

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
August 1, 2011**

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

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:00 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes. Agenda was approved as presented on motion of Commissioner Moore, second by Chairman Cruickshank and carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Stathis.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve Board Order Claim as presented, payable to Hatfield Log Homes in the amount of \$2,988.00, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter Executive Session in accordance with I.C. 67-2345 (1) (f) second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the recommendations of ICRMP (which cannot be made public until accepted by all parties concerned), and enter into the settlement agreement as proposed by ICRMP counsel. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Stephanie Johnson appeared for the purposes of discussing the Title III notification. She submitted a proposed Public Notice to the Board concerning the utilization of funds made available under Public Law 110-343. Commissioner Moore moved to accept the Public Notice for the use of Title III funds including suggested minor changes.

Commissioner Moore moved to accept the meeting minutes of July 25, 2011 as corrected. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Commissioner Moore moved to authorize the 319 grant application for \$70,000 and \$130,448 for a total project cost of \$200,448 for the Clear Creek Restoration and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Dan Jones, representing Western Benefits, appeared and presented information concerning health benefits. He provided statistical summaries of health insurance costs to the County and suggested that after study, the Board engage the Gem Plan in constructive conversations.

Tami Bishop Rhodes appeared and discussed proposals for travel policy, which resulted in adding a notation to her proposals to include approval for in-county meals in those situations where it is appropriate, i.e., road employees working in Yellow Pine and deputies responding to certain emergencies, as approved by the Board. Tami will make changes and bring back to the Commissioners to review. Interest in reworking the pay matrix in the near future was discussed by having a wage analysis study performed to determine where Valley County is with the current market in wage classification. It was further discussed to rescind articles 2 and 3 of the Pay Matrix rules and rework article 4 to specify responsibility for the wage and salary establishment with the Board. Tami provided the Commissioners with a potential new personnel policy for review to see if the Commissioners are interested in this type of update to the personnel policy.

Barb Pyle appeared as representative for the EMS Council and discussed the operations and budget presentations to be made on August 8, 2011. The Commissioners requested actual expenses from the prior years to review to see how the EMS is spending the funding and how it relates to current needs and revenue.

Michele Groenevelt appeared to discuss the McCall area pathway. There is a steering committee in place. Grants are scarce. McCall City Council has been asked for funding. They are still working with the various stakeholders. She is attempting to get a plan for connections of the pathways within the City and with existing pathways coming into the City.

She has met with the Valley County Road Department to request widening of the shoulders along Warren Wagon Road or at a minimum by striping the road surface to show a separated area for bike riding. She may have some funding available to do this in the next fiscal year. She is also working with the McCall Improvement Corporation, who has \$38,700 in funding available.

Dennis Coyle advised that formerly, moneys were raised as far back as the 1990's to improve pathways in McCall. They would like County Government to know where they are headed. Dennis made inquiries as to who has jurisdiction of the gravel portion of Eastside Drive. Chairman Cruickshank commented that it is still under ownership of the State of Idaho; however Valley County does the maintenance on that section. The Commissioners requested Michele or Dennis to keep Jerry Robinson and Cynda Herrick apprised of developments. Valley County may be able to help with "in-kind" assistance.

Adjourn for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Reconvene at 1:05 p.m.

Chris Seubert appeared concerning the crushing contract. He said that they hadn't been able to readily produce the chips needed for chip sealing. They continue to try to obtain material that will enable them to meet the specifications set. Starting Thursday, Seuberts' should be able to produce 500 tons per day. The County's needs are 400 tons per day to do 2 miles. This should be acceptable to all concerned. Jerry Robinson informed the Commissioners that if the material is not in spec then the contractor will not be paid. He will be watching this process to insure compliance. Penalties will also go into effect on August 10, 2011 as this was the date this contract was extended to by an earlier Commissioner meeting.

Jerry Robinson is scheduled to begin the Chip Sealing for Valley County on August 8th and will need the chips to continue so he can maintain his schedule for Chip Sealing. He has already postponed this work by one week to help accommodate the crushing project.

Commissioner Moore moved to convene Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1)(f). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winkle, carried by Roll Call vote, Commissioner Winkle, "aye", Commissioner Moore "aye," and Chairman Cruickshank, "aye."

Reconvene Regular Session at 1:28 p.m.

Commissioner Moore presented his recommendation for the winter recreation use in the Goose Lake area that has been proposed by the Winter REC Committee. Commissioner Moore sits on the committee to represent Valley County. Chairman Cruickshank and Commissioner Winkle approved of Commissioner Moore's recommendation.

Budget discussion followed. The Commissioners reviewed the draft budget and revenues. As they reviewed they made additions or corrections where appropriate. Additions and corrections will be forthcoming for the final budget publication and approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

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