Subdivision. Spring Valley Road has settled and has people driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid dips and frost heaves. He wants the trenches repaired by filling and covering with asphalt.

The second issue is a need for patch work. He suggested better technique should be used regarding paving versus grading.

Ron Lake spoke, and noted that the lines bisecting the road should have been repaired by the contractor who dug it up.

Jerry Robinson, Road Superintendent noted that there was no provision for holding the bond money at the time the work was done. A fix for the road is scheduled in order, but he must wait for additional funding. There are several additional roads in need of repair which are either in worse condition or similar condition and have a greater volume of traffic. Spring Valley Road is fourth or fifth in line as far as priority is concerned.

Robert Wagner spoke concerning sags at one point, later in the year it bulges. It probably needs major reconstruction.

Russ Barsby suggested leveling the road in the summer and then it would help improve the situation during the winter months.

Jerry Robinson commented that the Road Department has changed the way they allow contractors to do work within the right-of-way, however by state law we must allow utilities to place them in or across the right-of-way. He is working with contractors more to insure a better repair during construction.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to approve the easement for Idaho Power at the Gold Dust shops, second by Commissioner Willey and carried to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the same.

Commissioner Willey moved to approve the grant application and letter of support for the Federal Lands Access Project on Warren Wagon Road, for a 2014 to 2018 time frame, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to approve an application for an IDPR Grant for repair of the Lehma Creek Bridge, second by Commissioner Willey and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Willey moved to approve the application for a grant for Federal Aid to repair the North Fork Payette River Bridge at the north end of Payette Lake, Commissioner Hasbrouck second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for approval of the Johnson Creek contract completion and Commissioner Willey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cynda Herrick, Planning and Zoning Administrator appeared and discussed her progress on resolving the Noise Specialist issue as regards the Nisula Gravel Pit. There is no one qualified in the State of Idaho except the two who had been individually retained by the applicant and the appellant. She is working with the applicant and appellant to concur on a suitable noise expert. She recommended no decision without the concurrence of our Prosecuting Attorney.

Cynda noted that she favors the four ten-hour work days over a five-day eight-hour work week. She works at another job on her Friday off. Lori Hunter, a clerical assistant, could handle Friday by herself. Cynda likes the additional freedom she enjoys having Friday off even though she has other obligations.

Cynda then discussed and contrasted road development agreements vs. impact fees for the benefit of Commissioners Hasbrouck and Willey.

Sheriff Bolen appeared along with Assessor Fullmer to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho Transportation Department. The memorandum and its origins were discussed. This will be further discussed by the Assessor at the Assessor's conference, and it is expected to be discussed at the Sheriff's Association meeting. The MOU will not be executed until it has been fully discussed the Board, the Sheriff and the Assessor at a later date. They will also discuss with the Prosecutors office for their input.

Recess for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Reconvene at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman Cruickshank opened a public hearing concerning correcting the levy for Valley County Emergency Medical Services. Staff report by Clerk Banbury and how the funding would be borrowed from the court facilities fund and then repaid after the taxes are collected in June of 2013.

Major Mike Keithly spoke in favor of the correction. He spoke in commendatory terms about the performance of the EMT's and the Emergency Medical Service in general. He would vote to raise the levy.

No further comments were offered and the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Willey mentioned he would like to receive assurances that checks and balances that would prevent this. Commissioner Hasbrouck suggested having the Treasurer and the Clerk review the L-2's.

Commissioner Willey read an order correcting the levy into the record, and moved for approval of the order. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded and the order requiring correction was approved unanimously.

Prosecutor Kiiha addressed the Board in terms of future plans for the Prosecutor's office.

He noted he had contracted with the City of McCall for prosecution services prior to his election. Former Prosecutor Richard Roats had contracted with the City of McCall and assigned the contract to Valley County. Funds received were considered unanticipated revenue and used it to fund additional salaries in the Prosecutors office. Mr. Kiiha stated he intends to do something similar. He would have his staff prosecute the cases, and funds received from McCall would, in a like manner, increase the salaries of his staff. He noted that he does not, at this time, know the details of implementation of this system, and asked for a couple of months to work out the details.

In addition, he would like to find a way to hire an additional deputy, so that he might devote his efforts primarily to the civil work of the County. He noted an additional \$50,000 had been budgeted for an additional prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2013. He said the contract with McCall was for \$45,000 annually. Chairman Cruickshank noted that the Board needs to discuss this with the Human Resources Director. He indicated that the Board should move forward cautiously in this matter.

Mr. Kiiha noted that increasing the staff attorney's salaries in this manner equates to approximately what has been done in the past. His only reason to take on the McCall workload is to increase salaries of the staff lawyers.

He is willing to discuss contracting with the City of Cascade, if Cascade approaches him.

He intends to divide the money from McCall with Ms. Brockman for the next 60 days and then come back with a finite proposal for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Willey moved for approval to allow continuation of the contract and to have Jay come back with a proposal on how the funds will be used, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried unanimously.

He asked to place an executive session on the agenda for January 28th at 1:00 p.m. for further discussion of pending legal matters.

Mr. Kiiha advised that, in his opinion, it would be better to continue with the four-day work week, known as 4-10's, as long as the court has its calendar so scheduled.

Sheriff Bolen appeared and discussed the operation and staffing of the Sheriff's office for the benefit of the new commissioners. Structure, staffing, command system, search and rescue, jail, dispatch and jail medical were all discussed. She stated that most of her employees are unaffected by the 4-10 vs. 5-8 choices for working hours and would be agreeable to whatever decision the commission makes in that regard. She did note that the administrative staff is so affected and prefers 4-10's.

June Fullmer appeared and discussed the operation of her office and brought her staff along to explain their individual duties. Motor vehicles, cartography, plats, personal property, residential appraisal, agricultural, timber, commercial appraisal were all discussed. Her staff advised that they all prefer 4-10's, and that the appraisers (Revaluation) have been on that schedule during the appraisal season for years. The only exception in her staff that favors the 4-10 schedule is Sue Probst, who prefers the 5-8 schedule.

Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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