

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
January 31, 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.

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

Commissioner Winkle moved to approve a Board Order Claim in the amount of \$5,000 for Idaho Economic Development LLC. Second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Pledge of allegiance to our flag was led by Commissioner Winkle.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(b), second by Commissioner Winkle and carried. Voice vote was called for, as follows: Commissioner Winkle, "yes", Commissioner Moore, "yes", and Chairman Cruickshank, "yes".

Convene Executive Session, per I.C. 67, section 2345(b) at 9:10 a.m.

Resume Regular Session at 9:35 a.m.

No Decision was made concerning matters discussed in Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle, the Chairman was authorized to execute a letter suspending with pay the individual concerned with the foregoing Executive Session. The letter is to be served by Lt. Smith, Valley County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Douglas Miller appeared to brief the Commission on his office. He has two juveniles in Detention, who may be released in the near future. One is headed for job training in Boise. Currently, he has 64 active juveniles of record. 25 are on probation, 13 in diversion, 6 absconded, 9 under administrative supervision, 3 interstate compact, 1 in State custody, 5 pending and 2 in detention.

There are 187 adult misdemeanor cases. 52 of those are on diversion.

He introduced Jason Stone from the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Jason addressed the Commissioners and noted that Valley was the only county in Idaho to receive the grant known as Title Five and which is being administered locally.

John Blaye appeared and briefed the Commissioners on his activities up to date, as well as background. He explained his approach, and cited examples from the past as well as the on-going efforts.

Vim Braak appeared, with his staff, to discuss the County Extension organization's efforts. His staff each gave a short presentation. Vim mentioned the University's interest in economic development.

Greg Malmen, I. T. Administrator, briefed the Commissioners on his activities and plans for the future.

Adjourn for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Resume Regular Session at 1:00 p.m.

Elfriede Gabbert appeared with Dave Holland, both of McCall, to provide information concerning the Heartland Hunger Resource Center. He asked for a lease on a piece of property owned by Valley County, at a favorable rate. The Commissioners lined out a parcel on the plat map owned by the County and asked that they consider that as possibly viable.

They will provide documentation of their non-profit status to the Clerk and return next month. It appears that Heartland Hunger Resource operates under the aegis of Mountain Life, which they represented to have non-profit status, and tax deductions available for donors under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Jen Hensiek, Acting Cascade Ranger District Ranger, Dave Olson, PAO, Jeff Alexander and Jake Strohmeier appeared to discuss the ATV restrictions or lack of them on Forest Service Roads.

Jeff Alexander, Boise National Forest, explained that prior to SB1098, OHV's had to have a State Driver's License. SB 1098 removed that requirement. Highway legal and non-highway legal vehicles can now operate on the roads. USFS is currently working with the Idaho Legislature to provide a training requirement for underage operators. They will be implementing mitigations over a four-year period.

Having listed the roads of concern, the Forest Service would like public comments. The comment period will end February 22, 2011. Signing, brushing and other mitigation efforts are being considered, including, as a last resort, closure.

Lance Hess from Lake Fork, said there weren't a lot of people out there, but restriction of some areas will cause a density of users in other areas.

Ray Alford, McCall supports a group which takes seniors and youngsters out to the trails for ATV rides. ATV access should be improved to enhance access to some of the lakes for older citizens.

Harry Stathis spoke concerning keeping the public forum open via public hearings. He suggested open meetings. He added that typically, training courses are provided by sellers.

Becky Johnstone, McCall, provided that there had been four "mixed use" accidents in the Payette National Forest, none of which involved an ATV. (Jake Strohmeyer said she was quoting his numbers, and that in fact there had been one ATV accident).

Jim Kulm expressed his confusion about the law from all agencies.

Jake Strohmeyer said he would try to get a public meeting set up.

This can be stopped if Cities and Counties hold town meetings, set up from the beginning to keep designated roads open, as long as people stay off freeways/highways unless crossing. Gordon commented that by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the comments will need to be in.

Jess Chapman asked "What is the real agenda here?"

Lew Neelsen of Donnelly asked if the maps were being made available. The answer was yes.

Todd Wernex, IDPR, expressed the concern of his department that motorized vehicles seem to have a stigma. "No motor, no problem attitude."

Sandra Mitchell, Idaho Recreation Council advised S1001, (Senator McGee) has been introduced as a bill concerning educating operators, which should take the onus off the Forest Service.

Jen Hensiek discussed her second project, the Lower Johnson Project, for fuels reduction. Mark Loseke presented 8 units inclusive of 108 acres, from 3 miles south of Yellow Pine, to Moose Creek, thinning trees and cleaning up the dead and downed fuels.

Assessor June Fullmer appeared with Darcy Maag to discuss the Commercial Appraiser's contract. Current contract expires 2/25/2011 and his services are to continue.

Darcy is the contractor; he will retain Cliff McLain for statistical analysis, to be included as Darcy's employee.

Greg Heim, consulting appraiser for the State of Idaho, added that he would be assisting where he could, he is here to help.

Past experience with the BOE process indicates a need for better communication between the public and Darcy. Call backs are required by the Board.

Commissioner Winkle moved for acceptance of Darcy's contract for one more year, second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved, and Commissioner Winkle seconded authorization for the Chairman to sign a letter to the Idaho Department of Lands concerning a grant for improving the Francis Wallace Groomer Shed, and improvements to that structure.

Assessor Fullmer had scheduled an Executive Session, which was not required and was therefore omitted.

She is losing Becky Hinson, as Becky was promoted to Chief Deputy Treasurer. She has selected Deedee Gossi to replace Becky. June will not fill the position she previously held (an appraiser), leaving a vacancy in Revaluation. She will promote Charles Pickens to Senior Appraiser. He will supervisor all appraisers, including commercial appraisal which is contracted.

Commissioner Winkle moved, and Commissioner Moore seconded moving the Senior Appraiser from Class 2 to Class 3. Motion carried. No other position descriptions were changed.

Commissioner Winkle reported on Biomass. The Biomass membership voted on continuation of the Biomass effort and decided to continue.

Chairman Cruickshank reported on his activities with the Payette Forest Coalition and the Payette River Scenic Byway.

Commissioner Moore reported on RC&D. Grant processing was discussed. He also reported on his attendance at a recent WICAP meeting. He attended the Sheriff's staff meeting and met many of the employees. He attended the Business Advisory Board meeting. He thinks the Board should spend some time with that group.

Commissioner Winkle reported that McPaws is doing good.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK

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