

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 26, 2010**

**PRESENT: GERALD "JERRY" WINKLE)
FRANK W. ELD) COMMISSIONERS
GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK) Vice Chair
KATIE DURFEE, ACTING CLERK**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Winkle at 9:10 a.m.

Katie Durfee, Acting Clerk, recording minutes.

Meeting began, on motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld, the Proposed Agenda for Monday, April 26, 2010 was adopted.

Claims were read as follows:

General Fund	\$ 86,770.92
Road and Bridge	\$ 161,662.99
Magistrate Court	\$ 366.45
Probation	\$ 2,855.30
Indigent and Charity	\$ 147.58
Junior College	\$ 3,787.00
Revaluation	\$ 1,917.50
Solid Waste	\$ 109,937.43
Tort	\$ 40.00
Weed Department	\$ 4,257.26
Waterways	\$ 48.07
Snowmobile 43A	<u>\$ 88.11</u>

Total \$ 371,878.61

Plus Board Order Claims:

USDA Forest Service	\$ 3,704.32
Cabin Creek	<u>\$ 1,806.50</u>
Grand Total	\$ 377,389.43

On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Commissioner Cruickshank, payment of the bills was approved, with the exception of the claim for Idaho Economic Development in the amount of \$10,000.00 which was held. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eld moved, Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, and Chairman Winkle confirmed, to carry for approval of Board Ordered claims for the USDA Forest Service in the amount of \$3,704.32 and Cabin Creek Enterprises in the amount of \$1,806.50. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held that John Blaye's contract should be scheduled for negotiation on May 3, 2010, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Commissioner Eld moved, Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, to approve the Certificate of Residency for Chrystal Yates and carried.

Deb Gaither reported for Treasurer Glenna Young. She explained 17 title searches out of 34 were completed towards the tax deed process.

Matt Williams reported. 5 day trial last week, started off with a hitch in that there were not enough jurors, ending on Friday with a hung jury. Matt stated the performance by the Conflict Defender was so poor on Wednesday, he said he felt it led to the decision by the jury. A 12-year old will now have to come back again to testify. He will object at every instance to have the Conflict Defender removed. Electioneering - since the polls are open for absentee voting, there can be none of this done at the Courthouse. He will send out an e-mail to remind all employees. He is getting ready for a two week trial, quite extensive. He is going to have to have more budget for trials, he can't compete with what the defense is bringing in. This last trial defense used twice as much money as he had available to use. Additionally, in this next case, the Public Defender is requesting to use a \$7,000.00 out-of-state expert.

Doug Miller, had to house a juvenile for a recent court case. Currently one juvenile in custody. He will be attending the Health & Welfare meeting tomorrow, regarding their closure, specifically for child protection. Presented JABG grant for \$5,000 and \$556 match, to fund Youth Tracker Program.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to have the Chairman sign the JABG grant for the upcoming year, Commissioner Eld seconded and motion was approved.

Rick Ridenour explained seasonal maintenance on groomers is currently being performed. He provided the Commissioners with a notice that will need posting to the public regarding noxious weeds, first notice end of May and then again mid-late June. Also, will place a notice in the paper on the aspects of the Stimulus grant. Reported on full-time new hire for Weed spraying and ad will go out this next week for the part-time weed sprayers.

Cynda Herrick stated she is working on LID's and the ordinances that are scheduled for May 3 planning session; there is a conflict with the time set for Executive Session, as the expected time on this day will take more than one hour.

DeeDee Gossi presented Market Value Cancellations on behalf of Karen Campbell, for Cancellations #62-96. Karen will send a letter of adjustment notification to property owners and Glenna will send a new tax bill.

Steve Brown reported just a couple of new projects, other than that not much to report.

Greg Malmen stated the County website is almost ready to go live. Working on Court Clerk's office remodeling project, quote on re-wiring for internet/phone lines and also for a new scanning unit.

Patti Bolen reported numbers are up in Jail, Waterway's is gearing up, Brandon Boxleitner graduating from POST and an opening in Jail, as well as Dispatch. Planning for July 4th is underway, working with area police agencies for support. T-1 line to be connected, monthly fee involved, look to local fire agencies for assistance with payment.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to have the Chairman sign a letter of intent to have the T-1 Line installed by Frontier, seconded by Commissioner Eld and carried.

