

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
February 22, 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 8:55 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the agenda as proposed, second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried. Chairman Cruickshank asked Glenna Young to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, which she did.

Chairman Cruickshank moved to convene Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(a), a personnel matter. Commissioner Moore, “aye”, Chairman Cruickshank “aye.”

Convened Executive Session at 8:57 a.m.

Reconvene Regular Session at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the Treasurer’s recommendation to staff the Chief Deputy Treasurer at Level 2, with an additional year’s experience. Seconded by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Commissioners departed chambers to conduct a jail inspection at 9:12 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:05 a.m. Rick Ridenour appeared and discussed the Weed Program, Pest Control and Snow Grooming. As to Weeds, the ARRA Stimulus funding provides a Project Coordinator and four additional personnel for weed spraying. They have broken the County into geographical areas: Blackhawk/Red Ridge, McCall; the Back Country and Yellow Pine; and the balance of private land, owned largely by Potlatch. They have identified the problem weed areas and the specific weeds in each area. The next step is the GIS mapping activity. They have thus far surveyed 30,000 acres, with 260,000 remaining. The operation may be enhanced in 2012 by the addition of more labor.

As to snow grooming, all cats are up and running. The drag for Smith's Ferry has been completed and will be shipped from Ontario, Canada soon. This past weekend was excellent for Valley County snowmobiling, with an estimated 500 truck/trailer combinations bringing snowmobiles into the area.

Anne Guarino appeared at 10:32 a.m. to discuss Building Department matters. She reviewed the need to update the ordinance concerning adopting of the Building Codes, as the 2009 codes have been adopted by the State of Idaho.

An invitation to the builders in the community to discuss the adoption and what is new with the codes is appropriate. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> on the issue. Most all plans need engineering because of snow loads in Valley County. All plans, except for small repairs or very small jobs get sent out for plan review. Anne does not have her certification for plan review yet.

The Human Resource Director's contract is not ready for signature due to a requirement, previously unknown, to require the director to provide errors and omissions coverage separate from the coverage of ICRMP. The contract will be submitted for approval as soon as it is ready.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve a 319 water quality grant and authorize the Chairman to sign the same. Seconded by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Smylie Court, a private road access issue was discussed. Smylie Court must be brought up to current road standards before it can be accepted as a public road.

Adjourn for lunch at 11:40 p.m because of cancellation of the EMS report.

1:00 p.m. reconvene Regular Session.

Scott Erikson appeared and provided his annual report. Things are going smoothly in the Public Defender's office, although there were some extraordinary expenses, particularly in the matter of the *State vs. Abarca*. Conflict attorneys are not as prevalent as they had been in the past. He inquired about renewal of his contract (next year) and the required process was explained.

The Cascade Ranger District staff appeared to discuss projects. The first being a watershed improvement project concerning the Upper South Fork, Salmon River which relates to the reduction of road and trail impacts on the water quality. Chairman Cruickshank and Commissioner Moore expressed concern of providing looped trail routes to travel. Several routes were discussed with the Forest Service staff.

Kendra Kenyon, Sage Community Resources appeared to discuss the activities of Sage. Sage provides many programs of which Valley County participates. William Braak from the Extension Office also attended to discuss opportunities on Community Development.

Motion by Commissioner Moore to enter Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(b) concerning a personnel matter because of a recent occurrence not foreseen at the beginning of the meeting. Second by Chairman Cruickshank, followed by a voice vote, Chairman Cruickshank "Yea", Commissioner Moore "Yea". Motion carried.

Convened Executive Session at 3:58 p.m.

Reconvened Regular Session at 4:05 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Moore to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter suspending the subject employee without pay when such a letter has been approved by legal counsel. Second by Chairman Cruickshank. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Moore to approve the meeting minutes of February 7th and February 14th, as corrected. Second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

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Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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