

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

**Special Meeting
May 8, 2009**

**PRESENT: GERALD “JERRY” WINKLE) CHAIRMAN
FRANK W. ELD) COMMISSIONERS
GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK)
ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK**

Chairman Winkle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the County’s solid waste operation. Lakeshore representatives were present and participated. Prosecuting Attorney Matt Williams was present representing Valley County.

Commissioner Eld suggested beginning with the past controversy concerning mixed loads. He is willing to accept the figures for right now, but the numbers only relate to a period of 6 months ending November of 2008. He is concerned with the period June of 2004 through May of 2008. Response, that it probably started in the summer of 2008 because Lakeshore had experienced equipment difficulties at that time. They had looked prior to that and found no indications prior to May of 2008. Commissioner Eld suggested taking the position that in fairness, we should consider the County lost \$26,350 every six months since June of 2005 which would be approximately \$159,000.

Lakeshore responded that they will confer with Chris Carey, and explore further proof, evidence or indications as to whether or not the practice had existed.

The discussion then turned to a revision of a franchise agreement. Lakeshore is asking for a rate increase in the contract. Secondly, they will be proposing a franchise arrangement. Lakeshore would prefer the franchise arrangement instead of a rate increase.

Commissioner Winkle suggested an independent audit to determine if, in fact, the mixed load problem existed prior to May, 2008.

Franchise fees are typically passed on to the consumer. This is because the permits to operate are paid by the County. Potential rates were displayed by Lakeshore and discussed in detail.

Commissioner Cruickshank noted that the analysis put forth by Lakeshore does not include the charges made by the gatekeeper. This would go to Lakeshore per their proposal.

Lakeshore will respond concerning a proposal for an audit, perhaps for the 12 months preceding May of 2008 to determine if there any indications of a “mixed load” charge. If not, there is probably no reason to go further back in time.

June 10th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. will be a follow-up meeting assuming Lakeshore provides the information requested.

Glenna Young reported on efforts of the committee to determine commercial rates for solid waste. She is to continue with her committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

GERALD WINKLE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK