

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 12, 2010**

**PRESENT: GERALD “JERRY” WINKLE)
FRANK W. ELD) COMMISSIONERS
GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK) Vice Chair**

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK

Meeting called to order by Chairman Winkle at 9:00 a.m.

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld, followed by a roll call vote, Commissioner Cruickshank voted “Yes”, Commissioner Eld voted “Yes” and Chairman Winkle voted “Yes” to convene an Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 67-2345(f), a pending legal matter requiring guidance to the Prosecutor by the Board.

Convened Executive Session.

Reconvened Regular Session.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to direct the Valley County Prosecuting Attorney to take the position with the applicant in the case being discussed to follow the normal administrative procedures for Valley County as set out in the Land Use and Development Ordinance. Second by Commissioner Eld and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld, the Proposed Agenda for Monday, April 12, 2010 was adopted.

Claims were read as follows:

General Fund	\$ 132,447.99
Road and Bridge	\$ 64,023.87
Ambulance	\$ 19,425.00
Magistrate Court	\$ 1,873.78
Probation	\$ 3,301.44
Indigent and Charity	\$ 8,493.87
Revaluation	\$ 58.55
Solid Waste	\$ 57,224.38
Tort	\$ 93.68
Weed Department	\$ 1,471.71
Waterways	\$ 66.10
Snowmobile 43A	\$ 1,964.32
Snowmobile 43B&C	<u>\$ 1,186.70</u>
Total	<u>\$ 291,631.39</u>

Commissioner Cruickshank moved for payment of the bills, second by Commissioner Eld and carried with Chairman Winkle's affirmative vote, making it unanimous to approve expenditure of the Sheriff's Office contingent funds.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded approval of Junior College tuition for Jean Nicholas. Motion carried.

Rick Ridenour, Weed Department appeared and reported that he had finished interviewing for the Coordinator's position. He will bring the employee on this week. He will be advertising for his part-time employees. He is getting necessary equipment ready for the spring spraying.

Snow Grooming spring maintenance is in progress. Summer service will be done by a Piston Bully mechanic, and records maintained as to work and cost. To the extent possible, groomer operators and volunteers will perform the service.

Deb Gaither, Chief Deputy Treasurer reported on behalf of Glenna Young. There are three properties taken on tax deed, unsold that should be disposed of by sale. Commissioner Eld suggested an August sale. The Treasurer's office will advise as to disposition.

Captain Coombs, Acting Sheriff, appeared and reported no response on the RAC award or EOC grant. They continue to work on the communications system. He awaits decision from the Forest Supervisors (BOISE and PAYETTE) concerning the RAC funding.

Cynda Herrick, Planning and Zoning Administrator, appeared and reported on the P & Z Training in Mountain Home. With the economy down, consideration is being given to “blanket” extensions of time. Perhaps a better decision would be to reduce the \$300 extension fee to ease the pain while the economy heals. The P & Z Commission prefers to review all extensions to determine if applications are staying active. No decision to change fees due to staff costs on preparing extensions.

Katie Durfee, Chief Deputy Clerk, reported concerning the Abarca case costs.

Steve Brown reported issuance of a house permit, and other activity beginning in the Building Department.

Doug Miller reported on probation and detention matters and suitable activities for some of his detention employees during a low period of detention activity. He noted the closing of the Health and Welfare Office in McCall, which will have a significant impact on his operation in McCall. A meeting with Central District Health is scheduled for April 13, 2010.

He will be providing a parenting program in Cascade during the period May 5th through June 9th on Wednesday nights. He is working with the McCall Improvement Committee and he will be providing some help in that area with his community service workers.

Archie Banbury read the Veteran’s Service Report into the record.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, approval of Tax Cancellation #97, resulting from a Board of Tax Appeals decision. The motion carried to approve the Tax Cancellation and authorize the Chairman to sign the request.

