

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 25, 2011**

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

KATIE DURFEE, ACTING CLERK

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:01 a.m., with Acting Clerk Katie Durfee taking minutes.

Chairman Cruickshank moved for approval of the agenda with the addition of Commissioner Moore's discussion on pending Ordinance No. 11-4 at 4:15 pm, regarding setting of additional BOCC Meetings. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank stated that John Blaye and Vim Braak, would not be in attendance for the Department Head section.

Chairman Cruickshank began the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Commissioner Moore had no additional questions on the claims, as he previously had them answered by the appropriate Department Heads.

Claims were presented as follows:

General Fund	\$67,595.54
Road & Bridge	\$77,959.42
Airport	0
Ambulance	0
Magistrate Court	\$ 80.40
Probation	\$ 4,374.35
Fairgrounds	0
Health District	0
Election Consolidation	\$ 279.17

Indigent & Charity	\$ 11,086.86
Junior College	0
Revaluation	\$ 1,584.00
Solid Waste	\$ 44,148.86
Tort	0
Veterans Memorial	0
Weed Dept	0
Pest Control	0
Waterways	\$ 136.75
Snow McCall/Donnelly	\$ 12,825.82
Snow Cascade/WL	\$ 85.44
Snow Smiths Ferry	\$ 65.00
<u>Bond Redemption</u>	0
Total	\$220,221.61

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the claims in the amount of \$220,221.61, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Assessor June Fullmer is still working on values and rebuilding tables. When finished, she will present findings to the Commissioners. She is in support of PTO and presented it to employees as ONLY a proposal.

Interim Building Inspector, Anne Guarino, presented that Ordinance No.11-2, new Building Codes, is being enforced now and has been sent to the Star News for publishing.

Katie Durfee had nothing to report this time for the Clerk's Office.

Probation Director Doug Miller explained that the increase to a recent food claim from Ridley's was due to an increase in Juveniles. He heard this morning that the school will be cutting the juvenile program but it is Doug Miller's opinion they legally can not do this. Reported Juvenile case load increasing.

Tami Bishop Rhodes presented on HR Matters; job postings with substantial applicants applying. She is still working on PTO. Additionally, putting together training for supervisors and Road Department. She will be out of town leaving this Thursday through May 9th.

IT Administrator, Greg Malmen reported that he was working on setting up Video Arraignment, just hired a part-time employee David Crawford. He met with Alarmco last Wednesday and went through the Jail to look at cameras. Commissioner Moore inquired about Hybrid NBR to be able to make this camera system flexible for possible implementation for the entire courthouse as well. Greg stated the issue was with licensing fees. This would need to go out for RFP, due to the cost of the project. The cost of the courthouse cameras would be roughly \$14,000, then there is the issue of who will monitor. Security committee has dissolved.

P&Z Department Head, Cynda Herrick, stated the contract renewal of County Surveyor John Russell, will be presented to the Commissioners next Monday for approval with no changes from the prior year. Chris Meyer with Givens, Pursley, provided a CD that contains their handbooks on Water Law, Idaho Land Use, Ethics and Road Law, as well as several other pertinent P&Z matters. She currently has few applicants, but experiencing foot traffic for miscellaneous old matters.

Sheriff Patti Bolen provided quotes for lettering on the EOC building and creation of a loft in the bay area of the EOC for storage. Chairman Cruickshank asked to look at an option for fewer letters as a cost savings and to table until funding sources were identified. Commissioner Cruickshank then stated Captain Coombs could utilize the Road Department employees during their slow time to build the loft, again noting this as a cost savings alternative. Commissioner Moore liked the idea and concurred with the Chairman for utilization of the Road Department employees for labor.

Patti then stated the Sheriff's office received IDPR monies for a grant of \$7,252.11 (this can be held over until next year, it does not need to be expensed immediately), to provide training and education for Off Road Vehicle Use. A committee is needed per grant requirements. Their department is working to get all officers trained through Incident Command Systems (ICS) by 2012. She recently attended a Sex Offender training which was very good.

Treasurer Glenna Young presented 12 Tax Cancellations, #77-88, which need to be signed and returned to the Treasurer.

