

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
January 24, 2011**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)
GERALD “JERRY” WINKLE (COMMISSIONER)
RAY MOORE (COMMISSIONER)**

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK

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

Chairman Cruickshank asked to add an Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(b), a personnel matter (which had arisen too late to be included in this meetings agenda) at 3:00 p.m. and move the discussion of the Payette National Forest to the end of the day.

Commissioner Moore asked to restate the 1:30 item to read “...discussion of the applications and qualifications of the applicants” and to add two grants to the discussion scheduled for 2:45 p.m.

Commissioner Winkle moved to accept the agenda as amended. Second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Chairman Cruickshank stated he had questioned a snowgroomer repair and was satisfied it was correct. Commissioner Moore questioned the purchase of pain gel for the maintenance personnel. Commissioner Moore moved for approval of the claims as submitted electronically in the amount of \$190,021.20 and Board Order Claims in the amount of \$19,588.86. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Two Junior College Tuition applications for Joshua D. Henggeler and Lindsey R. Engelka were also approved on motion of Commissioner Moore and second by Commissioner Winkle.

Al Wonenberg was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, which he did.

Department Heads and Elected Officials reported as per schedule.

June Fullmer, Assessor, noted the appointment of Sue Probst as Chief Deputy Assessor.

Steve Brown, Building Department, noted that the State has adopted the 2009 International Building Code, International Conservation Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code, and provided data for review by the Commission, preliminary to a proposal to adopt the Code. The International Fire Code is a matter for the Fire Departments. The Commissioners will consider adoption on 2/28/2011.

Clerk Banbury presented Resolution No.11-04 to transfer funds from the general fund to the ambulance fund. Commissioner Moore moved and Commissioner Winkle seconded approval of the Resolution and the motion carried.

Doug Miller passed along a request from the Mental Health Board to have a Commissioner appointed to that Board. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month. The Polar Plunge fund raiser for MYST (the youth program) has been scheduled and Doug is collecting his fees. Clerk Banbury and Chairman Cruickshank were shamed into donating. Glenna Young added her donation and Commissioner Moore donated as well. We plan to watch Doug jump into the pool.

John Blaye reported on three new projects for economic development. He now has documented a reduction in retail sales of \$33,000,000 and a current unemployment rate of 17.5%.

Vim Braak reported. 4-H helped hold a fishing day with youth from Treasure Valley as well as locally. He offered to help with economic development.

Greg Malmen reported. He has problems at the Annex in McCall with random, sporadic loss of access to the internet. He has also had some power supply problems here at the Courthouse in Cascade. He is working on updating the Sheriff's Department computers and adding a booking camera. He is again fighting viruses.

Cynda Herrick reported concerning the Jughandle Water LID and progress has been made with the system which is on track. Scenic Byways Committee is in need of a replacement from Valley County and Cynda is willing to fill in. The Road Department has also asked her to assist with the Transportation Plan. She provided a statistical summary of Planning and Zoning activity for FY 2010.

Matt Williams reported he had a busy week and is working on his office policies which he will share when completed. He was involved with a search warrant situation on Friday and discovered a marijuana growing operation and made several seizures.

Sheriff Bolen reported two vacancies and applicants from within her department. She also provided two grant requests as noted in the agenda.

Glenna reported she has completed her tax drive and the taxes have been deposited. She has handled a large number of complaints by taxpayers, each unique but all dealing with higher taxes vs. lower assessments. She has collected 56.44% of the property tax as of December 31st which is within the normal range.

Rick Ridenour reported and provided a de-obligation form from Boise National Forest from 2006 concerning a grant for weed control. The contract has expired. He also provided his Fourth Quarter report as well as the Annual Report concerning the Stimulus Funding for 2010.

Concerning grooming, everything is running well; one trail is not open due to overgrown brush. The new groomer is 16' wide which may contribute to the problem. He will be gone January 31st and 1st. His appearance on the First of February is tentative.

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize Commissioner Winkle to sign the de-obligation form from the Forest Service as it was so prepared. Second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Paula Fodrea reported on energy assistance and food bank matters. She will be going to Yellow Pine this week concerning energy assistance courtesy of the Road Department who will drive her.

Closed Session for Indigent & Charity at 10:35 a.m.

Case #10-MS053 Approved for Medical Assistance

Case #10-DD069 Approved for Medical Assistance

Resume Regular Session at 11:00 a.m.

Joel Chaudoir appeared and discussed the progress on the EOC (Sheriff's Building).

Commissioner Winkle moved and Commissioner Moore seconded approval to expend contingent funds up to \$6,500 from the Sheriff's Civil Defense budget for training. Commissioner Winkle "Yea", Chairman Cruickshank "Yea" and Commissioner Moore "Yea". (Unanimous vote required, and met). These funds will ultimately be replaced by a grant (HMPG) from Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

The Commissioners heard from Ronda Sandmeyer and Ed Allen that they would like to be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board of Directors. Based upon their individual statements concerning reappointment, they were considered for reappointment and Chairman Cruickshank appointed them. Commissioner Moore moved and Commissioner Winkle seconded confirmation of the appointments and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Chairman Cruickshank to convene Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(f), pending litigation, second by Commissioner Winkle. Commissioner Winkle, "Yea", Chairman Cruickshank, "Yea" and Commissioner Moore "Yea".

