

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
January 23, 2012**

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

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman Winkle due to the Chairman's necessary absence to take a conference call. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes. Treasurer Glenna asked to add discussion of a letter from Tamarack.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a communication received from Tamarack that requires discussion. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle, the claims were approved and carried, excepting a single charge to the General Fund Reserve which requires the consent of all three Commissioner's consent for approval. On motion of Commissioner Moore and second by Commissioner Winkle, Junior College Tuition certification was approved for Rachel Ann Weston.

Anne Guarino reported for the Building Department, its business as usual, and no news.

Doug Miller discussed a request for assistance to Boise County. Next weekend's festivities include the luncheon for his POTS Program following the Parade at Winter Carnival. It will be at the Alpine Village from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Tami Bishop Rhodes appeared reported an employee position closing today for the Plat Clerk in the Assessor's Office. She has a supervisor training session scheduled for tomorrow. She also hopes to obtain approval for the Personnel Manual.

Vim Braak appeared and advised that he had nothing new since last Tuesday.

Cynda Herrick appeared discussed the meeting between the City of Donnelly and Planning & Zoning as concerns the impact area for Donnelly, in a work session. It would appear that the recommended impact area will be reduced when finalized.

Greg Malmen reported on a variety of projects he has on-going. He will be moving some of the Sheriff's technical files to a new server. There will be a short downtime with the Sheriff's system.

Rick Ridenour appeared and discussed the grooming program. All cats are up and running. The groomers run when they can as the heavy wet snow and above freezing temperatures make grooming difficult.

Assessor June Fullmer reported on staffing concerns.

The Clerk noted completion of the annual audit by Bailey and Co., CPA's.

Treasurer Young reported and noted that she believes an authorization is needed to transfer money from a Certificate of Deposit she holds concerning the Nasi Trust. As to the Tamarack personal property tax payment plan, the Treasurer asked the plan be extended through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Moore moved to extend the agreement concerning personal property tax with Tamarack to June 30, 2012, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Chairman Cruickshank returned to the meeting.

Chairman Cruickshank noted that a little organization on parking in the North lot may be in order as two rows of cars are now consuming all the available space.

Commissioner Moore moved for approval of the claims as presented, \$221,874.44, bills including the \$549.88 charged to the General Fund Reserve. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried by all three Commissioners.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the January 9th and 17th meeting minutes, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Closed session for indigent and charity at 10:30 a.m.

11-RB067	Request for Assistance Approved
11-BR051	Request for Assistance Denied
11-MM068	Request for Assistance Denied
11-RN063	Request for Lien/New Application Received
12-JS078	Request for Lien/New Application Received

Resume regular session at 10:43 a.m.

The draft of the Personnel Manual as of January 9, 2012 was reviewed and the recommendations of legal counsel considered. After discussion with legal counsel, correction was made to clarify two small items.

Cynda Herrick appeared and noted that Rob Garrison and Kathy Deinhard Hill would like to be reappointed to their seats. It was decided that further consideration via interviews would not be necessary. Commissioner Moore moved for reappointment to a three year term commencing January 15, 2012 for each of them. Commissioner Winkle seconded the appointments and the motion carried.

Sheriff Bolen appeared to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding with Brundage Mountain, on Search and Rescue operations when they go outside the Brundage Ski boundaries, to cover Brundage Ski Patrol employees to assist if we add them to our Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the MOU between Valley County and Brundage with the amendment specified by Sheriff Bolen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winkle and carried. She will return with a corrected copy for signature.

Doug Miller appeared together with Jason Stone to discuss Annual Probation Charts Review recently completed.

The charts reflect data provided by county governments. Valley County has a zero percent recidivism rate, unique among the other counties in District 4. Other statistical accomplishments were all above the averages of other counties and reflect well on Valley County's management. Valley County does not have a service provider for some areas, however Doug is working find solutions that qualifies Valley County.

Recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

John Erickson, Emmett District Ranger appeared to discuss the Scriver Creek Integrated Resources Project. It is located near Crouch, one half of the land being in Boise Co., and one half in Valley Co. There is some realignment of roads, and some timber removal, about 18M Board Feet. He has a draft of the project for review. Comment period ends February 15th, 2012. He would like it finalized this summer so it's ready to go by the end of the Fiscal Year, 9/30/2012.

They will decommission about 20 miles of existing road, and add about 18 miles of new road replacing some of the old. Some roads will be converted to trails, and accommodate ATV use.

Concerning the recycle operations of Lakeshore Disposal, Commissioner Moore suggested having legal counsel have a look of the issue before making a response. Commissioner Cruickshank will prepare such a response.

Jerry Robinson appeared for the purpose of discussing Road Department matters. He noted that Bob Bate Ford's bid of \$27,800 each, Cascade auto \$25,797 for the purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Moore had requested more information on the financial situation of Valley County. Clerk Banbury's office has not provided enough information to review. A discussion was held with the Clerk to clarify what the Commissioners were requesting to have sufficient information to make a decision. As the information was not available, the Commissioners were not able to determine the financial status of Valley County at this time.

Commissioner Moore moved to delay the decision on purchasing the vehicles until February 6, 2012. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve a grant application for funding to replace a box culvert on Lemah Creek, Valley County \$16,750. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

The Eastside Drive right of way was discussed. Department of Lands will sell the ROW for \$850 per acre, about 20 acres, \$17,000. It seems reasonable to purchase additional right of way at this to complete the access through the whole stretch of the roads. Ownership of the ROW is a necessary condition to obtain future grants. Jerry would like to pursue this acquisition. Chairman Cruickshank recommended pursuing as this has been a problem for many years with attempting to provide improvements to Eastside Drive with Idaho Department of Lands not approving work that is needed. Commissioner Moore asked for more detail in how the project would be funded.

Ralph McKenzie appeared and discussed a 10 mega-watt co-gen project. This project is in Adams County. Ralph will prepare a letter of concept support and forward the letter to the Commissioners for approval. It is possible that a significant amount of our Solid Waste can be disposed of through the Waste to Energy concept that produces energy through the co-generation process.

Concerning the MRF, there is a possibility of a land exchange with a neighbor for adjacent property. He will explore the possibility.

Bill Rice, Cascade District Ranger appeared to introduce a project concerning a transmission line, the permit with Idaho Power expires in 2013. Idaho Power would like access to their structures, which was not in the original permit. Mark Bingman provided information on it, and discussed the access problems to the power line. They need to permit the improvement of such access in the renewed application by Idaho Power.

Human Resources – Personnel Manual. After consultation with counsel, no changes are necessary to comp time. The only change is to remove a line concerning “name clearing hearings”. Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the Personnel Manual as amended this date, seconded by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle to enter into executive session as provided in I.C. 67-2345 (1)(a) (b) and (f) and carried by roll call vote, Commissioner Moore, “aye”, Commissioner Winkle “aye” and Chairman Cruickshank “aye”.

Convened executive session at 3:00 p.m.

Reconvene regular session at 3:30 p.m.

No decision occurred as a result of this executive session.

Adjourn meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

AB/tme 2-13-12