

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
August 8, 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 9:01 a.m. with Clerk Banbury taking minutes.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Moore, amendment offered by Commissioner Moore to add approval of MOU for loan of pneumatic roller from Gem County and move budget discussion to 10:00 a.m., second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Lori Bateman presented MOU for approval by the Commissioners regarding the pneumatic roller. Motion to approve the MOU and authorize the Chairman to sign same by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Motion to approve claims, in the amount of \$640,787.64, which includes Board Order Claims of \$15,931.53 as presented by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Winkle, and the motion carried.

Certificates of Residency regarding Junior College Tuition for two students, Sharlee Smith and Walter Isaac were submitted for approval by the Board. On motion of Commissioner Moore and second by Commissioner Winkle, the certificates were approved.

June Fullmer reported concerning pending Board of Tax Appeals submissions.

Clerk Banbury reported the budget was still in process.

Doug Miller's report was read by Chairman Cruickshank, principally the success of his garden project (POTS) which won the Gnome Award in local competition for non-profits. Trail crew will be ending in two weeks for this season.

Vim Braak reported a good session at the Fair as managed by Allyson. She did a great job with the team effort.

He continues his work with a community development survey. He hopes to complete a number of such surveys; it will take some time as it is a "zero budget" effort. The new Vista volunteer is "KJ".

Tami Bishop Rhodes, HR Director reported. The Court Supervisor position has been announced and she is receiving applications. She continues work on her other projects including the revisions to the employee's manual.

Greg Malmen appeared to discuss a quote on a new phone system from Frontier with an increase as was previously quoted. He requested an approval from the Commissioners to go forward with obtaining a contract. Chairman Cruickshank stated to go ahead. His department is currently working on upgrades to Microsoft programs.

Cynda Herrick stated there were three C.U.P applications. She is working to maintain flood insurance. No updates from VARHA on current budget status. She questioned how actively she should pursue. This is the same for the Historical Society's budget as well. Finally, she would like a list of participants as representatives for economic development. Chairman Cruickshank asked that Cynda come back on the agenda next Monday at 10:30 a.m., for discussion of Economic Development Participants and Objectives. Lastly, the City of Cascade is working to get their Comp Plan into public hearing process.

County Prosecutor, Matt Williams appeared and explained he had been out of town and was working to get caught up before leaving again.

Sheriff Bolen said they were through the busiest weekend of the summer. Numbers are up in the Jail. A FEMA representative had visited the EOC for inspection and was pleased. Good comments were heard this last weekend on East Fork Road after the Road Department had repaired it.

Treasurer Glenna Young attended the Treasurer's Conference last week in Pocatello. Pending issue of Tax Deeds, there are 37 with 6 more expecting payment on or before the 23rd. Warrants of Distraint mailed out -117 on manufactured homes and 143 on personal property, with 26 making payment arrangements. Glenna is scheduled to appear on August 15th at 11 am, for Tamarack Personal Property Taxes.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the August 1, 2011 meeting minutes, Commissioner Winkle seconded and carried. At this point in time, the August 3, 2011 minutes will not be approved until further corrections can be made.

Chairman Cruickshank presented review of letter of intent for Squaw Creek.

Discussion of budget ensued with Commissioner Moore reviewing corrections needing to be made to the budget excel spreadsheet and there is current concern towards remaining cash balance. Commissioner Moore presented a decrease of 31% in taxes and fees by his calculations. Matt Williams encouraged a press release of the budget.

Met in Closed Session to discuss Indigent Matters at 10:30 am.

11-MB084	Denied for Medical Assistance
11-SH077	Denied for Medical Assistance
11-NM079	Release of Medical Lien
11-LM066	Release of Medical Lien
11-AC070	Release of Medical Lien
11-MH078	Medical Lien Requested – New Application for Assistance
11-JC072	Medical Lien Requested – New Application for Assistance
11-RV076	Medical Lien Requested – New Application for Assistance
11-SW079	Medical Lien Requested – New Application for Assistance

Reconvened at 10:37 am

Discussion continued on increase of Commissioner’s duties. Commissioner Moore expressed the difficulty in quantifying how much time is spent handling the various components of what they handle.

Chairman Cruickshank said the difficulty is in the multiple interruptions during the course of a day.

Matt Williams suggested utilization of web page to communicate more information to the public.

Commissioner Moore commented the amount of time commuting to meetings should be tracked as well.

Commissioner Moore moved to go into Executive Session, as per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (d) at 10:48 am. Commissioner Winkle seconded and carried. Roll call: Commissioner Moore “aye”, Chairman Cruickshank “aye” and Commissioner Winkle “aye”.

Resumed Regular Session at 11:32 a.m.

Cynda Herrick, Concerning Variance V-2-11, Lojek variance. 12875 Longhorn Road, Lot 25 in McLeod and Edwards, Wagon Wheel Subdivision No2, Valley County, Idaho, Donald and Cecilia Lojek. Mr. and Mrs. Lojek own all adjacent properties and request relaxation of the front set back. Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously denied this request. It is not in harmony with other ordinances. There is no showing of undue hardship, they may not own the property in the future, and may also sell adjacent properties. Cynda concurs in denial.

