

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
August 11, 2008**

**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.

Claims were read by Commissioner Cruickshank:

General Fund	\$ 74,800.60
Road and Bridge	\$341,762.15
District Court	\$ 5,000.38
Indigent and Charity	\$ 149.00
Revaluation	\$ 851.88
Solid Waste	\$108,271.92
Veterans Memorial	\$ 67.25
Weeds	\$ 3,060.84
Pest Control	\$ 184.26
Snowmobile	\$ 6,886.95
Waterways	\$ 3,386.68
Grand Total	<u>\$544,421.91</u>

On motion of Commissioner Cruickshank, second by Commissioner Eld, it was carried to approve claims for payment.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country was lead by Chairman Winkle.

On motion of Commissioner Eld, second by Commissioner Cruickshank, Junior College tuition for Carmen Randolph of McCall was approved and carried.

Department Heads and Elected Officials Reports

Glenna Young, Treasurer, reported on her attendance at the Treasurer's Association annual meeting in Idaho Falls. The law changed concerning tax deeds effective January 1, 2008. She and Assessor agree to cancel tax on prior years for property owned by the government. Amount is \$560.96, a mining claim. On motion of Commissioner Eld and second by Commissioner Cruickshank, tax cancellation was approved.

Karen reported on her visit to the Idazona property where the appraisal was completed.

Doug Miller reported and introduced Jason Stone, district liaison Department of Juvenile Corrections who briefly explained his role and provided a quarterly update and offered to answer any question the Board may have.

Juvenile Justice approved grant for the Garden project in the approximate amount of \$4,500.

Kevin Gaither, Weeds and Pest Control Supervisor reported. He has turned in two birds and a bat for analysis. Negative results were reported following the analyses.

Cynda Herrick, Planning and Zoning Commission. Cynda inquired about the census and as a consequence of her interest, she was appointed as Valley County's Coordinator for the upcoming census.

Sheriff Patti Bolen reported that she had received three bids for the enhanced 911 system. She will try to get bids to the commission for approval on or about August 25th.

She is experiencing difficulties with street names and locations, for example Aspen Condos vs. Aspen Village Condos.

Jail inspection has been completed and passed, a few suggestions were offered.

She will meet with the McCall Area Merchants Association and Idaho Parks and Recreation this week for coordination.

Greg Malmen, IT Administrator reported on progress with the Credit Card issue with the courts. The impediment is the availability of phone lines.

Paula Fodrea, WICAP Coordinator reports that she is getting busy again, and is working on school supplies and shoes for the kids to return to school.

A church group is coming from Eastern Idaho and will be doing projects for the County, including repairs, yard work and wood cutting for those in need locally.

Steve Brown appeared to discuss his letter of resignation. He now asserts that the Clerk went behind his back by discussing his employment with the City of Cascade. The Clerk denies any form of subterfuge; he was merely fact finding in his role as auditor. Brown claims to have kept records of his time on his calendar. The time was never reported to the clerk's office. He used "comp" time to do the city's work. He did not record the time spent on city building inspections. Commissioner Cruickshank pointed out that at the time; Brown was not earning "comp" time in his exempt status under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

He also expressed dissatisfaction with the finding of Human Resources Director Glenna Young, Prosecutor Matt Williams and Commissioner Gordon Cruickshank who had been empanelled to inquire into his complaints about Planning and Zoning Commissioner Cynda Herrick.

Commissioner Eld adds he's known Steve for a long time in several capacities. He does not believe Steve would cheat the County out of any time. There has been a lot of stuff not written down in the County (in the past.) That is not an issue, according to the clerk; the issue is to prevent it from happening in the future.

Commissioner Cruickshank points out that Brown had tendered a letter of resignation.

Chairman Winkle directed Brown to return to work until further notice.

Closed session for Indigent. The following actions were approved:

Case 08-RT059 Denial

Reconvened back into regular session.

Joe Harper, Gary Brown and Laura Pramuk, USFS, Payette National Forest appeared to discuss Fire updates. They have two topics to discuss, structure protection and pilot authority. It's a slow season so far no fires over 10 acres so far. He provided a briefing paper entitled Fire and Aviation Management Briefing Paper.

Warren Sedlacek Board of Reclamation appeared to provide notice that they will be painting the gates on the dam in late September, 2009 and the road over the dam will be closed for 6 to 8 weeks.

12:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch

1:00 p.m. Reconvene regular session

Public Hearing on South Koskella Road was convened. Commissioner Cruickshank disclosed that he had worked on the road when he was the Road Superintendent. No ex parte contacts were reported by the commission.

The Staff Report delivered by Cynda Herrick, to change name to Takeuchi Drive, east leg name to be changed to Seubert Lane. No public responses.

