

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
August 3, 2011**

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

**KATIE DURFEE, ACTING CLERK**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:03 a.m. with Acting Clerk Durfee taking minutes. Commissioner Moore asked for two additions to the Agenda - at 9:05 a.m. Valley County Visitor's Bureau – Sterile Area of River for Air Show and at 10:30 a.m. – General Budget Discussion. Chairman Cruickshank requested an addition to the Agenda as well – Discussion of Acceptance – Flamingo Donation at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Winkle seconded and carried.

Ronda Sandmeyer appeared on behalf of the Valley County Visitor's Bureau regarding concerns for the air show this weekend, sterile area of particular concern.

Sheriff Bolen accompanied Ronda and explained the sterile area is for safety purposes, so that no one is in the area floating the river during the air show from 10 am – 2 pm.

Ronda asked for support from Valley County, FAA is asking for a fly box (sterile area), as a safety perimeter near the airfield.

The Commissioners appreciated notification and acknowledged their support.

Rick Ridenour, Weed Supervisor, appeared to present his revenue line items for the weed budget. Two part time positions were added to the “A” budget for 2012.

Jerry Robinson, Road Supervisor and Sheriff Bolen, presented like matters for budget considerations.

Sheriff Bolen requested an Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter.

Commissioner Moore moved to go in to Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345 (1)(b), Commissioner Winkle seconded and carried. Roll Call: Commissioner Moore “aye”, Commissioner Winkle “aye” and Chairman Cruickshank “aye”.

Commissioner Moore moved to table Executive Session, Commissioner Winkle seconded and carried.

Discussion then ensued for adding a Reserve Unit onto the Sheriff’s “A” Budget. Authorization to add \$10,000, plus benefits to line item of “Other Personnel”.

Chairman Cruickshank then began review of General Fund, “A” Budgets and review of vacant positions. There are many vacant positions still showing in the “A” budget that could be removed or shown at the entry level of pay. Some are at the highest level and add to the overall cost for wages. Discussion was held on what vacant positions needed to come out of the budget.

Commissioner Moore presented an across the board wage increase of 2%. Discussion followed and final was to provide the 2% increase.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the change in commissioner duties and now meeting every Monday to handle the County business. Thought we would have lighter commission meetings, however that has not occurred. Commissioner Moore commented on how much work is needed to prepare for commissioner meetings and feels we are making better decisions as a result. Chairman Cruickshank then asked for the commission to consider at least a \$10,000.00 increase which would put the commissioners at 75% of what the other elected officials receive. He went on to comment on the amount of days spent working for the best interest of Valley County compared to just a few years ago. His average over 4 months was 19-20 days, where two years ago it was 12 or so a month. Commissioner Winkle agreed that we are spending more time.

Adjourn for Lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Reconvene at 1:12 p.m.

Treasurer, Glenna Young joined the meeting via telephone along with Chief Deputy Hinson. Chairman Cruickshank discussed the progress made this morning and the considerations involved. He mentioned a 2% increase for all County employees.

Chairman Cruickshank explained the Board has been meeting every Monday each month and spending a considerable amount of additional time to get the County's work done. They therefore intend to raise their salaries by a minimum of \$10,000, and requested to be at 75% of what the other elected officials were paid, per Commissioner per year. Commissioner Moore commented that the public may not understand the time requirement needed to be a commissioner today. Commissioner Winkle had looked back in his book and commented he is putting in more time as well, especially on this budget.

Several Department Heads and Elected Officials requested some time in Executive Session to discuss individual positions.

Commissioner Moore expressed his appreciation to the staff for their hard work. Commissioner Winkle added his thanks as well.

After discussion, Glenna disconnected and returned to her conference.

Chairman Cruickshank noted that the "Pink Flamingo" cancer organization had delivered a check for \$300.00 as a donation to Valley County for accommodating a request to grade Corral Creek Road.

Jerry Robinson had requested that the check be returned to that charity because it is the nature of the Road Department's job.

Chairman Cruickshank thanked Jerry and all agreed to return the check so it can be used in furtherance of the intended charity.

Resumed this morning's Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

Budget discussion on various lines to clarify some of the changes made during the morning session and to clarify which vacant positions would be removed. Chairman Cruickshank will review with Chief Deputy Durfee and have a new report sent out via email to the Commissioners.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

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Katie Durfee, Acting Clerk  
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