Adjourned for lunch at 12:02. p.m.

Phil Hardy and Matt Ellsworth appeared to discuss their roles as staff for Congressman Labrador, and Senator Risch, respectively.

Motion by Commissioner Winkle to convene Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(b), for the purpose of discussing the candidates' qualifications for the Human Resources Officer. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Moore "Yea", Commissioner Winkle "Yea", and Chairman Cruickshank "Yea". The decision reached follows:

After review, the Commission decided to interview 5 individuals on February 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. and allowing 45 minutes per person. If a person is unavailable on that date, they may be scheduled for the meeting on the 1st of February.

Frank Eld appeared and introduced Ann Swanson of the State Historical Society, who works with the National Register of Historic places and who discussed, in general, the questions raised by the Commission of her. She introduced Patricia Canaday, who is involved with historical architecture. She recommended a partnership of all concerned to preserve these landmarks, with input from County, State and Federal officials.

They then explained Federal, State and Local jurisdictions and the rules under which they should operate. Consideration must be given to tailoring the local ordinance establishing such a register.

Discussion was held regarding private vehicles (other than snowmobiles) on groomed trails. Mr. Wade Olson has asked for permission to operate a recovery vehicle on groomed trails so he might recover stranded snowmobiles and their riders upon request, much in the way that local wreckers operate, except that it would be on groomed trails in the winter months.

Further, Jerry Marshall has a UTV with tracks, and would like to use the groomed trail to access his cabin.

Also, ATV users request the use of groomed trails, no permit required if under 1,000 pounds.

Finally, a similar request for UTV's, which would be similar to Mr. Marshall's. The answer seems to be an ordinance, requiring the purchase of a special sticker.

Commissioner Moore submitted a proposed over-snow vehicle "special use permit" format to be used for tracking vehicles. Matt will take it under advisement and report back next week. (February 1, 2011).

Commissioner Moore moved to write special use permits for Mr. Olson and Mr. Marshall, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Sheriff Bolen submitted four (4) grant requests, two (2) to be signed by the Chairman, one for Wellington Snow Park and the other for a groomed route trail map. Commissioner Winkle moved to authorize the Chairman to sign these two grants, second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved, and Commissioner Winkle seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign two additional grant requests, one for furniture for the EOC and another for a patrol boat. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(b), a personnel matter. Chairman Cruickshank, "Yea", Commissioner Winkle, "Yea" and Commissioner Moore, "Yea".

Convened Executive Session at 3:35 p.m.

Reconvened Regular Session at 3:59 p.m.

No decision was made regarding the employee discussed in Executive Session.

Lynda, deEulis, Executive Director Snowden Wildlife Center, and assistant Joyce Sisson, gave history of the organization. They asked for support for a RAC Grant to rebuild the facility after the catastrophic flood of 2010.

Commissioner Winkle moved for a letter of support, second by Commissioner Moore, and carried. Clerk Banbury will prepare the letter for the Chairman's signature.

Ralph McKenzie appeared and provided reports for Oct-Dec MRF activities.

Jerry Robinson appeared and reported on Road Department activities. Jerry presented a report on past gasoline and diesel fuel used by other departments out of the County tanks. Jerry also reported that an employee had fallen and broken his ankle.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2343(f), pending litigation. Roll call vote, Commissioner Winkle, "Yea", Commissioner Moore "Yea", and Chairman Cruickshank "Yea".

This session was convened as an extension of the earlier session which had been convened at 11:30 a.m.

No decision reached.

Chairman Cruickshank reported on the Payette National Forest appeal of their travel plan by Valley County. To stay involved in the appeal, we must continue as we started as our concerns were not fully addressed.

Commissioner Winkle moved to proceed with the appeal, second by Commissioner Moore to continue with the Lick Creek and the Slab seasonal closure, and to encourage the continued support of Sandra Mitchell.

The Board confirmed that Commissioner Moore would be our representative to West Central RC&D. He will also represent us on the WICAP Advisory Board.

Commissioner Winkle noted that Central District Health and the Mental Health Board have stated that they would like Frank Eld to continue. Chairman Cruickshank supports the assignment of a Commissioner to these Boards. He asked Commissioner Moore to accept those positions, and Commissioner Moore accepted.

Chairman Cruickshank had reviewed prior meeting minutes from a year ago and confirmed the appointment of Commissioner Winkle to work with Patti Bolen on the Interoperability Committee.

Commissioner Winkle moved for acceptance of the meeting minutes of January 10, 2011, second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Commissioner Winkle questioned the Commissioner mail received being sent electronically and felt it was more work than copying.

Commissioner Winkle moved for acceptance of the contract with Donnelly Fire Department for EMS services. Commissioner Moore abstained as this was a prior agreement. Chairman Cruickshank, seconded and motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK

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