

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

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

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:00 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes.

Chairman Cruickshank asked for approval of the agenda as prepared. Commissioner Moore moved for approval of the agenda as prepared. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Motion to approve claims, in the amount of \$675,884.07 by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle, and the motion carried. Commissioner Moore moved to approve a Board Order claim in the amount of \$3,498.12, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country was led by Charles Pickens.

Sue Probst reported for Assessor's Office. There are three appeals that have been forwarded to the Board of Tax Appeals. St. Luke's has until tomorrow to appeal

Anne Guarino reported on activities with building permits, which includes 5 new structures, and 6 in process. She will be setting up her test for Building Official certification this week.

Doug Miller has a \$35,707 application for a Title 5 Grant for this forthcoming year. They have served forty-one juveniles for diversion, 54 for after school efforts, and 14 for mentoring program. July 28th is the final day for the P O T S program.

Vim Braak reported a busy time for 4-H. He will be busy for most of next week. Another AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer position has been approved and will start on August 1st. He is preparing an economic analysis summary for Kelly's Whitewater Park. Next week is the fair, and he will be measuring the economic impact of that activity.

Greg Malmen reported on the mapping system for 9-1-1 (Bulberry). They tried the mobile piece; it worked well with the tough book laptop computer. The telephone system (Frontier), will require additional software after 2015, and may require new telephones across the board. There is a budget consideration for the following year if this cannot be done quickly.

Purchasing refurbished machines in some cases appears to be favorable cost wise to upgrading older machines. Refurbished are \$250 each vs. \$220 for upgrading machines that may be 7-8 years old. His points were well-taken and he should proceed to purchase refurbished equipment where appropriate to the needs of the user. Commissioner Moore asked for former Commissioner Eld's emails forwarded to him be discontinued. The Economic Development page is up and running.

Cynda Herrick reported she is en route to Post Falls this morning and asked to be excused from the McCall Impact Area issue scheduled later today. The P & Z Commission did approve the demolition permit for the Tamarack Lifts after several hours of thorough discussion. She is excused by the Board.

Sheriff Bolen appeared and discussed a \$71,197.76 communications grant request. This would result in important new features, and upgrades especially the ability to pin-point locations from callers.

Commissioner Moore moved for approval of the grant request, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

She asked if the "cut-off" road can be closed to Thunder City to avoid additional coverage of that route. ITD will provide signage. Lettering has been installed on the E. O. C Building. Sheriff's Department will be busy with the Fair, Air Show and Harmonica Festival and will be bringing in more help from other agencies.

Glenna reported she is finishing up the aftermath of the June tax drive. She is working on the Warrants of Distrain. Of the outstanding tax, June collections were 92%, with an 8% delinquency rate.

Tom Olson, former County Commissioner, visited with the Board on concerns of how the Road Department is operating. Chairman Cruickshank answered some of his concerns, however he requested Mr. Olson to contact Jerry Robinson, the Road Superintendent, for further details.

Commissioner Winkle discussed a contact made with him by Midas Gold Corporation, considering their intentions for the future in and around the YellowPine – Stibnite area. He said that he will be contacting them and they would like to come and talk with the Board.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2011, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

A proposal from the American Legion Post in McCall for a flag destruction ceremony near the McCall Annex was discussed. The flags are to be destroyed in the customary manner, by fire, with the McCall Fire Department present and in concurrence with how they are to do it. The Commission registered no objecting to doing so. The Clerk will coordinate with Post 119 in McCall and Post 60 in Cascade.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed the proposed Forest Management Concept, which has been put to the Board for decision as of this time. Ken Postma, Natural Resource Consultant for Valley County, suggested it is a way to comply with the philosophy to avoid short term fixes and endless litigation and develop a longer time frame to work with forest counties.

Commissioner Moore moved to offer Valley County support of the Community Forest Management Concept and appoint the Chairman as our spokesperson. Second by Commissioner Winkle, and carried.

Closed session for Indigent and Charity. at 10:40 a.m.

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| 11-RE072 | Request for Lien – New Application |
| 11-AB093 | Request for Lien – New Application |
| 11-RT054 | Request for County Assistance – Denied |
| 11-MG076 | Request for County Assistance - Denied |

Resume Regular Session at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Cruickshank read a retirement request from Frances Garrison, which will follow her completion of 29 years of service with Valley County.

The use of the rodeo arena was discussed. Commissioner Winkle explained his absence from the Board meeting on July 5th. Chairman Cruickshank stated he was unaware of his pending absence until he was so notified by Commissioner Moore. Commissioner Winkle referred to his conversation with Jim McNall of ICRMP who suggested that the main objective of the Board was maintenance. There should be public access to parks, swimming pools and similar facilities. Mr. McNall suggested it should not be accompanied or conditioned upon waivers.

Currently, citizens are now locked out. No one asked to have it locked. The Fair Board has lost numerous sponsors because of locking the arena. Commissioner Winkle referred to one, Tom Olson, who is now a former sponsor.

Commissioner Winkle asked for questions.

Chairman Cruickshank, referring to his notes of July 5th, pointed out that he had been contacted by Katie Durfee, Risk Manager in the Clerk's office, concerning use of the rodeo arena, by Nathan Hines, Fair Board Chairman. He placed the discussion of the use on the agenda for July 5th where it was discussed. He mentioned a contact by a local veterinarian concerned about the spread of an equine disease and suggested that the arena be closed for a time.

Questions asked by those writing for grants could not be answered because records of use of the arena were not used. Commissioner Moore agreed with concerns by the Fair Board Chairman. Risk Manager is also concerned. The true intent of the Board has not been expressed. There is no intention to lock anyone out. There is a lack of communication with the Board. The issue was raised at least by June 29th, and not discussed by Commissioner Winkle. Is the Fair Board working on language, with legal counsel and with ICRMP without coordination with the Board?

