

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
January 25, 2010**

**PRESENT: GERALD “JERRY” WINKLE) CHAIRMAN  
FRANK W. ELD) COMMISSIONERS  
GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK)**

**ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK**

**CORRECTED**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Winkle at 9:00 a.m.

Claims were read as follows:

General Fund	\$ 71,369.68
Road and Bridge	\$ 10,657.37
Magistrate Court	\$ 340.00
Probation	\$ 4,489.80
Indigent and Charity	\$ 456.21
Revaluation	\$ 1,852.64
Solid Waste	\$ 2,395.54
Tort	\$ 877.00
Weed Department	\$ 28,431.00
Snowmobile 43A	\$ 1,915.99
Snowmobile 43B&C	\$ 1,462.87
Snowmobile 43D	<u>\$ 2,786.62</u>
Total	<u>\$127,034.72</u>

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld, it was carried to pay the bills.

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld, the Board approved a Board Order Claim payable to SAGE Resources for \$500.00, to be drawn from the Court Facilities Fund, and also \$2,533.79 payable to the USDA (Forest Service) for Avalanche Prediction. Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Commissioner Cruickshank, an application for Benjamin Stundze, Stephen Stundze and Shellie Binning for payment of Junior College tuition was approved.

Allyson Statz reported on Extension affairs, including the 4-H Youth Fishing Day at Horsethief and other matters.

Dr. Pat Momont reported that we now have three vacancies for Extension Agents. Valley, Adams and Washington Counties have no extension agents at this time. Outlook for hiring remains bleak. Filling our vacancy in Valley County is "on hold."

Assessor Karen Campbell requested cancellation of a Market Value, as a result of a decision by the State Board of Tax appeals, #22 for \$1,400. It was approved on motion of Commissioner Eld, and second by Commissioner Cruickshank.

Sheriff Patti Bolen reported 30 in custody in the jail, scheduling avalanche forecasting at Deadwood Summit, pre-planning summer events and necessary coordination to arrange coverage for all major events.

Captain Coombs reported that the FY 2010 EOC grant has been submitted to BHS for forwarding to FEMA. He has been requested to do a survey for the radio communications site for the entire County and will proceed. Also, he reported on the building, total cost is \$1.4M, County to provide \$448,000. The EOC grant is a long shot.

Rick Ridenour reported on snow grooming. Grooming reports are going out each morning except Monday. Major repairs are finished and all cats are operating and are back in their assigned areas. This week will start a regular schedule for grooming. The Sheriff's Deputies will be accompanying the Forest Service Avalanche Forecasters. They now have a mechanic available on a continuing basis. He also reported on the Weed stimulus money. He may not be required to reapply for the milfoil grant. Some parking lot counts have been received.

Paula Fodrea reported on WICAP matters. She has been quite busy with a variety of programs reflective of our local economy. (Fuel, food and mortgage assistance)

Steve Brown reported things are slow.

Greg is assisting with providing scanning capabilities for records retention.

Prosecutor Matt Williams appeared and reported on his activities. He has two felonies scheduled. The training provided concerning missing children was excellent. Policy, procedures and plans for training child abduction investigations was well done. Prevention was emphasized.

Cynda Herrick, action needed on STAG Grant. Commissioner Eld requested Mark Mason contact Clerk Banbury to clarify what items are necessary to bring the Board up-to-date on this grant.

Doug Miller reported on current status of juveniles. He updated the Board on events coming up and working with Washington County on a contract to take some of their juveniles. The District 3 & 4 Mental Health Board is meeting next week.

EMS Advisory Committee. Matt questioned operation plans (Sect. 7). Will Commissioners have any representation or veto status on actions for the Board meetings? Barb Pyle clarified these are rules for the Administrative Council operating under the control of the County Commissioners.

As to the By-laws, they were reviewed and minor corrections made. Matt Williams will provide the editorial changes as agreed and return the originals for signature.

Motion by Commissioner Eld to approve the Operations Plan and By-laws with changes discussed and edited by Matt Williams, and authorize the Chairman to sign same. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cruickshank and carried.