No proponent, no non committed, no opponent

Public hearing closed and returned to the staff. Commissioner Cruickshank moves to retain Goode Lane, then to Takeuchi Drive, then to Seubert Lane, 2nd by Commissioner Eld and carried.

Dr. Pat Momont appeared to continue discussions of priorities for County Extension Office. He discussed roles and responsibilities for Barbara. He spoke of community development as a new issue for funding at the federal level. He has a large amount of funding for Horizon.

Her agriculture programming is not as well known as community development. She also does horticulture. Is 4-H youth development a priority for a county that is changing as rapidly as is Valley County? It is a priority to staff the office at the full level.

Commissioner Cruickshank commented that Valley County may not be able to help out. She may have to close the office at times.

Commissioner Eld commented that we've got a tough year coming. Not an ideal situation and Craig-Wyden funds are very doubtful.

A discussion of the savings possibility, which would come about from four 10-hour days followed.

Road Department is still working on drainage in the Wagon Wheel area. Work has just started on Elk Creek Road this morning. Road will be closed tomorrow, working 5 tens because of the distance. It should be done in two weeks. Idaho County wants to negotiate with Valley County to do maintenance on the Burgdorf -Warren Road. It appears to be a task requiring monthly service and it does not include snow removal. June, July, August and September are the months, maybe four times annually. Jerry will work up figures and discuss the work with Idaho County.

Consideration was given to a request to pave Goose Neck Court by Toby Olson. Toby will attempt to work with the neighbors to bring about an agreement between the users for maintenance.

As of 8/11/08, there remains \$78,224 unspent in the motor vehicles for Motor Pool. Should we buy one or more cars for the Sheriff's Office this fiscal year?

The rest of the customers of the motor pool do not immediately need cars.

Commissioners released the contingency on vehicle purchases by the Sheriff's Office. They are to effect the purchases not later than 10/10/08 to be included in the FY 2008 budget year.

Wayne Forrey and his wife Karen appeared to discuss the road to Fritser Ranch. Karen's grandfather settled on the Salmon River before Valley County was a County. Ranch is known as the Fritser Ranch and is located about five miles from the end of the road down the Salmon/Secesh River and the road formerly extended up from Elk Creek as well. In 1997 some of the road washed away. The U. S. Forest Service closed the road. Forrey's want to persuade the Forest Service to open the road. They say it's a safety concern.

RS2477 has been asserted. The Forrey's ask our support and want a letter of support from Valley County to the Forest Service. Moved by Chairman Winkle and second by Commissioner Eld to support them and carried. A letter of support will be sent by the Clerk.

Consideration was given to the Payette Lakes Boating Ordinance 4.7.1 and 4.7.2

Commissioner Cruickshank acknowledges he was not fully in favor of this ordinance when enacted. He was concerned then about its impact on the economy. It does have an impact. The impact does not result from the age limit. We have been approached by people from the community, the McCall Merchants, a Church Camp and others. After much research and many conversations concerning 12-16 year olds, and education to make them safer on personal watercraft he concludes education is a good idea. There is a cost for the education but such training may last a lifetime. He would like to see the ordinance rewritten so that 12 year olds and up to sixteen are to be educated and thereafter be allowed to operate personal watercraft without direct adult supervision.

Chairman Winkle agrees, citing an e-mail from Bob Hunt as persuasive in this regard. He therefore agrees with Commissioner Cruickshank, adding that he would like to see any person between the ages of 14-16, if cited for an infraction of the rules relating to personal water craft operation, be denied their privilege of operating the watercraft would lose the privilege to operate the watercraft until they complete a safety course.

Commissioner Eld thinks the majority of the infractions he has seen are infractions of the state of Idaho boating law. He likes the ordinance. He thinks it is effective. He does not think there is any economic impact which results from the ordinance.

Asks Al Wonenberg if there are any programs available from the Coast Guard. Yes, either 1 or 7 hour courses, and also Idaho Parks and Recreation have a course called, Boat Idaho.

Commissioner Cruickshank then moves to leave the enforcement of 14 year-olds and up as it is now and work toward building the education program for the fourteen and fifteen year olds for 2009 and thereafter. Chairman Winkle and Commissioner Cruickshank voted "Aye" and those opposed, Commissioner Eld "Nay". (Presently, under age 16 are not cited, but parents are called and asked to retrieve their child)

The Board suggests a budget workshop for Monday, August 18, 2008.

After additional consideration of Steve Brown's resignation, Commissioner Eld says we should not accept his resignation and that's his motion if you have to have a motion. After much discussion, the Board postponed decision concerning this matter until they are able to consult with the Valley County Prosecuting Attorney.

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

GERALD WINKLE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ARCHIE N. BANBURY, CLERK