

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
February 19, 2013**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:02 a.m.

Stephanie Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

Commissioner Willey moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded and the motion carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for approval of the minutes of February 11th, 2013, second by Commissioner Willey and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved and Commissioner Willey seconded approval of the letter of support to the U. S. Forest Service concerning cabin rentals. The motion carried unanimously.

The exchange of a prescriptive right of way for fencing along Smalley lane was discussed as concerns the Davis Cattle Company property line along the road. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Deed conveying the right of way. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Willey moved for approval of Resolution No. 13-3 to distribute the remainder of the Medical Trust Fund to the affected departments, thus closing out this program, which had involved a health insurance “buy-down” arrangement for employees. Second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Johnson appeared and briefed the Commissioner on the new Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council, which is a consolidation of the State Fire Working Group, Urban Forestry and the Private Ownership Forestry Group. She noted that she is preparing a grant request to involve Valley County with the State Fire Working Group. She also noted that a level of completion for these grants is a necessity as opposed to a simple ratio-sharing of funding whether needed or not by the recipients.

They meet again on March 27th in Moscow. She has been requested to attend and provide a presentation on the successes of Valley County. It was decided that Commissioner Hasbrouck would accompany Stephanie and they will work out the details and that Valley County would bear any travel expenses that were necessary and not otherwise reimbursed.

Sheriff Bolen appeared and discussed the dispatch fees. She provided a history of the 911 system. At inception, half (1/2) of the wage costs were allocated to Valley County and the balance divided between the users (including Valley County). Operating costs were reimbursed at \$1.00 per telephone. She further discussed the present budget and how the expenses are paid. Presently, the Fire/EMS Departments have agreed to pay a flat fee for 911 service which is acceptable to all concerned. This leaves only the McCall and Cascade Police Departments with issues requiring resolution.

She proposed that, in the future, the police departments should pay a portion of the overall wage and benefits costs. After further discussion, agreement was reached to arrange a meeting with the police departments and discuss the city's reimbursement for 911 in a round table forum to isolate and resolve the issues. The ultimate purpose is to decide amicably how to distribute the costs of the 911 operations based on percentage of use by each participant.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Cascade was discussed. This agreement relates to records management by a Computer Arts program. The City of Cascade has agreed and Sheriff Bolen presented the Memorandum of Understanding to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved and Commissioner Willey seconded approval of the MOU and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement.

She discussed the Fourth of July Weekend enforcement and control to be exercised in McCall at the beaches on Payette Lake. It is noted that the resources needed to control the North Beach situation draws on those available to police for the balance of the County.

Clerk Banbury discussed court ordered restitution for narcotics traffickers as well as the potential for Seizures/Forfeiture arising from drug cases. It was noted that court ordered restitution is available in the Drug Trust account for payment of investigation and prosecution costs. The Sheriff agreed with the handling of such funds and noted the Prosecutor's agreement as well, as he was not present.

The Board also discussed outstanding accounts for fines and restitution generally that have been ordered by the courts. This will be discussed again and issues clarified at a later meeting.

Courthouse hours were discussed. Chairman Cruickshank stated we are unable to track any significant savings from the 4-10 work hour initiative because of changes in our heating system and accordingly cannot justify 4-10's in terms of cost savings. The most important object should be how well we serve our citizens and visitors. People are upset at our not being open on Friday. Commissioner Hasbrouck suggested that, as a standard, each department should be open on Fridays and during the lunch hour. This standard will accommodate either 4-10's or 5-8's if some employees have Fridays off, and others are off on Mondays. This can be accommodated by requiring the department heads and elected officials to work it out in each department. He then suggested the simple expedient of setting the hours of operation for the courthouse and annex as either from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. five days each week or from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All departments would be required to be open during the lunch periods, as is generally the case at the present time. Departments would be able to stagger employee lunch periods to accommodate hours of operation.

Commissioner Willey commented that he favored 4 -10 hour shifts for all employees but that more input from the public was needed.

As concerns Hidden Trails Estates, Becky Hinson, Chief Deputy Treasurer confirmed that about \$20,000 in tax and \$8,000 in penalty and interest charges are presently owed. They seek forgiveness of the late and interest charges. We have never approved such an agreement. This property is set for sale.

Chairman Cruickshank phoned Steve Dutcher who represents Kris Wright. Mr. Wright has an ownership interest in the subdivision known as Hidden Trails. He says the interest and penalty is about \$8,000. Mr. Wright bought it through a Sheriff's sale, last summer. He had been working on the deal with the Ringels (former owners) for three of four years. Mr. Wright was aware of the tax delinquency when he purchased or foreclosed on the property. He has already paid \$20,000 in tax for the 2008 year. The lots are still for sale, now in the range of \$30,000 each.

Chairman Cruickshank advised Mr. Dutcher we were in no position to forego or forgive taxes, interest or late fees. If we do it for Mr. Wright, in fairness we must do it for everyone.

Recess for Lunch at 12:00 noon

Reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Marty Anderson, State Insurance Fund appeared and discussed employment-related claims for Worker's Compensation. He provided the history of workers compensation, and delivered an interesting overview of safety and education of the workforce and the impact of such on worker's compensation issues. Safety programs can provide substantial savings in lost time and work performed. Safety policies need to be in place and supervisors need to be held accountable.

Pat Duncan, HR Director appeared and presented a policy concerning the proposed sick leave donation program. After discussion, Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to approve the voluntary sick leave donation program as presented by the HR Director. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried.

Adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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