

**THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
December 10, 2012**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK, CHAIRMAN
GERALD "JERRY" WINKLE, COMMISSIONER
RAY MOORE, COMMISSIONER
KATIE DURFEE, ACTING CLERK**

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Addition of discussion under Department Heads, Snowgrooming – Groomer Drags and Trades, as well as the status of one County snowmobile. Also the additional discussion by Assessor June Fullmer on the Access Idaho credit card contract and the Road Department/Solid Waste will move back from the original time of 1 pm to Noon. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Marc deJong.

Claims and Junior College Tuition provided by Trudy Eiguren.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Claims in the amount of \$263,621.80, to include Board Order Claims in the amount of \$8,744.66, for a Grand Total of \$272,366.46. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Junior College applicant Jake Butler, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Anne Guarino with the Building Department had nothing currently to report.

Vim Braak, U of I Extension Director, looking to provide a beginner's course on Master's Gardening, so this to include more participation by Cabin Creek programs and larger land owners. Last Economic Development meeting, it was suggested to look towards support of County Commissioners for upcoming programs that will financially back some smaller groups and local business partnerships/collaboration. Vim then briefed on significance that The Score Group might have in our area to assist smaller businesses locally, further explaining details of program.

HR Director Pat Duncan, updated on her Supervisor's training for the Sheriff's Office, there would be a Leave Bank Committee meeting this week, Court Clerk Interviews on Monday/Tuesday, and that the change to Flex Plan open enrollment dates would make it administratively easier to coincide with all other insurance open enrollments dates that the County currently has in place.

Doug Miller presented the Annual Financial Report for Juvenile Justice for Commissioner signature. His department uses Lottery and Tobacco revenues to support the POTS program, Sober Grad and support of other area juvenile programs.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for Juvenile Justice, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

He then further updated on matters of his department.

David wanted to purchase a printer for \$1200 for the Weed Department, the Ag Grant will reimburse 75%, making the County's portion approximately \$250. As well, he would like to purchase software in the amount of \$853.58, to use in conjunction with the County's virtual servers. Commissioners gave approval for David to consolidate unnecessary printers in the Court Services Department. He will be in training for the server during the week of January 14th.

P&Z Administrator Cynda Herrick stated that the Potlatch agreement is with the Clerk's office and then began a discussion of zoning requirements for McCall Food Bank and the impacts on the McCall Annex.

Marc deJong was present and provided clarification of the 10' easement needed to meet requirements for the McCall Food Bank.

Cynda felt she could draft Easement documentation to bring back for Commissioner's signature on this discussion matter.

Snowgrooming supervisor, Larry Laxson has the Donnelly Snowgrooming machine in operation and updated on area trail stats. He has been attending various meetings as pertains to local snowgrooming. They have 7-8 drags currently and Larry is working with the State through Todd Wernex, to develop a trade from our current salvage project.

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize the trade of the County's drags and approve the Chairman to sign the trade agreement with the State, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Larry stated the County snowmobile is in need of approximately \$2700 to repair, if he gives Heady's the chassis then he can receive a \$250 credit. He would like to hold off on repairing the 2003 Polaris, as stated above and then use the sled as scrap to repair other machines.

Commissioner Moore moved to declare the 2003 Polaris as surplus and authorize the use of the machine's chassis to be used as a pay off for a current bill owed on labor to Heady's, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

WICAP Director, Paula Fodrea updated on winter energy assistance usage, thus far it totals \$41,581. The emergency money for 2012 will enable her to extend her spending period through the end of March. She is working in conjunction with Tamarack, for their opening day next

Saturday, this to be a free ski day with the donation of winter coats and food donations. There will be several local food donation agencies present at this function in addition to WICAP. This Wednesday she will be at Greenwoods Ski Hause in Boise at 4:30 a.m., along with other area donation agencies, to give away 250 ski passes to those who bring a winters coat and food. Paula is also working on another program for rent and mortgage assistance, especially for those who are close to foreclosure.

Assessor June Fullmer appeared and presented the Access Idaho Agreement for Commissioner signature. Explaining this is was an agreement with ITD and State licensing.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Access Idaho Agreement, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Acting Clerk Durfee had nothing further to report for the Clerk's office.

Sheriff Bolen had nothing further to report on office matters. She attended a Sheriff's training course last week which was well attended.

Treasurer Glenna Young did not have much to report on, other than she is collecting taxes and thus far received 2.6 Million in tax revenue.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the minutes of November 26th and December 3rd, 2012. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the appointment of Chris Schneider to the Edwards Mosquito Abatement Board.

Commissioner Moore then moved to accept the appointment of Chris Schneider to the Edwards Mosquito Abatement Board, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank also presented two candidates as selected for the Public Defenders Contract, Scott Erekson and Ken Arment.

Commissioner Moore asked for legal counsel, to allow for a two-year contract on this matter.

Commissioner Moore then moved to select Scott Erekson for continuation of the Public Defender Contract for Valley County, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank then asked for the EMS contracts. Commissioner Moore commented on the EMS contracts having varying workloads but being paid them the same. He does not feel we should sign these until further discussion is had on this point.

