

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
May 20, 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.

Scott Erekson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the public defender contract as regards conflict attorneys to the Commissioner Discussion, add Ronn Julian as concerns Midas Gold Exploration to Commissioner Discussion and add the Valley County sanction to the Announcement for the Payette River Games to be discussed by Mark Pickard at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Willey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved approval of the May 13, 2013 minutes, second by Commissioner Willey and carried unanimously.

Ronn Julian, employed by Midas Gold as well as being an interested citizen asked for a letter of support for Midas Gold's continuing exploration for mineralization near Stibnite. Cynda Herrick, Planning and Zoning Administrator was asked to assist him to insure that such a letter would be consistent with the Land Use and Development Ordinance. Cynda returned with a draft which was approved for finalization and signature by the Chairman.

Larry Laxson appeared and discussed the Deer Creek Avalanche abatement issue and the need for support. It is proposed that Valley County apply for permission to engage in avalanche controls at Deer Creek on West Mountain. Larry would like to explore this and corroborate with the U.S. Forest Service, Boise National Forest.

He provided an application for approval and signature by the Board styled as “Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on federal lands” as concerns Avalanche Control on Deer Creek. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for approval, second by Commissioner Willey and carried to authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Erikson appeared as the Public Defender to discuss the contracting with attorneys who may be available to substitute for him in the event of a variety of conflicts that may arise to prevent him from participating in the defense of a matter. There are attorneys available for this activity here in Valley County as well as elsewhere. Scott has no particular preference as to how this is done.

Scott suggested contracting with the individuals so that there be a convenient way to appoint such individuals, which is unbiased by either side. He suggested the Board of County Commissioners solicit and contract with such individuals as may apply and be so selected. He suggested three such lawyers. The use of contracted conflict attorneys could result in cost savings. The Clerk was assigned to work with the Prosecutor and develop an RFP to solicit applicants.

Ralph McKenzie appeared and discussed the bids for propane prices for the coming year to enable contracting for the service. After discussion, Commissioner Hasbrouck recommended selection of Ed Staub as the propane provider. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried, unanimously.

Concerning the letter for Midas Gold, Cynda provided the requested edited version and Commissioner Willey moved for approval of the letter for signature of all three Commissioners, second by Commissioner Hasbrouck and carried.

Mark Pickard appeared along with his wife Kristina and discussed the forthcoming Payette River Games, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and the need for a sanction to pique interest of the public and also a preliminary/finals format with championship events at the end, on Sunday between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. He discussed events and procedures as well as mentioning some of the noteworthy participants. He hopes for this to become an annual event, the goal for this first event is to get 10,000 people to Cascade for this event. Admission to the event is free, except for the competitors, who will be charged an entry fee.

He discussed plans for subsequent events, and sponsors to support costs, i.e. insurance, other costs, and prizes. Facilities were discussed, primarily access and parking.

Commissioner Hasbrouck expressed his appreciation for the remodel of the Roxy Theatre and Commissioner Willey and Chairman Cruickshank joined him in expressing the appreciation of the entire Board.

Commissioner Hasbrouck moved that Valley County sanction the Payette River Games, June 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> and into the future as may be appropriate. Second by Commissioner Willey and carried, unanimously.

June Fullmer appeared and spoke to the Board concerning the master trend sheet she had prepared. Then, Board of Equalization and appraisal methodology was discussed and explained. The agricultural exemption was also included in the discussion, as was timber, generally and condominiums. Julie Yates discussed the new rules on personal property exemptions and allocation between counties where appropriate.

Recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

(Commissioner Cruickshank was absent from the afternoon session and Commissioner Willey was appointed acting Chair.)

Stephanie Johnson appeared, together with Chief Juan Bonilla, to discuss a project identified as Horsethief #4, Fire Mitigation, and has the low bidder identified as American Conservation Solutions, LLC. The bid process involved sealed bids, and the low bid was \$1,749 per acre, a total of \$27,284.47. She has observed their work and recommended their selection. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for acceptance of this bid and authorizing the Acting Chairman to sign the same. Acting Chairman Willey seconded the motion, which carried.

She reported the acceptance of the grant for \$6,000 for Firewise Activities presented for approval with limited restrictions per a Memorandum of Understanding, which was also submitted. Commissioner Hasbrouck moved for acceptance and Acting Chairman Willey seconded the motion which carried.

Chief Bonilla also discussed the roll-off for cleanup starting next week.

He then discussed an update to the Title 6, (Valley County's Building Code) and asked that it be reviewed by the Building Department and then returned to the Board for approval. Thereafter, there must be a properly scheduled public hearing. Tentatively, it will be considered at a public hearing on June 24th. Chief Bonilla also reported his election as a Vice Chair for the National Volunteer Fire Council. The Board congratulated him on this accomplishment.

Jerry Robinson appeared and discussed the Warren Wagon Road proposal which would require \$1,000,000 in county funding and result in completion of \$14,000,000 in paving.

Adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

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Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

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Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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