Theresa Perry and Shauna Arnold appeared as members of the Horizon team to ask for funding to erect a portico for the Senior Center. They are partnered with two other groups, and they want to apply for a \$50,000 grant requiring \$4000 in matching funds. They would seek at least \$2,000 from the County. The grant is due on Friday, and they need a letter of support and would expect an answer by October. The other partners are Treasure Valley Transit and Elderly Opportunity Agency. The portico would also serve as a bus stop for Treasure Valley Transit.

Commissioner Eld moved to support the request for up to \$2,500 for this project, in Fiscal Year 2011. Second by Commissioner Cruickshank, and carried following discussion of how to provide additional funding as required. Motion carried.

Carol McCoy-Brown, Cascade Ranger, appeared with Randy Hayman to address specifics in the Boise National Forest Plan Amendment insofar as Wildlife Conservation Strategies are concerned. An aquatic study has been done, but not a wildlife study. The study must be done. The Boise National Forest plan is forest-wide. The discussion involves only Valley County. Commissioner Cruickshank questioned the amendment not including the economic impact to Valley County and the need to include the human component in its review.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded approval of the agreement with Whisper Mountain for the purpose of drafting the all hazard mitigation plan at a maximum cost to the Sheriff's Office of \$5,000. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, approval of the BHS grant and Communications grant (E911). Motion carried.

Recess for Lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Reconvene at 1:10 p.m.

Closed session for Indigent and Charity.

#10-DH049	Final Denial for County Medical Assistance
#09-ZM053	Final Denial for County Medical Assistance
#09-ZM053	Release of Medical Lien, Denied
#10-SC058	Denied for County Medical Assistance
#10-RH054	Denied for County Medical Assistance
#10-DW046	Medical Lien filed – New Application
#10-BT072	Medical Lien filed – New application
#10-PW055	Approved for Medical Assistance
#09-RE046	Tabled for additional information

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded approval of the contract with Cabin Creek. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved, and Commissioner Eld seconded, approval of the letter authorizing access for the public across the proposed pathway via letter notice. This is for the Housing Company project in McCall. Motion carried and the Chairman signed the letter.

Duain Ackerman presented his vision of Noah's World, a proposed non-profit combination of a children's hospital and hotels.

At 2:20 p.m. opened Public Hearing for Modification of the Budget as presented by Clerk Banbury.

Commissioner Eld moved to approve Resolution #10-14, Modification of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Cruickshank and carried.

Ralph McKenzie appeared to discuss the solid waste operation. Plans for the recycling building by Mary Hart are nearing completion.

Commissioners approved the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) for \$10,000 from the USDA, on motion by Commissioner Eld, and second by Commissioner Cruickshank.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, authorization for the Chairman to sign the RBOG grant which is due to the Department of Commerce on April 23, 2010 and is complete except for one letter to support the match portion of the grant.

Jerry Robinson asked for approval of the transfer of RDA credits from Higgins Family Real Estate LP to Rodney and Christine Higgins in the amount of \$116,020, leaving approximately \$4,000 in credits with Higgins Family Real Estate LP. Commissioner Cruickshank moved, and Commissioner Eld seconded authorization of such transfer. Motion carried.

Jerry Robinson presented proposed road projects on the South Fork Road and East Fork Road, along with discussion of crushing projects this season. Discussion followed on future equipment and vehicle needs.

Commissioner Eld moved, and Commissioner Cruickshank seconded establishing the labor rate to be charged by the Road Department for work done on behalf of other departments at \$30.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved, Commissioner Eld second and carried to convene Executive Session for a personnel matter pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(b). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Eld, "Yes", Commissioner Cruickshank, "Yes", Chairman Winkle, "Yes".

Reconvene Regular Session at 4:05 p.m., on motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld and carried. Commissioner Cruickshank, "Yes", Commissioner Eld, "Yes", and Chairman Winkle "Yes".

Commissioner Eld moved to approve Resolution #10-12 authorizing purchase of the Challenger Cat, seconded by Commissioner Cruickshank. (This purchase to be similarly authorized by the Snowmobile Advisory Committee before it is consummated.) Motion Carried.

Meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m. to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall for a Public Hearing concerning economic development.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 108 E. Mill Street, Cascade, Idaho. Chairman Winkle opened the Public Hearing to public comment on the direction to be taken by economic development in Valley County.

First to speak was Bill Weida, McCall. He is a retired economics professor. He commented that Valley County is doing a poor job because our focus is on attracting outside business and not creating the appropriate environment. Affordable housing is necessary to keep money and business in the community.

Ray Moore, Donnelly, commented that the economic development vehicle, UPREDC is too political. Business leaders should be directing UPREDC. It should not be the role of Elected Officials to direct economic development, but the contract with the director should be with the County.

Dwight Utz, Donnelly, commented that government should not be spending money on private businesses.

Rob Lyons, McCall, commented that economic development is needed for sustained growth. Organizations like the McCall Area Merchant's Association need to help, John Blaye can't do it all by himself. We need incentives in place right now. The business climate has changed. He does not think UPREDC should control the Economic Development Director.

Mike Keithley, Cascade, commented that we should keep the concept in place with business people, men or women, on the UPRED Council. The Fiscal Agent should be the Board of County Commissioners, who should hire, fire and counsel the Economic Development Director. Sustainable employment is needed, and not at the minimum wage level. Tax incentives are needed.

Bonnie Bertram, McCall, commented on her earlier service with UPREDC. The concept is good, but business people are necessary on the Board. John Blaye works hard and should be recognized, not criticized. She feels he may have been held back by the McCall City Council. He has not received credit for what he has done. She knows we have letters of support for him.

Ronda Sandmeyer, McCall, commented that she appreciates the County funding UPREDC. She thinks it should be restructured with more business involvement.

Jim Hinson commented concerning his experience with economic development and suggests one level of control for UPREDC, one boss. He suggested exploring "bridge loans" to get small businesses through rough periods, as well as SBA loans. He mentioned difficulties with what may be called "trade secrets" and planning matters disclosed to the Economic Development Director which cannot be further disclosed. These should be dealt with in Executive Sessions.

Jackie Aymon, McCall, suggested pursuit of more grants, broader thinking and better use of community activists.

Gary Swain, Lakefork, thanked Chairman Winkle and urged pursuit of the available grant. He reaffirms that Valley County should be the sponsor with UPREDC as an Advisory Board. John Blaye's contract should be re-negotiated. He mentioned potential for conflict if a County Commissioner is on the Board of UPRED and recommended against it. Subsequently, if the same issue comes up again, that same Commissioner could again vote against it.

Phil Davis, Cascade, advised that when UPREDC was created the lack of business people on the Board was an error, both by the County Government and by the Idaho Department of Commerce. Economic Development should be an advocate for business, an oversight committee, and should be covered by a confidentiality agreement.

Marilyn Arp, McCall, suggested that economic development should be a region-wide effort. She questioned John Blaye's involvement with visitor and convention centers.

Kimberly Zanier, Donnelly, voiced her agreement with Marilyn Arp.

Karen Daly, McCall, who had previously served on an economic development committee, cautioned against conflicts of interest, and recommended local hiring.

Ed Elliot, McCall, urged securing the economic development grant, and recommended a region-wide plan.

Jim Arp, McCall, urged obtaining the economic development grant and going with it.

Bill Thomas, McCall, spoke of keeping politics out of economic development, and supports the grant.

John Humphreys, McCall, agreed with Mr. Thomas.

Recess from 7:38 p.m. to 7:48 p.m.

Reconvene. After discussion, Commissioner Cruickshank moved to apply for the grant, commit \$12,000 to the effort using contingent funds, and have John Blaye write the grant request with Valley County as the sponsor. Second by Chairman Winkle. Discussion followed, and Commissioner Cruickshank amended his motion to add an equal number of business people to UPREDC, which now consists of five, Valley County, Boise County, Cascade, Donnelly and McCall. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The grant should be made ready for approval by the Board of County Commissioners not later than May 10th, 2010.

Commissioners requested persons interested in being on UPREDC to submit letters to the Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

GERALD "JERRY" WINKLE, CHAIRMAN

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

AB/te 4-20-10