

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
November 5, 2012**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:02 a.m.

Clerk Banbury led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the October 22nd, 2012 minutes and October 29, 2012. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Sheriff Bolen presented the annual operating plan for the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with the U. S. Forest Service for approval by the Board. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

The Board considered the nomination of Mark Sabin to the Snowmobile Advisory Committee to represent the McCall area. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the appointment of Mark Sabin to the Snowmobile Advisory Committee, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Scott Davenport appeared to present and discuss a geothermal proposal from the Cascade School District which could benefit both Valley County and the Cascade School District. He introduced Mr. Victor Koshuta, Superintendent of the Cascade School District. He explained the overflow from the geo- thermal wells that occur during the winter months. The water may be at a sufficient temperature to provide a boost to the existing heating systems in the Jail/Sheriff's Office (referred to as the Criminal Justice Building), the Courthouse and possibly the Emergency Operations Center.

The School has verbal approval, from DEQ, to dump the water into a piped storm drain that empties into the Payette River, however the cost is prohibitive. The problem is that with the granite fracturing, the water drains into the shallow aquifer which comes up and then drains into the street. The water supply from the supply side of the wells is seemingly endless even with the draining of the winter excess.

Existing heat pumps are designed for 60 degree water, so the 63 degree water available is more than adequate. Similarly, the air conditioning system is more than adequate as well. The same will be used for both heating and cooling.

The school can be bypassed in the summer months when the heating/ cooling is not needed. Benefits accrue to the schools by virtue of the proposed use by the County reduces the overflow and permits longer duration use. At present, the school can only use the water for 2-day periods. With water drained off and used by county, that can be extended, hopefully for a day or more each week.

Drake Mechanical did the work on the school and is familiar with that system. They requested copies of our drawings defining the heating system in the school, which was agreed.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve \$6,737 for the feasibility study for the Sheriff Building and the Emergency Operations Building, to be drawn from the Court Facilities Fund. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried. Clerk Banbury provided the drawings as requested. During that 10-minute period, Chief Deputy Clerk Durfee took the minutes.

David Crawford discussed changing to a phone directory system for the McCall Department of Motor Vehicles office. He discussed options available. June Fullmer explained that this system would be to reduce waiting periods on the phone for customers. Commissioner Moore suggested a community voice mail or automated system. David will work with the Frontier representative to determine feasible options. June's proposal was to have the employee in McCall open at 8:30 am, to balance and open, then close over lunch from 12:30 pm- 1:30 pm. June stated the ½ hour in the morning is most critical.

McCall DMV will open ½ hour later to allow the employee more time for administration, and enhancing the telephone connectivity with Cascade DMV. The lunch hour will continue as is for the time being.

Snow removal in McCall was discussed. The contractor's Worker's Compensation is not documented as being sufficiently current, within the past six months. An updated confirmation of coverage is to be obtained prior to any agreement signed or work being performed.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter executive session per IC 67-2345(1) (b), a personnel matter at 10:58 a.m. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried by roll call vote, Commissioner Winkle "aye", Commissioner Cruickshank, "aye" and Chairman Cruickshank "aye".

Reconvene at 11:17 a.m.

Treasurer Glenna Young presented the quarterly and annual report including Cash and Fund Balances. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the report as presented, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

District Ranger Bill Rice of the Cascade Ranger District presented staff members who discussed new projects, including one from the Lowman Ranger District as follows:

Stolle Watershed Reforestation Project, presented by Mark Leis, is a project which consists of planting conifers on an estimated 6,500 acres over a 3 to 5 year period and involves the higher ground south of Warm Lake. No trees will be cut except those dead timber and a few live ones in helispot areas.

Big Creek WBP Enhancement Project, also presented by Mark Leis, is a project to enhance the white bark pine (WBP) population to the north of Big Creek Summit. It involves the removal or thinning of competing conifers by felling or girdling. This encompasses an area approximately 1,200 acres.

FAA Shed Fuel Reduction Project, presented by Mike Thiesen, this is a small project on West mountain along Road 446 to the FAA site. The purpose is to thin and remove fuel for fires in areas near or adjacent to the FAA Storage shed used to house equipment to maintain the road to the FAA site. This will create a fire break around the buildings. This work will be done with chainsaws and hand labor in the summer of 2013.

#579 Roadside Hazard Project, presented by Keith Dimmett involves the removal of dead and imminently dead trees 8 inches in diameter and larger at breast height and within 160 feet of the #579 Road. Smaller trees will be piled by hand and burned. Larger trees will be yarded to landings. Created slash of larger trees would be burned or offered as biomass. (This project is in the Lowman Ranger District)

Mr. Rice also introduced Ronda Bishop who will be the Recreation person for the Cascade Ranger District and will be attending meetings of the Valley County Snowmobile Advisory Committee on behalf of the Forest Service.

Mr. Rice also announced his January 3rd, 2013 Retirement. The Board wished him well and expressed their appreciation to him for his efforts here.

Adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest: _____
Archie N. Banbury, Clerk