Tax Cancellations are as follows: #77 Parcel: MH006210000010. #78 Parcel: MHC09180000178B. #79 Parcel: MH00015000066. #80 Parcel: MH00055003012A. #81 Parcel: MHM00000035131. #82 Parcel: MH14N04E280005. #83 Parcel: MHM0909000604B. #84 Parcel: MHD0921000050. #85 Parcel: MHM0904000011C. #86 Parcel: MH16N03E050006. #87 Parcel: MH00180003003A. #88 Parcel: MHD00000106115.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve Tax Cancellations #77-88, as was previously presented, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Glenna stated she left out three cancellations, as additional questions needed to be answered first before approval was requested.

Rick Ridenour updated that the Smith's Ferry groomer was receiving seasonal maintenance, the Cascade groomer was waiting on warranty work before completion of servicing, and the McCall groomer will be maintained after the Donnelly groomer is completed. Work will commence shortly on the Francis Wallace building and Donnelly sheds. Noxious weed advertising will soon be sent to the newspaper for publishing. The ARRA weed employees start working on May 2nd, while the County Weed program will be losing one employee over the summer.

West Nile testing will now be conducted at the Weed Building and Rick will provide training to the appropriate employees. He would like to use vacation time during the week of May 23rd.

WICAP Director Paula Fodrea reported on Energy Assistance given to 408 residents, up from last year. She has not heard of a status yet on Emergency Shelter monies. Project share will continue through the end of April. Lastly, she will get clarification of Community Action, as to whether this money might be possibly depleted but not to affect WICAP.

Met in Closed Session, for purposes of discussion of Indigent Matters:

Case# 10-SH065	Denied for Medical Assistance
Case# 10-DZ067	Release of Medical Lien – Final Decision
Case# 10-MC068	Release of Medical Lien – Final Decision
Case# 11-CW053	Request for Medical Lien – New Application
Case# 11-CP056	Request for Medical Lien – New Application

Again met in Open Session.

Gretel Kleint with VARHA provided discussion of VARHA funding. Chairman Cruickshank voiced concern about the feasibility in keeping Michael David on board with this program given economic circumstances.

Commissioner Moore is apprehensive about being the only agency involved in funding this program currently and Mr. David's salary. He added it was good to continue to have some level of housing program but appropriate to look at scaling it down.

Commissioner Winkle would like to table and be stricter in our approach for handling.

Gretel said the budget had already been presented and the County agreed to \$30,000. She felt there was nothing going on now due to the economy and then posed the question to Commissioners, as to how the County can not pay the other \$15,000 owed in April.

Chairman Cruickshank commented that he wanted to see from Michael David what is being provided with the County's money.

Gretel felt Mr. David had already taken quite a salary cut and measures had been taken to find a replacement, to no avail. Chairman Cruickshank asked Gretel if VARHA was necessary at this time. She replied there was a need when the program started but maybe not now, additionally requested the discussion be tabled because so much work had already gone into the program.

Chairman Cruickshank stated alternative measures needed to be explored. Would the three remaining people on the Board be willing to continue working on this program using Cynda Herrick in-house, rather than retaining Mr. David's services?

Cynda Herrick volunteered to look into how many meetings were needed to keep the program going, as per the by-laws.

Gretel asked if the Commissioners could break a contract.

Commissioner Moore felt it was difficult to go to the public and ask support to continue this program, when no work could be identified.

Gretel would like to retain Michael David until September, to fulfill the contract, at which point she would like a decision for the current year's obligation and a game plan for next year.

Chairman Cruickshank added the County would be getting a budget plan together this next week and may ask for a reduced rate to finish out the year, since further clarification was necessary as to what Mr. David was accomplishing.

Rod Skiftun then presented a history on the Lakefork Property and issue of Right-of-Way's associated with the property. Discussion ensued, with a final decision to go back and clean up dedication, then work with Stathis Enterprises to enter into a Quit Claim between Stathis and the County.

Commissioner Moore moved to go into Executive Session, as per Idaho Code 67-2345(f), Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried. Roll Call: Commissioner Moore "yes", Commissioner Winkle "yes" and Chairman Cruickshank "yes".

