

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
January 17, 2012**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)
GERALD "JERRY" WINKLE (COMMISSIONER)
RAY MOORE, (COMMISSIONER)
ARCHIE BANBURY, CLERK**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:00 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Winkle and the motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of January 9th tabled to the meeting of January 23, 2012 per agenda for that meeting.

Cancellation of the fifth Mondays for Commissioner Meetings was discussed. Valley County's Ordinance states "every Monday of each month." During the three-month period of January, February and March, the following meetings will be cancelled: January 30th, February 21st, and March 26th. Claims will be approved on March 12th and March 19th.

Commissioner Moore moved to cancel the meetings on January 30th, February 21st and March 26th. Second by Commissioner Winkle and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank noted that the gate permit fees to the Idaho Department of Lands were paid by Idaho State Snowmobile Association. We should reimburse ISSA or Sandra Mitchell as appropriate. Clerk Banbury will sort that out and prepare a claim for approval of the Board.

Scott Erikson appeared and provided his annual report. The defense work load was similar to the prior year. He has applied for the vacant Magistrate's position and requested to continue his contract if unsuccessful. He will know in February if he is on the "short list" to be interviewed. He was complimented by the Board for a fine and trouble free performance as the Public Defender for Valley County.

Vim Braak appeared as scheduled and provided his Extension Office report listing his goals for 2012.

His presentation set out his priorities and the Commissioners agreed with his activities schedule.

Tami Bishop Rhodes appeared and presented the HR – Policy. It was decided to ask legal counsel to review it as quickly as possible with a target date for completion and approval of January 23, 2012.

Greg Malmen appeared and requested authorization to purchase a lap top antenna. It is to be used in a “tough-book” lap top which is installed in a vehicle. The Board decided that the Sheriff’s Office should pay for it. Commissioner Moore moved to increase the limit for capital expenditures by the IT Department from zero to \$500. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

The Road Department phone system difficulties can be resolved by disconnecting them from the new system and placing their service with two regular business telephones. This can be done without any significant increase in costs.

Concerning the communication about Compression Brakes in Smith’s Ferry, it appears that this a state level issue, not under the aegis of County Government. Commissioner Moore suggested tasking Jerry Robinson with a response to this communication. Commissioner Winkle expressed that he had previous experience with a similar matter and that the County has no jurisdiction on State highways. We should reply that we have no objection to the petitioners making application to the State of Idaho. Commissioner Moore then moved to authorize the Chairman to communicate to the petitioners and ITD that Valley County has no objection to the request. Commissioner Winkle seconded the motion and it was carried.

Chairman Cruickshank reported that he had attended a meeting with cities/counties surrounding New Meadows concerning gasification of waste to generate electric power. This could augment the biomass availability. He will have this placed on the agenda for the next meeting. They ask only for concept approval at this point. It would reduce tipping fees and transportation costs.

Commissioner Moore reported on winter recreation, concerning search and rescue incidents which Captain Coombs is handling for the Sheriff’s Office. In addition, the Forest Service is working on a 5-year plan and the grooming routes are of concern. Their work includes a full NEPA analysis. Public comment is now open. We need to ensure that all trails in use are included in the analysis as it could take years to add other trails.

Commissioner Winkle noted that Biomass would change the monthly meetings to the third Thursday of each month in Emmett. State authorities have had more of a presence at the recent meetings.

Anne Guarino appeared for the purpose of discussing Plan Review Fees. She provided a summary of permits and fees from 2000 to 2011. After discussion, it was decided to leave the fee unchanged.

Jerry Robinson appeared and began with a review of 2011 projects. A discussion was held concerning future plans and the difficulties in projecting revenues for future periods. The Board approved Commissioner Moore to work with Jerry Robinson and legal counsel to determine answers to questions about how to proceed with finding how the State Statutes allow for collecting road levies and the process to implement.

The Commissioners requested Jerry to provide several scenarios on how the Road Department could operate without the Craig / Wyden funding that has replaced the timber payments for the last 10 plus years. In the even the funding is not authorized, the Road Department would not be able to perform anything more than basic services and even those may be less than adequate.

He noted several small projects for the forthcoming year, Also he discussed work on Johnson Creek Road, which should be covered with a RAC grant. At Elk Creek he has drainage problems to be repaired. He has work to be done on the East Fork Road, ¾ of a mile with funding from the Forest Service. He has a bridge just above Sugar Creek. He is working on a grant from IDPR to cover some other bridge replacement and repair. He will present the grant request next Monday.

He asked to purchase an additional camp trailer for about \$2000 to permit back country work to be done by his work force. He discussed a need for scales to weigh his trucks carrying rock to ensure a legal load. The scale would cost about \$7,500. The scales should be portable to other rites if needed, however the primary location would be the Goode Pit.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter executive session as provided in IC 67-2345(1) (a)(b) and (f) at 12:00 noon. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried by roll call vote, Commissioner Moore, “aye”, Commissioner Winkle “aye” and Chairman Cruickshank “aye”.

Convened executive session at 12:02 p.m.

Reconvene regular session at 1:10 p.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to have Chairman Cruickshank communicate with Valley County Prosecuting Attorney Matt Williams as regards outside contracts. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Attest:

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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