

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 29, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was led by Treasurer Glenna Young.

Commissioner Willey moved for approval of the agenda as presented, noting that there was a brief personnel matter to be included with the matter listed. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded and the motion carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for approval of the claims as presented, \$259,984.08, which included Board Ordered Claims of \$7,906.41. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried unanimously.

Anne Guarino, Building Department, reported everything is going smoothly.

Doug Miller, Court Services, reported and noted his request for a grant in support of the Fiscal Year 2014 Underage Drinking Laws Program had been approved. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for acceptance of the grant, second by Commissioner Willey and carried unanimously. He also discussed his recent attendance at a conference, and the suggestion there to utilize conferencing between the defendants who have pleaded guilty and the victims of their criminal acts. Schools should be involved in this as well, particularly with respect to vandalism.

Vim Braak, Extension Agent, reported 4-H and Master Gardener's programs are in place and running. He discussed the concept of a "value chain" as relates to economic development. He has a workshop set up for small acreages and the development of economic activity. The economic development committee of last week heard a presentation from a U of I student group. They discussed the concept of "net zero" activities insofar as electric power generation is concerned. June 20th there will be a county-wide meeting on recreation. The results of the winter survey will be discussed. It will be in the afternoon at the Shore Lodge.

Pat Duncan, HR Director reported completion of more than 1/2 of the “bullying” classes. She is nearly finished with the salary survey. She then discussed the proposed exchange of sick leave at retirement for funding of the retiree’s health insurance in retirement. She noted that sick leave cannot be paid out nor can it be used for the voluntary leave bank. It must stay as it is, the only exception being for the exchange proposal. She explained that her estimates of cost would be \$16,000 per year to do this.

David Crawford, IT Administrator, reported he had been working with Larry as concerns the website. Policy as concerns I.T. services and purchases are being considered.

Cynda Herrick, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported on P&Z concerns. The recreation sign group has met with positive results. The replacement of signage will be a long term project, i.e., it won’t be done all once. They will begin by placing signage at the trail heads, primarily an effort by the U. S. Forest Service. She mentioned the issues with McCall’s impact area and the use of Sheriff’s Deputies being inappropriate for code enforcement in the impact area. She continues to work on the solution.

Larry Laxson, Snow Grooming Coordinator, reported concerning snowmobile matters. All CATS have been serviced. He needs to purchase filters for the CATS now to take advantage of a 30% discount being offered. He is meeting with the Payette National Forest concerning the erection of a CAT storage building on the high elevation site. He also reported on the winter wild lands law suit.

June Fullmer, Assessor, reported that filling the DMV clerk position is in process. She will be seeking an additional appraiser. The 2013 assessed values will be set next week and she would like to schedule 30 minutes on the May 20th Commissioner’s agenda.

Clerk Banbury reported work on the budget is going well, but that the snowmobile and waterways budgets cannot be completed until revenue figures are available in July.

Sheriff Bolen reported. State inspection on the jail has been completed. She presented the agreement with Cascade Medical Center for services at the jail for approval. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to approve the amended contract with the Cascade Medical Center. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried unanimously.

Idaho Parks and Recreation visited the Sheriff and presented a plaque for Sgt. Speer as Marine Officer of the Year. Also recognized was Detention Officer Jason Bailey who was honored by his class at the academy. Dispatcher Kathy Steen was voted president of her class. Detention Officer Richard Knapp finished 4th out of 44 in his class.

She had a search and rescue mission last week for a hiker, located him and he was flown to a hospital in Boise. The State of Idaho assisted with a helicopter. This is reimbursable via Title III RAC Funds.

The Sheriff asked for an exchange of vehicles with Waterways. The Board directed that she work it out with Waterways and make the exchange.

Glenna Young reported that the quarterly of Treasurer/Auditor Report which was submitted on 4/23/2013. Chairman Cruickshank moved to accept the report, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried, unanimously. There is a negative figure of \$774.80 on the report that requires resolution.

She has an outstanding solid waste fee from the Highway Chapel in McCall. The Board directed her to inquire of the Prosecutor as to the proper direction to take and follow his advice.

Closed session for Indigent and Charity at 10:56.a.m.

13-DV064	Request for Assistance Approved
13-HS055	Request for Assistance Approved
13-SB072	Request for Lien/New Application
13-CG058	Request for Lien/New Application
13-KH060	Request for Lien/New Application

Resume regular session at 11:18 a.m.