Chairman Cruickshank moved to come out of Executive Session, stating no action was made and to table until a further date, Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion carried.

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:27 p.m., Russell Duke was late due to road construction.

Russell Duke with Central District Health, briefed the Commissioners on a decrease of budget needs, as a result of several different factors. It would be beneficial if the County would provide the difference in funding from federal scale back, to total \$37,734. Budget is being conscientiously monitored, with some services being eliminated as a result.

Chairman Cruickshank appreciated fiscal control.

Russell stated Clerk Banbury wished to review a three year rolling average for the County's portion to level out funding swings. The next step in the budget process, to be addressed on May 12, 2011.

Jeff with Lakeshore Disposal presented four fee proposal recycling options for review. Proposal #1 - "All-In", 10 year term providing one pick-up per week or a possible bi-weekly option, disposal fees paid to transfer station and not as a taxation via a quarterly billing. Proposal #2 - "All-In" Mandatory Curbside Commingled Recycling to allow trash pick-up once per week with an option to pick up twice per week. Curbsides commingle recycling, again, disposal fee paid to the transfer station via payment and not taxed. Proposal #3 - Current service plus additional recycling service fee, contract of 10 years, once per week pick-up with recycling depot stations. The last Proposal #4 - Provides for current service with elimination of a recycling depot program. The proposal calls for a \$6500 per month collection fee.

Commissioner Moore explained the contract stipulates proof for the costs may be obtained and requested. Such evidence should be ascertained for review. A primary concern is that curbside recycling is being made mandatory to all residents and at very high cost. Everett concurred that the savings may not be that great but it is an alternative they wanted to present to the Board.

*Recording turned back on at 2:20 p.m.

Chairman Cruickshank felt mandatory curbside recycling was not necessary to require of all citizens, additional options should be made available to citizens and additional costs justified. He did not feel a decision could be reached today.

Commissioner Moore suggested figuring out where this \$6500 rate increase is coming from and to further examine additional options, especially after speaking with the County's PA. Perhaps this would be a good opportunity to explore some other companies by soliciting for bids.

Jeff stated this increase would support larger capital purchases/upgrades in the future. He would like a commitment from the County and added they offered a competitive price that could not be beat.

Chairman Cruickshank asked if they could come back by May 1st with justification of the \$6500 increase.

Commissioner Moore requested an extension until May 5th instead, Chairman Cruickshank concurred.

Road Department Supervisor, Jerry Robinson would like to get the Payette National Forest, Schedule "A" signed.

Discussion was held on necessary stipulations to accompany the Schedule "A".

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the signing of the PNF Schedule "A", with the following condition, a cover letter accompany the agreement specifically stating by signing this document it does not change the County's position on RS2477 and that 3-mile is in need of improvements. Commissioner Winkle seconded and motion carried to sign.

MRF Supervisor, Ralph McKenzie gave an update for the extension being built at the transfer station. Results of this project's RFP were provided as follows: R&M Steel to handle manufacturing and Kinney Mountain Welding will build the extension, lowest bid at \$32,300.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the bid for manufacture and erection through Kinney Mountain in conjunction with R&M Steel, in the amount of \$32,300. Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank then led discussion on continuance of the economic development program and utilization of Mr. Blaye's contracted services, stating Valley County is the sole contributor to the program.

Commissioner Moore referred to a prior meeting on April 11, 2011 when this matter was brought up before; reiterating economic development is a vital program. Concerns stem from tax payers with respect to what they receive out of the \$60,000 being spent to retain his services. He has not been able to obtain details from Mr. Blaye on the status of his projects, nor does he receive a return phone call from Mr. Blaye, who stated on an earlier occasion that he broke confidentiality, yet he fails to understand how this occurred. Measurable goals and expectations need to be established for this contractor.

Chairman Cruickshank clarified; these measurable goals should be prepared in writing.