Commissioners determined that the discussion on Economic Development should be placed on the meeting agenda from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on May 3rd. This time was rescheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. as previously discussed.

Russell Duke provided an overview of upcoming fiscal year budget for Central District Health and a handout explaining broad depth of public health services provided. Budget Hearing on May 21st at Boise County, would like attendance by Commissioners.

Commissioner Cruickshank asked how closure of the Health & Welfare office in McCall will be handled.

Russell remarked there is not an official plan, but will provide assistance as applicable.

Commissioner Cruickshank questioned if the County can't meet budget request, what happens.

Russell said at this point, whatever contributions the County can make will work, but at some point there will be a larger impact if reductions are made.

Stephanie Johnson and Ken Postma requested a motion to accept Little Donner Fuels Mitigation project. The Chairman will have to recuse himself.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to approve the Little Donner Fuels Mitigation Project, allow Commissioner Eld to sign on behalf of Chairman Winkle for County project and not state funded, Commissioner Eld seconded and carried.

Ken Postma presented Paddy Flat Project grant Land Use Permit, formality.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to allow the Chairman to sign the Land Use Permit for the Paddy Flat Project, seconded by Commissioner Eld and carried.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of Indigent & Charity, Commissioner Eld seconded and voted “Aye” and Chairman Winkle voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Case#10-RE046	Approved for County Assistance
Case#10-JF078	Denial for County Medical Assistance
Case #RH060	Medical Lien filed – New Application
Case#VH062	Medical Lien filed – New Application

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to reconvene into Regular Session. Commissioner Eld seconded, and motion carried.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to approve the Market Value Cancellations, as provided by the Chief Deputy Assessor this morning, Commissioner Eld seconded and carried.

Lisa Klinger and Patrick Morgan from Payette National Forest presented a RAC Grant proposal for modernization of Pollock, Pilot Peak, Williams Peak lookout stations, reducing the use of propane for the refrigerator and lights by renovating.

Ken Postma questioned why forest funds were not being used to maintain the lookouts.

Pat explained it is a policy matter that the facilities monies have to be prioritized and should not use fire funds. To some extent fire funds assist but big capital items can't be supported this way.

Dan Krahn presented McCall Hospital merger details. Goal is to provide outstanding healthcare. Members could be on the Board, even if they were outside the taxing district. Suggested keeping the taxing district and use those monies for bad debt.

Steve Millemann explained a new entity would own the taxing district, however the taxing district would remain intact.

Commissioner Cruickshank questioned, if 50% of revenue comes from taxing district and 50% comes from private individuals. How can someone outside of the Hospital District be allowed to have “say” on the Board?

Steve stated the biggest asset would be that under the 501(c)(3), they would be able to have financial backing from St. Luke's to get a bond to add on to their facility. Further, monies can also come from the Foundation and the Auxiliary.

Further, the taxing district would not lose the equipment currently owned if this new entity dissolves and/or it will be able to fall back to a taxing district again if certain triggers occur. Throughout May, providing ample opportunity for public input and then an advisory vote in August.

Scott Erekson, Public Defender, reviewed points of upcoming arson case with juvenile, needing to hire arson expert to be able to adequately defend his client. He hasn't been given total damage amount from Matt Williams yet. Needing to prove degree of arson, because it is currently sitting at first degree, the juvenile is being charged as an adult.

Scott also provided update on his service achievements thus far.

Matt was unable to return for scheduled Executive Session.

Rick provided renewal of Eurasion Milfoil contract.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved, Commissioner Eld seconded, and carried to approved continuation of the Eurasion Milfoil grant.

Proposals for Valley County lawn maintenance were reviewed by Archie Banbury and Katie Durfee on April 21, 2010 at 8:10 a.m. After reviewing the proposals for lawn care, the Cutting Edge provided a more specific breakout of exact costs involved. Lakeview Property Services also submitted a proposal but it was turned in on April 21, 2010, so it was considered untimely.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved, Commissioner Eld seconded and carried to approve the lawn maintenance contract be awarded to the Cutting Edge.

John Coombs stated bids were opened on April 22, 2010, it appeared that Scott Hendrickson had the lowest bid.

Commissioner Eld requested delaying until May 10, 2010, so as to have John come back with a bid on how much it will cost to have a materials inspector come up from Boise and other related items, i.e. designated financial manager and project manager.

