

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
October 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 9:01 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Winkle to approve the agenda and the motion carried with the addition of a discussion concerning disposing of surplus equipment during Greg Malmen's scheduled appearance, and a tax deed issue to be added at 10:40. Discussion was held concerning a snowmobile claim from Cascade/Warm Lake where a claim for mileage was made. The mileage had not been pre-approved by Mr. Ridenour. Chairman Cruickshank mentioned that this had been discussed in the past and should not be allowed. Commissioner Moore asked why a repair to a groomer shed would be charged to building and grounds as opposed to the snowmobile club. Chairman Cruickshank noted that the Smith's Ferry Club stepped up and did the work; the only cost was the stain. Commissioner Winkle agreed that the snowmobile club did their share each time this situation occurred over the past few years. Discussion had established that this had been handled in this manner in the past. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the claims as presented with the exception of the mileage claim of \$251.97 concerning the Cascade/West Mountain Snowmobile Club. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Board Order Claims, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Vim Braak led us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anne Guarino reported business as usual for building inspections. Annette has passed her building inspector's exam.

Doug Miller had reported to Chairman Cruickshank via email who reported for him. There has been on an increase in juvenile detention holds and Doug will be on vacation. On his return he will be working on filling his adult probation position.

Vim Braak reported a busy schedule with the entrepreneurial community's efforts. He was with New Meadows (Meadows Valley) this weekend.

Tami Bishop Rhodes reported she is continuing harassment and discrimination training, in McCall next, and then another session in Cascade. Supervisor's training will continue in November.

Greg Malmen appeared and mentioned that he was in training last week, passed the exam and has one more step left, the completion of a practical exercise in court administration. There had been no issues while he was gone. He has 12 computers to declare as surplus. They are ready to go, having been cleaned of any information. The computers have little value, although they are operational with windows XP installed. Employees, schools and WICAP are likely candidates, employees to be based on longevity. Commissioner Moore moved to declare the machines in question as surplus, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Chairman Cruickshank noted some interest in phone system equipment by a vendor.

Cynda Herrick noted that her Community Rating System for the flood insurance program is in good shape. She mentioned the State Department of Lands is going to replat some of the leased lot subdivision surrounding Payette Lake. They are working more closely with the City of McCall. The State need not go through our planning and zoning process for this effort. The roads will be replatted as well. This effort should clean up all the easements and other problems that have cropped up over the years.

Rick Ridenour noted that all his equipment has been winterized and put away. The mapping for the ARRA program done over the summer is presently being input as required. Mosquito RAMP supplies have been purchased, on a reimbursable basis from the State of Idaho.

Grooming program is coming on line and he is getting the Trailmaster drag delivered to West Yellowstone. He is waiting to hear from Peterson Equipment considering repairs to the Cascade groomer. Smith's Ferry will be receiving a new Piston Bully Groomer that is appropriate in size for their efforts around Thanksgiving time. An informal request has been made to keep the Bombardier groomer presently in service, and that is a very "iffy" proposition.

Rick will speak to Todd Wernex and Peterson's to try to expedite the installation of the valve body for the Cascade groomer.

Paula Fodrea reported that she has not yet received the \$7,300 emergency food and shelter funding. Energy assistance has been pushed back; the State is still involved in negotiating the money. She has some energy issues as well as some housing issues, and continues to struggle. She is short on fire wood.

June Fullmer, Assessor, asked to close the office of DMV in McCall for a couple of hours so that the DMV clerk would be able to attend the HR harassment training. Ally, front office clerk, had a baby boy.

Clerk Banbury reported business as usual.

Captain John Coombs appeared for the Sheriff, nothing to report.

Glenna Young reported that technical support from the State Tax Commission was present and assisting her in some technical areas.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for 10/17/2011 was deferred until 10/31/2011.

Concerning the donation from Idaho Power for economic development in the amount of \$1,000, for regional development, Commissioner Moore moved for acceptance of the donation and issuance of a receipt by the Clerk, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Moore, the Board approved the modification to the avalanche prediction agreement changing the termination date from December 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012 and amending contact information. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Treasurer Glenna Young discussed putting past due bills from North Lake Sewer and Water on the tax bills. The Prosecutor advised that we must put these delinquent accounts on the tax bills. She made the Commissioners aware that the tax bills on these Tamarack properties are higher than the assessed values. These properties are delinquent as to property taxes for 2008, 2009 and 2010. The certified bills placed on the 2011 tax bill by North Lake Sewer & Water are \$5,294,000.

Closed session for Indigent and Charity at 10:30 a.m.

11-JL057 Medical Lien Requested – New Application for Assistance

Resume Regular Session at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman Cruickshank departed to tend to other business via telephone with Regional Foresters from region 1 and 4 of the Forest Service.

Stephanie Bonney appeared on behalf of Jughandle Local Improvement District (LID).

She advised that the work has been done, and the costs have been allocated to the residents. This project was assessed for the total cost of water service divided by the number of lots served. Four lots were excepted from the LID assessments, two of which are too small for a dwelling and two are common areas owned by the Homeowner's Association. The cost for each lot is \$10,128.00.

