

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 15, 2013**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:03 a.m.

Margaret Yamamoto led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Commissioner Willey moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried unanimously

Commissioners discussed the “recreation” or snow grooming position. It is clear the effort is necessary, because snow grooming is an increasingly important function, and we now have a county park to accommodate more of such activities. No decision resulted from the discussion.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved approval of the meeting minutes of March 25th, 2013, second by Commissioner Willey and carried.

A discussion of funding and operations of the Cascade Senior Center, now known as the Cascade Community Center followed, with Margaret Yamamoto representing the Center.

She explained their insurance difficulties. They are currently paying \$399 and this will increase by \$406 to total \$805 annually which is beyond their means. Commissioners agreed to increase their grant to the center by \$406 beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.) A discussion of the senior programs in Weiser and Payette disclosed that they were independent operations, and pay their own insurance and worker’s compensation. She noted that CCOA paid the center’s employees and covered their payroll taxes. She noted that RSPV paid the Worker’s Compensation for volunteers.

Margaret asked for the availability of a county employee to “trouble-shoot” problems with the facility used by the center. The board authorized the center to contact Scott de Jong for such assistance as needed. Commissioner Willey moved to approve Scott’s serving on the center’s board of directors as the Valley County Commission’s designee. Second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and the motion carried unanimously. Service on the board of the center by Scott will be on his own time.

Teresa Perry, Park Manager at Lake Cascade State Park appeared for the purpose of discussing the Four Summit Bike Ride in July. She is representing the Four Summit Challenge which is a non-competitive effort by the participants. The number of participants is capped at 750. Historically there have been 201 beginning in 2008, then 304 in 2011, 535, and last year 600. This year they expect 5-600 and they have 190 registered and paid to date.

Aid stations are provided by local business, and otherwise shared the funds with other organizations within the community. (Approximately \$21,000, thus far) Also restaurants and motels benefit. She offered thanks to Valley County Sheriff’s Office, Cascade Police, Cascade Medical Center, and Emergency Medical Services and all other supporters for their help and cooperation. A post ride barbecue is planned and is supported by Idaho Beef Council, a high-end event at the American Legion. A lot of persons train on Warm Lake Road before the event.

The ridership is generally from the Treasure Valley, but they have participants from as far away as the east coast of the United States. She would like to come back in a week and discuss feasibility studies on Monday, April 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Sheriff Bolen then discussed the road controls that have evolved and are used for the safety of the riders. This includes temporary closure of the road from Warm Lake to Landmark.

Recreation Department Discussion was began by Chairman Cruickshank. There is concern expressed for the role of this position. It has been the board’s intent for this to be for recreation, not marketing. We want the many opportunities presently existing in Valley County to be recognized. We also need coordination with the use of the Wellington Snow Park.

It is also recognized that ATV travel and rafting are in the mix of opportunities to be offered and publicized. He would like a pilot program to be implemented.

Commissioner Willey spoke about the publicity that has surrounded Larry Laxson. If we are going to do that, he thinks the title should be snow grooming and also dealing with the park.

He doesn’t see this as a marketing effort, and doesn’t want to take that approach. He wants to expand this job as may become necessary, do we want to share our favorite fishing holes? This mild concern reflects another point of view.

Commissioner Hasbrouck expressed the need for a department to be created, he would also like to enhance the work of the Groomer effort into other areas, fund it, and budget for it in FY 2014. We do need our own website. We need to go for this opportunity.

Commissioner Willey believes this activity would not qualify for the Department of Commerce Economic Development grant.

Mike Keithly spoke concerning his contacts with the business people. He recommends a situation to be sustainable for four seasons. More of this work should be done. To create a welcoming environment, it should be for all year and it should be countywide. There are many things at the southern end of the county that need publication. He sees this as a good opportunity to link web sites together, summer or winter, north or south.

Sheriff Bolen noted that she has funding that can be used for education for outdoor activities from the State. This comes from the OHV Committee. The funding for wage has been used for OHV, but it is to be for use wages of officers involved with OHV activities.

Vim Braak, University of Idaho Extension Agent spoke concerning the various aspects of this effort. He favors a one year trial, or a "stepping stone" approach to allow this effort to be studied, reviewed and analyzed. He discussed sustainability, strategic planning and infrastructure development.

Commissioner Hasbrouck would like to see the website identified on billboards at each end of Highway 55.

Larry Laxson is to be requested to prepare a plan of activities and cost figures, except salary. He should list his various activities as proposed.

June Fullmer appeared and presented a cancellation for solid waste fee, and a recreation district fee for fees amounting to \$96.68. Commissioner Willey moved for approval of cancellation #24, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried, unanimously.

She has discussed moving DMV in McCall to Idaho First Bank. The bank is willing to accommodate as needed. The bank meets ADA requirements.

Increasing the admin fees has generated additional revenues of \$14,000 in the past six months for DMV and may amount as much as \$30,000 for FY2013.

Commissioner Hasbrouck has spoken to Marcia at DMV in McCall. She could use help for 19 hours each week. Monday is a big day for them, Tuesday, and Friday would be Good days for additional help, on an all-day basis.

June suggests 3/12 hours daily, 5 days a week, and not to exceed 19 hours each week. The additional salary is \$6135 for the rest of the year and the necessary payroll taxes if filled on May 1 of 2013.

Commissioners approved hiring of the part-time employee. Clerk to provide a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the General Fund Reserve.

Chairman Cruickshank noted the Animal Control District FY2014 budget request for \$5,000. He will prepare a response via letter. Commissioner Hasbrouck also asked if the chairman would respond to McPaws concerning their funding request.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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