Teresa Perry appeared on behalf of Idaho Parks and Recreation. She manages Lake Cascade State Park. The Park is operated in partnership with Bureau of Reclamation, the entity with ownership of the land. Lake Cascade visitors spend approximately \$8,000,000 locally each year in the region. She discussed further improvements in the future. She also discussed the "First Time Camper" program where they will help new campers with camping equipment and setting up a campsite.

A continuing problem is the erosion of the shoreline which is endemic to reservoirs, particularly with the wind and wave action across the lake when at full pool. Additionally a feasibility study is being considered for a recreation trail around Lake Cascade.

Bob Berman with McPaws appeared and discussed the efforts of McPaws, a recognized charity involved with pet care and placement of strays. He mentioned they had, in the past, offered free spay and neutering services, but had lost the grant enabling that program. Chairman Cruickshank noted that local veterinarians had expressed displeasure with these activities. Mr. Berman stated that he had established relationships with local veterinarians since his arrival. He has also been working with the schools to engender understanding of handling pets by the young, and also worked with the educationally disabled.

A brief discussion on financing followed, with Commissioner Hasbrouck noting that the average for animal assistance is about \$600 per head and questioned if that were reasonable.

Commissioner Willey noted that Valley County's ability to help McPaws was necessarily tempered by our responsibilities to senior citizens, and that state/federal funding for the seniors had been reduced recently. Commissioner Hasbrouck noted the net income of McPaws was \$16,887 and the County's support was \$17,000. Thus they would have broken even without our support. Commissioner Willey also noted that we are contributing about all we can at this point.

Larry Laxson appeared for the purpose of discussing recreation activities. He has met with the board of the Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club which has become the Cougar Mountain Country Association and expanded their purview to include a variety of recreational activities. This has caused quite a stir in ATV usage. The Donnelly organization is moving in the same direction.

The Payette Bass Tournament is planning an outing in Cascade, as well. He mentioned the Sled Warrior group is trying to keep the back country open. KWP is hosting the White Water Games at some point. Rock climbing is also a developing activity. Commissioner Willey moved to establish a position for a full time person for parks and recreation plus \$5,000 for operations. Second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried. Clerk will prepare a resolution for approval at the meeting of May 6th, 2013 which will create a Parks and Recreation entity in Valley County, establish accounts for and fund the effort from the General Fund Reserve, excepting the proposed website which will be funded from Economic Development. Salary will remain at the same hourly rate and continue on to fiscal year's end. Full benefits will be included.

Commissioner Willey moved to enter executive session as provided by IC 67-2345(1)(f) to be followed by another executive session concerning personnel matters. Second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried. Roll Call vote: Commissioner Willey, "aye", Commissioner Hasbrouck, "aye" and Chairman Cruickshank, "aye."

Entered executive session at 1:34 p.m.

Closed at 2:05 p.m., then re-entered executive session to consider personnel matters as provided by IC 67-2345(1)(a) concerning an urgent matter.

Reconvene regular session at 2:40 p.m.

No decisions were reached as a result of discussions in executive sessions.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to approve the minutes of April 15th, 2013. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Willey moved to approve Resolution No. 13-8, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Willey moved approval for a letter supporting a grant to purchase a cardiac monitor by Cascade Rural Fire and EMS. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jerry Robinson, Road, Weed and Pest Department Supervisor, appeared for the purpose of discussing road department projects.

Commissioner Hasbrouck discussed adopting responsibility for a road from KWP toward the proposed site of the new swimming pool. The owner of the property has offered to donate the road if the County would accept it.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved approval of the Heinrich Road Easement, second by Commissioner Willey and carried, unanimously.

Jerry Robinson spoke about dust abatement on West Mountain Road as requested by Cindy Rich. He noted that Valley County no longer provides dust abatement for any areas excepting gravel operations as part of the road department's activities. Jerry discussed the projects that should begin in a few weeks including reconstruction of a portion of Heinrich Lane and the East-West section of West Mountain road at the southern end of Lake Cascade. The majority of his seasonal help has been hired including weed sprayers. Weed spraying will begin next week.

Glenna Young, Treasurer, reminded the Board that she will not be billing for balances less than \$1.00 as it is a wasteful proposition to do so.

Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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