If all is well with the process, the Board of County Commission adopts the ordinance to complete the process of assessment. Those who so desire may pay immediately. Those who wish to pay over time will be covered by a bond, to be sold and will responsible for the costs. The bond will be for 20 years, but property owners may retire their portion earlier if they wish. The bond ordinance must also be passed by the Board of County Commission.

Commissioner Winkle, acting as Chairman, asked for those uncommitted and those against, and hearing one, there was no rebuttal. Public Hearing closed.

Cynda advised that this would be Ordinance Number 11-3. Commissioner Moore moved for approval of Ordinance Number 11-3 for the assessment roll for Jughandle LID. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried. Stefanie Bonney offered to publish the summary of the ordinance as is required, and her offer was accepted by the Board.

Chairman Cruickshank returned to the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the Commissioner's Districts. There appears to be no imbalance, boom and bust seem to have affected them equally. There is no evidence to support redistricting. The Commissioners declined to adjust the boundaries deciding instead to maintain the present Commissioner's District Boundaries

Adjourn for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Reconvene Regular Session at 1:00 p.m.

John Coombs presented the EMPG award from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the award and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

John mentioned testing laptop computers with his mapping product, and commented that he found it works well. He would like to have authorization to submit a project to BHS for the left over multi-county 2008 HSGP funds. These funds are available to Valley County because we had properly and timely used our 2008 HSGP funds. If the project is approved and we receive the funds, Valley County would have an obligation to provide a small match

Commissioner Moore moved to pursue this grant and authorize the Chairman to sign the application. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to convene Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b). Second by Commissioner Winkle and roll call vote followed, Commissioner Winkle, "aye", Chairman Cruickshank, "aye" and Commissioner Moore "aye." The Clerk departed.

Reconvene Regular Session.

Commissioner Moore has hesitations about the Prosecutor's purchase of an IPAD. He thinks it should have been purchased through Information Technology. He thinks it should not be charged to Office Supplies. He also believes the claim should be approved. Commissioner Winkle thinks that starting immediately, the Board should no longer allow capital expenditures above \$300 without prior Board approval. All electronic devices should be purchased through the Information Technology department.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the claim for purchase of the IPAD and to restrict the purchase of all capital assets exceeding \$300 or any electronic device and to require pre-approval for such purchases by the Board of County Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore commented that he is disappointed by being told that no further work would be done by VARHA but that he nonetheless believes the claim should be paid.

Chairman Cruickshank added that we should not pay the claim until we receive the documentation for VARHA's operation. Request was made to have the P & Z Administrator resend her request for the documents.

Jerry Robinson appeared and introduced Bob Barnes of Midas Gold. They propose to work most of the winter and would like to keep the road from Yellow Pine to Stibnite open through the winter and the Johnson Creek road open through Nov. 1st.

They are well behind their anticipated drilling results and have a need to continue through the winter. They would take a Christmas break and then resume operations in January. They have a twenty-two man camp in at Stibnite and a forty-four man camp in Yellow Pine. They will have another group in Lake Fork for a total of about 85 employees. There are several pieces of their infrastructure they want to bring in. They have available 40,000 gallons of fuel storage, and need that to operate their drilling rigs. They would like to have the road open to move the equipment in. They have prepared two agreements for keeping the Yellow Pine/Stibnite and Johnson Creek roads open. They should be considered for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Jerry Robinson will bring the agreements to the Board next Monday for approval.

Representatives for Allen Bloxom, Dave Ringel, surveyor and Charley Honzinger, Attorney, appeared to discuss roads and access to 1,200 acres purchased by Mr. Bloxom. They would like to eliminate Flat Creek Road and use Gold Fork Road. This is an informational meeting. The buyer wants to make a ranch out of it, building 1-3 homes for himself and family members. There are many possible avenues to be explored and they will be submitting a proposal.

Concerning back country road maintenance, the contractor does not want to do just winter maintenance and requested to extend the contract until September 30, 2012. The choice is to let him do it, or have the road department do it.

Commissioner Moore moved to extend the back country maintenance contract with Powder River Excavation until September 30th of 2012. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

The Simplot right-of-way was discussed and it is clear that the proposals need further consideration.

Jerry has been having discussions with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) on a bridge near Fisher Creek. A permit needs to be applied for to clean the inlet and outlet.

Jerry is also working with IDL on a Box Culvert on Eastside Drive as it appears that the foundation is eroding. They are looking for grants to see if the bridge can be replaced.

The bridges on Lick Creek are completed and they are moving out. They are finishing things up for the winter.

Ralph McKenzie appeared and provided solid waste statistics. Hazardous materials collection was discussed.

The new section of the building at the MRF is nearly finished, and some maintenance is forthcoming on the old building.

He may start construction of a fence at the recycle yard in Lake Fork to help contain the materials being blown around.

Adjourn meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

AB/tme 11-7-11