Commissioner Winkle said he had previously written to Prosecutor Williams, but did not hear anything back relative to a question from Nate Hines. It was not discussed with the Board, and no answer was received by Commissioner Winkle. Therefore no action was taken by the Board.

Nate Hines mentioned it in the context that he had spoken with Katie Durfee about it. Commissioner Winkle told him to put it on the Board's agenda. Katie spoke to ICRMP and reported their recommendation to Nate. Chairman Cruickshank asked Nate if he had suggestions on how it could be resolved.

Commissioner Moore suggested a combination lock may not be the best answer. ICRMP's concern should be considered. In the past, even hunters have rested their horses there.

Chairman Cruickshank said it was brought to Commissioner Moore and himself and they took action on it. Unfortunately, not all facts were then known to them, and Commissioner Winkle was absent, unable to contribute.

There should be a sign that you can use the arena at your own risk. Nate keeps the schedule and lets people use it. It's a 32 mile round trip. There are people here that could do it, some don't want to. What is the Fair Board's position? Signs stating "no unauthorized use" would be appropriate.

Lori Emerson doesn't like the inconvenience of phoning Nate for permission and/or scheduling.

Liability is the issue. Chief Redman, Cascade Police Department suggested our liability is heightened by permission and scheduling. It would be less, he thinks, if we didn't schedule.

Commissioner Winkle attributes a comment to Jim McNall, ICRMP, that parks do not have signage, implying that the rodeo arena shouldn't need to do that. Katie Durfee, responding to a question from Commissioner Winkle, said that ICRMP provided the language for the waiver to her upon request. Commissioner Moore recommended language be used, such as "No unauthorized users allowed." The County Clerk's office, Katie Durfee, will provide the waivers. These actions are a directive to the Fair Board. The Fair Board is to order the signs and have them put up.

This matter will be at a future Commissioner meeting with the Fair Board and the Prosecutor.

Cynda Herrick provided a staff report concerning Elk Meadows River Ranch, Phase 3.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the final plat for Elk Meadows River Ranch Subdivision Phase III; and authorize the Chairman to sign the plat. Second by Commissioner Winkle and the motion was carried.

Stephanie Johnson and Ken Postma, representing Cabin Creek Enterprises, appeared and presented two amendments to on-going fire mitigation projects. First, Paddy Flat #2, Project Unit #1, she asked for the contract completion date to be extended to August 15, 2011, all other criteria to remain the same. Commissioner Moore moved to grant the extension and for the second amendment, regarding Valley County HFT Project Unit #1, moved to add work area of 6.4 acres and increase the fee by \$7,667.20, all other criteria to remain the same. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Cabin Creek and Donnelly Rural Fire Chief, Juan Bonilla presented a proposal to utilize Title III funds for determining fire assessments in the Wildland Urban Interface. A discussion was held on how much funding would be available after other Title III projects were funded.

Dolores Larsen – Representing Rose Advocates appeared to discuss her organization's help, expecting the number to reach 120. They are the domestic violence and sexual assault assistance center for Valley County. State funding has been \$30,000 per year, and they have a grant for \$48,000 for three years. Recently, the \$30,000 has been withdrawn. They are building a shelter in Payette County presently.

We need to execute an agreement for their continued use of the house Valley County owns, and they want to paint/paper a portion of the house which is now their office.

Michelle Groenvelt appeared and requested a variance, VAR #10-02. JoAnn Butler presented factual information, including drawings. Chairman Cruickshank asked about future widening of Warren Wagon Road and if sufficient area was available in this event. JoAnn Butler replied that there was room for expanding the roadway.

Conditions of approval, item 5 has been deleted.

Commissioner moved to accept the variance requested as VAR #10-02, second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Tami Bishop Rhodes appeared and presented her recommendations for policies on Paid Time Off (PTO), Information Systems and Travel.

PTO and Information Systems Policies were accepted by the Board as presented. Travel, Meals, and forms were also presented, however there was not enough time to complete it today. The entire package will be considered on August 1, 2011.

Fire Chiefs Juan Bonilla, Jim Hass and Garrett de Jong appeared together with Sheriff Bolen and Chief Deputy John Coombs to discuss dispatch costs and reimbursements..

The program in use today for emergency services is not working well. Juan suggested a system where a list is prepared of the services provided today which are above and beyond the every day call plus a number of non-emergency calls beyond a certain level after which the departments would pay dispatch. Last year the fire departments paid \$14,000. This year, services will be more carefully tracked and each department will pay \$5,000. Thereafter, a factual determination will be made when the numbers are known. The fire calls will be classified to determine the nature of the calls and will include EMS calls.

Law enforcement use would necessarily be based on different criteria. EMS calls are deemed to be included with fire calls.

Jerry Robinson appeared and discussed road projects. He is still waiting for the bond requirements from the second bidder for the Elk Creek Project and expects it this week. The Herrick Lane improvements are in process again. The Profile repair will cost about \$30,000 and about \$70,000 for last year, from flood related events, for a total of \$100,000 that may be eligible for reimbursement from Title III.

Ralph McKenzie appeared and presented a summary of the bids for the concrete portion of the addition at the MRF. Successful bidder was Cornerstone Construction at \$22,575.00 together with bid bond. Motion by Commissioner Moore to accept Cornerstone Construction's bid, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle to convene Executive Session for the purpose of a proposed Property Purchase, as per Idaho Code 67-2345(1) (c).

Roll call vote, Commissioner Winkle, "aye" Commissioner Moore, "aye" and Chairman Cruickshank, "aye".

Entered Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

Resume Regular Session at 4:27 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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