

# Valley County Board of County Commissioners

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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
October 11, 2011**

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

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

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Moore, amendment offered by Chairman Cruickshank to include a motion on a prior decision regarding fees for solid waste. Commissioner Moore asked to add an Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1)(b) at 4:00 p.m. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Commissioner Moore, holding claims for the VARHA (3), and a claim where there is a Resolution required later in the meeting, and a claim from the Prosecutor's Office. The motion was seconded by Chairman Cruickshank and carried. Motion was made by Commissioner Moore, second by Chairman Cruickshank, to approve the Board Order claims and carried. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Junior College certifications as presented, second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Anne Guarino reported she has 130 building permit applications for this Fiscal year.

Doug Miller reported no juveniles in custody. Judge Boomer's Fishing Day was a success and included several youngsters who were not involved in the detention program.

He is advertising for a misdemeanor probation officer for the position vacated by Skip Clapp's promotion.

Vim Braak reported on behalf of the Extension Office. He is working with both McCall and New Meadows on economic development.

Tami Bishop Rhodes reported that harassment training was set up and scheduled Oct 12, 26 and Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

She also reported on employee recognition for longevity and outlined a possible scenario for that recognition.

She noted an adult misdemeanor position and a dispatcher position are now open.

Greg Malmen noted the new phone system installation will commence on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The phone switch over and the training will follow on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Moore moved for approval of the Cable One contract, second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Cynda noted she would be attending training in Moscow.

Assessor June Fullmer reported and requested a 2010 personal property cancellation, #5 in the amount of \$1,743.

She reported on a visit from Kate Langford, Idaho Department of Lands, concerning privatization of the State's cottage site lots and the program to eventually sell approximately 300 in total.

She provided a schedule of the proceedings at the PROVAL conference and added that it was available to all employees.

Clerk Banbury reported on year end closings.

Treasurer Young reported and submitted a tax cancellation for approval by the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Moore and second by Chairman Cruickshank, carried to cancel the tax noted above, amounting to \$3.06 plus fees. (Tax cancellation #104)

The Hammel tax deed problem is resolved for this year.

She also submitted a letter for signature and the Commissioner's approval concerning disposition of properties sold for more than the taxes due and owing on a tax deed.

She has asked the State Tax Commission to provide training to Becky Hinson and invited the Commissioners to join.

Commissioner Moore moved to set the household/residential and the commercial rate for solid waste at zero for tax year 2011. Second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Sheriff Bolen appeared and noted that all the antennas have been moved at No-business repeater site, and observed that there is no more room for antennae on the tower.

The evidence room at the EOC is set up and all evidence has been relocated there.

She also noted that some officers have been given BSU tickets at a value of less than \$50.00 to each officer.

Motion by Commissioner Moore to convene Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1) (b).

Roll call vote: Commissioner Moore “aye”, Chairman Cruickshank “aye” and Commissioner Winkle absent.

Executive Session was therefore convened at 10:20 a.m.

Regular Session reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to set the pay level for the position discussed during the Executive Session at Level 8, Step 9. Second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Closed session for Indigent and Charity at 10:53 a.m.

11-FH061 County Assistance - Denied  
11-WB072 Request for Medical Lien – New Application  
11-TD060 Request for Medical Lien – New Application

Reconvene Regular Session at 10:54 a.m.

Chairman Cruickshank moved and Commissioner Moore seconded to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2011 and the October 3, 2011. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the County Extension Agreement as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign the document. Second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Marc de Jong appeared and reported on the Heartland Hunger effort as concerns a building. He thinks they can work with what they have.

Chairman Cruickshank asked Cynda Herrick to do the finalization of an agreement and a property description and get John Russell (County Surveyor) to plat it in terms of a long term lease. The intent is to keep the parking separated from that on the rest of the property. Valley County will pay for the cost of the survey.

Brian Ricker, of Senator Crapo’s office, appeared and discussed the progress on the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools law.

The status of bridge replacements at Pistol Creek and Ram’s Horn Creek were also discussed and Chairman Cruickshank will send Brian photos of both crossings. Present intentions by the U. S. Forest Service are to replace the bridges with fords instead of rebuilding the bridges until funding could be found to replace the bridges. Both are located near the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

The proposed privatization of the cottage sites and other lots near the Big Payette Lake by the Department of Lands was discussed.

Brian will be following up with the bridge issues and any potential issues that may arise concerning the proposal from the Department of Lands.

Also discussed was the land transfer on the Morgan Ranch, which has been presented to the Commissioners at a prior meeting.

Scott Erickson delivered the Public Defender's Report for the quarter ended 9/30/2011.

He estimates 330-340 cases were handled by the Public Defender's Office last year and 250 for this year so far. His year ends on December 31, 2011. He also noted minimization of Conflict Attorneys, as was evidenced by his budget execution. He will submit a proposed contract for the subsequent year not later than December 1, 2011.

Commissioner Moore moved approve Resolutions 11-18, 11-19, 11-20, 11-21 and 11-23, all which concerned year's end accounting adjustments, second by Chairman Cruickshank and the motion carried.

Adjourn for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session at 1:05 p.m.

Matt Williams provided a written legal opinion as to the dissolution of VARHA. Cynda has received a letter from the City of McCall on this matter.

Matt stresses that VARHA has several partners who should be consulted prior to a dissolution, which can be done by Valley County. Also discussed was whether or not Valley County should maintain VARHA at some level with a staff person.

Matt recommended filling the vacancies and then making a decision as to whether or not to continue with input from the Board, as the former, by statute lacked the authority to dissolve the organization. Further, the probability exists that the Board as then existing, did not constitute a quorum. Chairman Cruickshank stated he would like to maintain VARHA and that an attempt be made to continue it into the future. Commissioner Moore agreed. He would like to limit our liability if possible. We should reach out to the partners. Matt added that we should ask the remaining three board members whether or not they wish to continue.

Valley County will locate the partners, and if they are so inclined, have a minimal operation, and have it be operated by Valley County Staff.

A discussion of alternative work schedules, with all elected officials (Sheriff being represented by the Chief Deputy John Coombs) and all department heads excepting Doug Miller and Rick Ridenour. The discussion resulted in continuance of the 4-10 work-week as all concerned are in favor of doing so.

Commissioner Moore moved to convene an Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345(1) (f). Second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Roll call vote: Chairman Cruickshank “Aye,” Commissioner Moore “Aye” and Commissioner Winkle absent. Commissioner Winkle joined by telephone at 2:45 p.m.

2:10 p.m. Convened Executive Session

3:19 p.m. Resume Regular Session

Commissioner Moore moved to enter Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1) (b) Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried

Roll Call vote, Chairman Cruickshank, “aye”, Commissioner Moore, “aye” and Commissioner Winkle, “aye.”

3:45 p.m. Resume Regular Session

Commissioner Winkle exited his telephone call.

Cynda Herrick presented an agreement for the Nisula Gravel Pit. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Second by Commissioner Cruickshank and carried.

Road and Bridge – Jerry Robinson was present for the Nisula Gravel Pit discussion.

Jerry also requested how the fuel reimbursement was to be finalized? Explained it had been done today with the final claims being approved.

A discussion was held on Title III flood reimbursement. As the chief deputy clerk was on vacation this topic was tabled until a meeting can be held to discuss with the chief deputy clerk.

Ronn Julian appeared and three claims were discussed. Particularly, the work for which the claims were submitted had been authorized only by Ronn Julian, as opposed to the Board of County Commissioners via Rick Ridenour. Ronn, as a member of the Snowmobile Advisory Committee does not enjoy an agency relationship with the County. The work should have been approved Rick Ridenour. There are also concerns regarding Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance coverage for those contracting to do the work. After discussion, Commissioner Moore moved and Chairman Cruickshank seconded approval of three claims, one to Eric Julian for \$1,150, and two to Matt Pierce aggregating \$680, concerning work done for the West Mountain Snowmobile Groomer Shed.

Motion by Commissioner Moore and second by Chairman Cruickshank to convene Executive Session as provided by I.C. 67-2345(1) (b) and the motion carried.

Convene Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

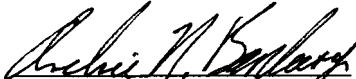
Resume Regular Session at 5:25 p.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize Chairman Cruickshank to sign Resolution 11-24, for \$178,403.09 to be transferred from the 911 Trust account to the General Fund, an annual occurrence. Sheriff Bolen and Clerk Banbury collaborated in the calculation of the amount, the criteria for which had been previously discussed with the Prosecutor and Commissioners.

Adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

  
Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

  
Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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