Lindley Kirkpatrick, Michelle Groenevelt, Bert Kulesza, Gretel Kleint, Murray Dalglish, Jack Hellbusch, Michael David, Mike Maciaszek, Steve Millemann, members of VARHA were present for a joint meeting.

Michael presented findings from initial needs assessment, re-valuation of goals/mission due to shift in economic conditions, and what is wanted/needed from VARHA. They have shifted their recent focus to provide affordable rentals for median households – less than \$15/hr.

Commissioner Eld felt even if it were necessary to scale back, it is important to maintain the Housing Authority. It will be harder to bring the Board back later, when needed, if dissolved.

Steve felt it very important to acquire property but more so to gain consensus as to where both sponsors are at. Personally, he feels the Board is afloat financially and goal wise.

Michael adds there are not funds/grants available for housing authorities.

Frank Eld would like to see the director get a housing ordinance re-established for the future if things pick up again. BOCC is in support of the program. Commissioner Cruickshank thought the McCall Council would be in attendance, he wanted their feedback. Have the Board generate ideas and come back to discuss ways of approaching land acquisition and/or different types of incentives. Partnership continued.

Chairman Winkle requested either VARHA as a group, or Michael himself coming to the Commissioners every two months.

Carol McCoy-Brown and Randy Hayman, explained the Forest Management Plan amendments. This would be for a ten-year plan.

Ken Postma added, do not confuse ASQ, with growth.

Randy stated the ASQ ceiling is the potential, predicable and recurrent level as balanced with timber/forest use.

Commissioner Cruickshank is skeptical of averages and the accountability of the Forest Service to provide for the human element. The yield of 400,000 acres will not be moved.

Carol explained the 400,000 will not be taken off the books. She said there have been 3 timber sales recently with no bids; this will cause her level of funding to be pulled.

Commissioner Cruickshank felt the Forest Service would have to earn trust back.

Ralph McKenzie provided status of recycling center, with Recycle Partners representative, Mary Hart. Four estimates have been turned in for construction.

Matt stated general contractor must be Public Works licensed and has to handle 20% of the work, especially since this is will be with public money.

Mary said they were a 501(c)(3). The building is a collaborative effort for funding to build. She would like to apply for a lot grant and asked for an additional \$50,000 from the County as match. She would be willing to see if Carol Coyle in McCall, will write a grant. She must know by April 29, 2010.

Commissioner Cruickshank said he doesn't know if the County can provide the full requested amount, some matching yes, but not all. Start as a drop-off center and bailer section later, as funding goes. Committed to project but not the full amount of funding as of yet.

Commissioner Eld made a motion to commit \$50,000, even if that portion comes out of next budget session. Commissioner Cruickshank seconded and carried.

Ralph stated Lakeshore Disposal is looking for price increase, due to economic times, 14% residential and 5% commercial.

Jerry Robinson asked for review of MOU with Nez Perce Tribe for maintenance to Big Creek and Big Creek-Jacobs Ladder Bridges. He will make changes and bring back for the next meeting to sign.

Gordon read letters pertaining to Nez Perce project request.

Commissioner Eld moved to approve and have Chairman sign the support letter for Project 2007-127-00 Change Request #411, as corrections are made, Commissioner Cruickshank seconded and carried.

Jerry Robinson presented Stibnite Road Mitigation Agreement for review. He would like to take 5% of the money for administrative costs. Other projects include chip sealing and grading/re-shaping roads; putting in a salt fence on West Mountain; starting to open the road into High Valley. Road closure to Mr. Amos's property in Yellowpine by the Forest Service.

Commissioner Eld moved to have a letter written to PNF for an explanation regarding the road closures and authorize the Chairman to sign, Commissioner Cruickshank seconded, and carried.

Commissioner Cruickshank moved to continue support of Woody Biomass and give funding of \$6,000. Commissioner Eld seconded, and carried.

Chairman Winkle moved to approve receipt of monies for the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program funding awarded to Valley County, seconded by Commissioner Eld and carried.

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes for April 5th, motion carried. Approval of the April 12th meeting minutes was postponed until a motion can be clarified, per Commissioner Eld.

Commissioner Eld moved to go into Executive Session, per Idaho Code 67-2345(b) Commissioner Cruickshank seconded. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

All signified to come out of Executive Session.

Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

GERALD "JERRY" WINKLE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KATIE DURFEE, ACTING CLERK