No questions of staff. The Commissioners were provided with plat maps and other documents for deliberation.

Mr. Don Lojek, 1344 Winlock Court, Boise, Idaho. He has owned the subject parcel since 1984. None of his neighbors have objected to the requested variance. Jerry Robinson communicated to the P & Z Commission that he may want to widen the road and this variance would prevent his doing so. Mr. Lojek offered to agree that any outbuildings that are in the way will be removed, and make this a part of his deed or otherwise connect with the land. He has not had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Robinson since.

Another issue is ample parking to the side of the property as opposed to in front. His intentions will be to stay within the confines of his property and not in any right-of-way.

Chairman Cruickshank said removal of a couple of trees would permit the construction of a garage without a variance. That doesn't seem to amount to a hardship. Commissioner Moore stated he would ask for a denial. Mr. Lojek would like snow removal service from the County. Commissioner Moore asked that Cynda contact Mr. Robinson and ask him to return Mr. Lojek's telephone call. Commissioner Winkle moved to deny Variance V-2-11, the Lojek variance and second by Commissioner Moore and carried.

Adjourn for lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Reconvene at 1:02 p.m.

Nate Hines appeared and discussed the use of the rodeo arena. He had received two telephone calls, and thinks Katie Durfee may have had a couple others concerning the use of the rodeo arena. Chairman Cruickshank asked Nate to return with recommendations after the next meeting of the Fair Board.

Nate said the number of vendors was down about 30% from past years.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter Executive Session in accordance with IC 67-2345 (1) (f). Second by Commissioner Winkle. Roll Call Vote, Commissioner Winkle "aye", Commissioner Moore "aye" and Chairman Cruickshank "aye."

Convene Executive Session at 1:31 p.m.

Chief Juan Bonilla, Deputy Chief Barb Pyle, Chief Jim Hass and EMT Jill Hiller appeared to discuss their prior expenditures and current status of expenditures for FY 2011.

Chief Bonilla, presented financial summaries for FY2008, FY2009, FY2010, FY 2011 to date, and proposed for FY2012. He explained that they do not report grants as income, but rather wait, open and amend their budget after receipt of the grant and authorize expenditures from the grant. He discussed saving for the purchase of an ambulance.

Commissioner Moore examined the “FY2011 Budget and expenditures to date, line by line and questioned each one. Budgeted Expenditures are \$336,600; actual expenditures through July 2011 are \$176,729. The unspent amount is \$159,330.

Jim Hass, Cascade Fire Chief presented his proposed budget and Commissioners Moore and Cruickshank, questioned items line by line.

McCall’s budget was presented by Captain Brandon Swain. Chairman Cruickshank questioned why they all were trying to train up to Paramedics from EMT’s when it appears they all can’t afford to do so. He replied that they would like to provide the best service possible. This adds revenue to their operation as well. The paramedic services are to be utilized primarily for facility to facility transfers. This fundamentally brings some of the Emergency Room services into the ambulance. They can assist with heart medications and pain management beyond what EMT can do.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Winkle believes each Department should be discussed separately. The original agreement was to split the funding from EMS evenly. They need intermediate life support personnel so that they can transport patients to Boise, a frequent occurrence, when either patient or Life Flight cannot perform the transport.

The Chiefs provided additional comments. Chairman Cruickshank and Commissioner Moore both requested more information on how funding is going to be spent. Don’t feel we have enough information with what is presented to understand their budgets. Commissioner Moore commented that we wouldn’t accept this type of budget from our own departments.

Lori Bateman provided a list of Surplus Sale Items from the Motor Pool and Road Department.

Commissioner Moore moved to declare the list provided as surplus, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

Permission was sought to pay overtime to four employees for fighting fire at the MRF. Three at 16.5 hours each and one at 12 hours. Permission was granted by the Commissioners.

The Clear Creek stabilization RAC grant was presented for approval. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign, second by Commissioner Winkle and carried.

A request for temporary speed limit of 25 mph on Sixty Lane near its junction with Highway 55 was presented while a development is in process there. (No motion necessary)

The Road Department has asked that the project of road improvement on the East Fork of the South Fork be continued using left over material and charge a fee of \$50,000.

The bridge job at Profile Creek should result in road closure there for 3-5 days. Tennessee Creek bridge project is moving forward and the Elk Creek Retaining wall construction started this week.

The crews are also started chip sealing this week and the Goode Pit Crushing Project started last Friday.

Ralph McKenzie reported on progress on his building at the MRF. He mentioned the fire at the MRF and that it was extinguished by the Road Department. He plans to install a sprinkler system to control the problem in the future as well to add fire breaks.

Ralph reported on call from Fish and Game on bears at the Yellow Pine and Warm Lake Transfer sites. Extra dumpsters that were there have been removed to eliminate the problem.

Budget discussion continued to review a potential error thought to be in the calculations. After review it was determined that the numbers are correct, it is just a different approach on how the calculations were done.

Adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Archie N. Banbury, Clerk

AB/tme 8-12-11