Jane Cropp, Payette National Forest presented proposal for a RAC grant for additional funds for trail maintenance, approximately 50 miles, to cost approximately \$65,000. The most significant problem is Pearl Lake Trail, for hikers and two-wheel motorized vehicles, approximately 11 miles. She'd like a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Eld moved to provide a letter of support and authorize Chairman Winkle to sign. Second by Commissioner Cruickshank, and carried

Harry Stathis appeared with George Bertram and Mike McLaughlin. He presented a study on the economic impact of Snowmobiling in Valley County. The difficulties in getting this year's program started and functioning were discussed. Snowmobiling is a high priority activity with Valley County and will continue to be so. Equipment and funding were also discussed.

Cascade Ranger District representatives appeared to discuss a proposal for a RAC Grant. Jen Hensiek led the discussion. First was the Conservation Education for an Americorps member, for which a Title II RAC Grant is requested. Commissioner Eld moved, and Chairman Winkle seconded for support of the RAC request, and carried.

Jeff Huntman briefed the Commissioners on three projects, the Westside Range Project, the Rustican Project, and the Hanson Creek Range Project.

As to the Hanson Creek Range Project, the Commissioners would like the study done before the size of the allotment is reduced.

Westside Range. This would continue the present level of grazing.

The Rustican Creek Drainage. This is a prescribed burn to be done in the fall.

The Johnson Creek Watershed is a large scale undertaking which involves a variety of efforts on many roads, side roads, streams and vegetated areas.

Cynda Herrick introduced Mr. Rick Carr, who is an architect and planner and has expressed an interest in Planning and Zoning, specifically as a candidate for the Commission.

Convened Executive Session as provided in Idaho Code Section 67-2345(b) personnel matter.

Chairman Winkle appointed Ronda Sandmeyer to the vacancy on Planning and Zoning, and on motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Chairman Winkle, the Board confirmed that appointment.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to have the Clerk prepare support letters for Casner Creek and Bear Valley RAC requests, and authorize the Chairman to sign same. Commissioner Eld seconded and the motion carried.

Solid waste was discussed, a failure occurred with the scale which has been repaired.

Ralph has looked at a portable office for the disposal site and will continue to do so.

Bids on Sheriff's vehicles were from Cascade Auto for \$29,097 each with mirrors and for \$27,200 each from Bob Bate Ford. Recommendation is to go with Bob Bate Ford (without mirrors). (Mirrors are to be purchased from NAPA and installed.) Commissioner Eld moved to buy from Bob Bate Ford, second by Chairman Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Federal Aid Grant for the Road Department, Commissioner Eld seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Commissioner Eld moved to convene Executive Session I.C., 67-2345(f) concerning pending litigation.

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Chairman Winkle, the Board resumed Regular Session without decision.

On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Commissioner Cruickshank, the Board approved \$17,296 of credits owned by Rennison/Fodrea be transferred to Elk Meadows River Ranches, LLC and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Commissioner Cruickshank, and carried to accept the Road Development Agreement between Valley County and Elk Meadows River Ranches, LLC.

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, and second by Commissioner Eld, approved the final plat for Elk Meadows River Ranches Subdivision Phase I and II; accepted the dedicated public right-of-way along Gold Fork Road; approved the Declaration of Private Roads; and, authorized the Chairman to sign the plat. This motion was made with the understanding that Empty Saddle Way is a private road; and, Valley County has no responsibility thereto.

4:35 p.m. closed session for Indigent & Charity.

09-ZM053	Denied for Medical Assistance
10-SB064	Medical Lien filed – New Application
10-RG051	Medical Lien filed – New Application

4:40 p.m. On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Chairman Winkle, convened Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter as provided by Idaho Code 67-2345(b).

Commissioner Eld moved, Chairman Winkle seconded, to terminate the contract with John Blaye, effective January 31, 2010 and pay him through March 31, 2010 as previously agreed. Commissioner Cruickshank voted nay, motion carried.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Chairman Winkle seconded approval of Resolution #10-07 establishing an investment policy for Valley County.

On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Chairman Winkle, the Board authorized Commissioner Cruickshank to sign a letter of support for an after school program.

Clerk Banbury will write a letter of support for the Senior Center (Cascade) portico construction.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, moving the regularly scheduled Commissioner’s meeting from March 8 to March 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gerald “Jerry” Winkle, Chairman

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Archie N. Banbury, Clerk