Commissioner Moore presented a list of measurable goals that he felt should be the focus of Mr. Blaye's endeavors. As follows: Create a list of top 20 prospects prioritized to be concentrated on, with 80% of time focused on this top 20 list; Repair Donnelly and McCall relationships; Provide daily activity reports via e-mail and a monthly summarization by clients; Bring website up-to-date for the tool it was intended for; Details and activities should be given to the Commissioners when requested, if clients are unwilling to tell Mr. Blaye what needs to be released to the Commissioners, then they should be ineligible for assistance because this is funded by tax payers; Revisit Mr. Blaye's contract and amend it so that work product produced for Valley County's project stays with the County if severance were to occur and not with his personal business; Tourism discussion and final determination as to what manner and portion of his time should be dedicated to this topic, if there is a conflict with one Commissioner, then at least one of the other two should be kept in the loop.

Commissioner Winkle is not making a determination without Mr. Blaye, so as to provide due diligence. He felt left out of the communication between the other two Commissioners and Mr. Blaye, when he was not present earlier in the month. Commissioner Winkle wanted to defer this further until Mr. Blaye was available, his absence today due to the unexpected death of his mother.

Chairman Cruickshank permitted public feedback.

City of Cascade Mayor Carter commented on the air show Mr. Blaye was assisting the City with, adding he couldn't sell the City Council on funding economic development, speaking personally he would not divulge a business's confidentiality at the request of a business owner.

Todd Hatfield of McCall, Idaho, stated the proper role should be addressed, it is the role of the Commissioners to get out of the way so that businesses can come in. Our area is in need of sustainable business, the continuance of funding Mr. Blaye's position is a fleecing of the tax payers and is questioning the continuance of his contract. He was also in disagreement of the fact that Mr. Blaye works with Canyon County who we compete with on an unemployment level.

Commissioner Winkle felt we should revisit Mr. Blaye's contract and dissolve or amend it as appropriate.

Brent Hurst, Donnelly, Idaho, requested close monitoring of all County contracts in general and further that all contracts should maintain performance evaluation measurements; this is upsetting for a tax payer. Look for "work creep" and eliminate as appropriate.

Chairman Cruickshank tabled this discussion until Mr. Blaye could be reached, then presented the amendment to Valley Management Cleaning Company.

Commissioner Moore moved to sign the amended contract with Valley Management Company, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion was carried.

A letter from the Snowgrooming Advisory Committee was then entertained. Chairman Cruickshank tabled discussion of their proposal until the next meeting on May 2nd, in order to obtain Mr. Ridenour's job description and check with some other counties for clarification purposes.

Chairman Cruickshank would like to table discussion of the Groomer lease until May 2nd, as the original had not yet been received back from the appropriate party.

Commissioner Moore updated the Board on the Federally Qualified Health Clinic in Donnelly, identifying its support was held by the hospital in Council and not by the citizens of Donnelly. This hospital recently applied for a grant, he thought they were waiting to meet with both hospitals first before application so that no financial harm would come to these local agencies; however they went ahead with out this consideration. More information on the grant status will be provided as the Commissioners receive it.

Chairman Cruickshank explained RAC was in need of two support letters to Krassel Ranger District and Marble Creek. Chairman Cruickshank stated these trails have not been cleaned up in some time.

Commissioner Winkle moved to authorize the Chairman to prepare these support letters to uphold RAC efforts and sign accordingly. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2011 as provided, Commissioner Winkle seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed holding the Commissioner's meeting on the Tuesday after Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, in observance of the holiday.

Commissioner Moore discussed an increase in agenda load necessitating more meetings.

Chairman Cruickshank then clarified again that the Commissioner's meeting previously scheduled for Monday, May 30th, be moved to Tuesday, May 31st, 2011.

Commissioner Moore presented a new Ordinance No.11-4, to hold more Commissioners' meetings on each Monday of the month and asked that it be placed on the next available meeting agenda for acceptance.

Chairman Cruickshank requested two changes for the Ordinance in verbiage.

Commissioner Winkle is opposed to the idea, as he has made commitments beforehand.

Commissioner Moore stated that if the ordinance is not able to be noticed properly, then we can come back to the next meeting to amend it.

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt Ordinance No. 11-4, with the amended verbiage. Chairman Cruickshank seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Moore, "aye", Chairman Cruickshank "aye", Commissioner Winkle voted "nay".

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

ATTEST:

Katie Durfee, Acting Clerk