Chairman Cruickshank then decided upon advisement of Commissioner Moore, to have the EMS contracts discussed at the next Commissioner's meeting on December 27th and to notify each district of the discussion in advance for their attendance at 11 a.m. this day.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed the Trac Phone Litigation decision and support wish for support of Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) efforts in this matter.

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a support letter for the Trac Phone Litigation for IAC, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank attended a meeting with Glenna Young, to speak to a representative at US Bank, to have a large sum of interest removed. He further stated that the county would be looking towards the use of debit cards, instead of credit cards.

Chairman Cruickshank then presented the reappointment of Tom Olson Jr., to the P&Z Commission. Cynda added that the public gets very upset when they interview for open positions to the P&Z and they are not selected. It is advantageous to reappoint current commission members who are doing a good job, most especially given the money invested into training.

Commissioner Moore moved to reappoint Tom Olson, Jr. to the P&Z Commission. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Cynda discussed the pamphlets and holders for Appropriation of Funds. Cynda and Dwight met with Clint Kennedy and Pal Satori of Cascade School District. This might be a good project for some of the junior students to design and build the pamphlet holders and Cynda would provide the wood for this project up to \$500.

Incoming Commissioner Bill Willey suggested this project could be made available to all local schools as a contest, so as to provide an equal opportunity for area students.

Indigent and Charity was convened in Executive Session at 10:52 am, and then went back to regular session at 11:09 a.m. with the following actions made:

Claim#12-PE051	Request for Assistance Denied
Claim#12-JD092	Request for Assistance Denied
Claim#12-SJ092	Request for Assistance Denied
Claim#12-GW049	Request for Lien/New Application Received

Commissioner Moore moved to convene in to Executive Session, as per Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(f) at 11:10 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Winkle and the motion carried. Roll call followed: Commissioner Moore “aye”, Commissioner Winkle “aye” and Chairman Cruickshank “aye”.

Chairman Cruickshank brought the executive session back out in to regular session at 12:02 p.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to reaffirm the County’s travel management litigation and continuance, and to further authorize additional litigation to assert RS2477 claims. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Moore then moved to exercise the County's renewal of lease with Simplot Cattle Company. Chairman Cruickshank seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry Robinson then explained that there would be an extension of 1 year, on the Forest Service agreements for Johnson and Clear Creeks.

Commissioner Moore moved to extend the agreements with the Forest Service on Johnson and Clear Creeks. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry Robinson then drew attention to a discrepancy between the Johnson Creek contract and what was originally discussed. So he has asked for this to be postponed until the December 27th commissioner's meeting.

Jerry R. then asked for the closing of the Clear Creek Final.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the final acceptance of the Clear Creek Final Acceptance. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry R. then discussed the Heinrich ROW and that a Quitclaim deed was needed, waiting on a meeting with Simplot to go over the ROW. He has got an appraisal for replacement for the fences to value \$6,000; the land will be approximately \$2,000 per acre at a total of 3.39 acres for a total purchase of \$17,770.

Commissioner Moore then asked about Imminent Domain? Jerry R. said they are working on details. Further discussion on Imminent Domain will be determined, this will force them to take the appraisal price and protect the county from inflammatory purchasing.

Federal Land Access the webinar will be held tomorrow, to review obligations, would like to reapply for Warren Wagon and Warm Lake, on the new program there will be a match required. The county does not have the money to maintain this road.

Jerry R. then brought up the discussion of STIP Bridge application for North Fork of Payette at north end of Payette Lake. Chairman Cruickshank asked if the Lake Fork Bridge will be able to hold until 2016. Reports show that deterioration is beginning to show on several area bridges. Jerry R. provided a report to demonstrate the level of obligation at approximately 2M necessary for fixing each of the following bridges: Warren Wagon Road, Warm Lake Highway, Lake Fork Bridge, Dead Horse Bridge and North Fork Payette River at North End of Payette Lake. The Road Department will be utilizing the STIP for a project by North Beach.

The Road Department then presented the department's 2012 Financial Report for acceptance.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the 2012 Financial Report, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry R. then presented the 2012 Mileage Report for acceptance.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the 2012 Mileage Report, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry R. requested Title III reimbursements for emergency repairs to South Fork and East Fork of the South Fork Road.

Commissioner Moore asked for this to be turned in via a Board Ordered Claim.

Jerry R. then asked for acceptance of the Upper Payette Cooperative Weed Management Annual Agreement.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Upper Payette Cooperative Weed Management Annual Agreement.

MRF Supervisor Ralph McKenzie appeared to discuss Transfer Station updates. He stated the brush piles will be chipped at the MRF this upcoming week. Anything left over will be burned. With respect to Solid Waste matters, he is working to finish the rest of the fencing along the south side of the office building. Chairman Cruickshank suggested doing some timber management on the newly acquired MRF property and Ralph added he would need to run some water piping through there first to complete another project. He then updated the Commissioners on the meeting he had with Drake Mechanical on geothermal project with Cascade School District.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Katie Durfee, Acting Clerk

KD/akm 12-18-12