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IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CASCADE, IDAHO

April 1, 2019

PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)
DAVID BINGAMAN (COMMISSIONER)
ELTING HASBROUCK (COMMISSIONER)
DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner, David Bingaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the commissioners' agenda for April 1, 2019. Clerk, Douglas Miller advised that the matter at 2:00 p.m. for the Memorandum of Understanding for the Upper Payette CWMA Agreement would need to be postponed. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the commissioners' agenda for April 1, 2019, with the removal of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Upper Payette CWMA Agreement. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for April 1, 2019, as amended.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the commissioner meeting minutes from March 25, 2019. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from March 25, 2019. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from March 25, 2019.

Court Services Director, Skip Clapp presented on the Success Law Enforcement Grant for funding of \$200 to provide THC testing kits for vape pens. He advised that the grant was through the Idaho Office of Drug Policy. He provided an overview of how the testing kits

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could be utilized by the Valley County Sheriff's Office and the McCall Police Department. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Success Law Enforcement Grant through the Idaho Office of Drug Policy and authorize Chairman Cruickshank to sign. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Success Law Enforcement Grant through the Idaho Office of Drug Policy and authorize Chairman Cruickshank to sign.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the fire meeting in Adams County on April 15, 2019. Commissioner Bingaman expressed an interest to attend and volunteered to attend the fire meeting in Adams County.

Cascade City Mayor, Judy representing the City of Cascade presented on the adopt a tree box program in Cascade. She provided an overview of the adopt a tree box program and requested that Valley County adopt the trees that are located in front of the Valley County Courthouse. She advised that the City of Cascade would be improving the watering system and bringing in new soil before the organizations adopt the tree boxes. Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to participate in the adopt a tree box program offered by the City of Cascade. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed for Valley County to participate in the adopt a tree box program offered by the City of Cascade.

Human Resource Director, Pat Duncan began the discussion related to the Senior Community Service Employment Program. She provided an overview of the program and what it entails. She explained that the program was offered through the Idaho Department of Labor. She informed the commissioner that today was just a presentation to explain the program. The commissioners discussed with other Elected Officials who were in attendance to obtain their opinion related to the program. The commissioners also had questions if Valley County would have the ability to choose the individual. Pat indicated she would research the program in detail and obtain additional opinions with a report back to the commissioners.

Prosecuting Attorney, Carol Brockmann presented to the commissioners on a stipulation related to Valley County Parcel RP17N02E244806. She explained that the property was taken during a Tax Deed Sale by Valley County and advised that there was an issue with the property that there needed to be a clear title done. She advised that currently Valley County was served with a lawsuit and a stipulation needed to be done for a clear title. The matter was not placed on the agenda as an action item and would need to be revisited on the next commissioners' agenda.

Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(d)-"to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code"-Indigent & Charity. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, by roll call vote all commissioners voted "aye". The commissioners went into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(d)-Indigent & Charity at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Cruickshank brought the commissioners out of Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(d)-Indigent & Charity at 10:30 a.m.

Decision after Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(d)-Indigent & Charity.

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19-SG059-2	Request for County Indigent Lien / New Application
19-ZG072	Request for County Indigent Lien / New Application
19-JC076	Request for County Indigent Lien / New Application
19-RM069	Request for County Indigent Lien / New Application
19-FL065	Stipulation to Allow 25 Extra Days to Complete Application
19-JC076	Request for Denial
19-RS091	Request for Final Denial
19-KW063	Set Reimbursement Amount
19-RA059	Set Reimbursement Amount
19-AA089	Set Reimbursement Amount
93-W102	Assisted Living and Cannot Pay

Road Superintendent, Jeff McFadden presented to the commissioners a letter of support for the Lake Shore Drive FLAP Grant. He provided an overview of the work that would be conducted if the FLAP Grant was awarded. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to sign the letter of support for the Lake Shore Drive FLAP Grant. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to sign the letter of support for the Lake Shore Drive FLAP Grant.

Road Superintendent, Jeff McFadden presented to the commissioners a letter in order to allow Lithia Body and Paint of Boise to repair a patrol vehicle that was involved in an accident. He explained the repairs that needed to be done. Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to authorize Lithia Body and Paint of Boise to repair the patrol vehicle that was involved in an accident. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to authorize Lithia Body and Paint of Boise to repair the patrol vehicle that was involved in an accident.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to road department funding next year. Clerk, Douglas Miller advised that he received a written response from the Idaho State Tax Commission which states that the road department levy would be required to fall under the 3% increase of counties budgets each year which is found under Idaho Code 63-802. Chairman Cruickshank explained what Valley County could do in the future for funding of the road department to include going for a permanent override levy under Idaho Code 63-802 (1)(h). He also advised that the Idaho State Commission indicated that Valley County could use the forgone amount to levy for the road department. It should be reflected that Valley County

currently has \$1,126,286 in forgone amount. There was also a discussion related to creating a highway district. The commissioners also discussed if additional property tax dollars were levied for the road department how the funding would be expended. The commissioners advised that they would continue to research and review all options to determine appropriate revenue options for the Valley County Road Department.

Major, Mike Keithly provided the commissioners with a Valley County Veterans Service Officer reported. He submitted a written report which will be appended to the commissioner meeting minutes. He did report to the commissioners that the Four Summit Challenge would be canceled for the upcoming event. Major, Mike Keithly also requested an update related to the construction that would be done to Mill Street in Cascade, Idaho. The commissioners advised that they would need to speak with the Valley County Road Department to determine what the completion date would be.

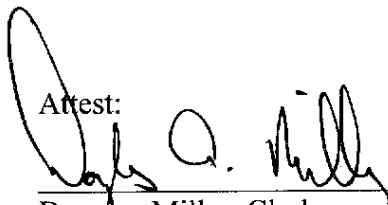
The commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:46 a.m.

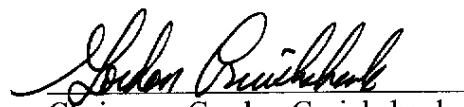
The commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Valley County Public Defender, Scott Erekson presented to the commissioners regarding matters involving public defense. He provided the deadline dates of May 1, 2019, for the public defense commission grant. He presented on the caseload standards and advised that his office was within the required standards. He discussed that the official standards and not been finalized. He explained that there would be additional standards required by the Idaho Public Defense Commission each year. He advised that the public defense office was required to appear at the initial arraignment of those individuals who are arrested and remain in custody. He advised that the public defense office had been handling between 50 to 70 felony cases each year. Mr. Erekson reported that the juvenile public defense cases and been declining each year. He described the reporting requirements that the public defenses offices have when reporting to the Idaho Public Defense Commission and a breakdown of each case with the status of the cases. The commissioners discussed that during the budget preparation sessions they would be reviewing if it would be cost effective to bring the public defense office in house.

Human Resource Director, Pat Duncan and Chief Deputy Clerk, Gabrielle Knapp presented on creating a spring cleaning committee. She provided a brief description of what the committee would be responsible for to include but not limited to assisting offices with organizing their offices. The commissioners expressed an interest to allow employees to begin spring cleaning.

The commissioners adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Attest:

Douglas Miller, Clerk


Chairman, Gordon Cruickshank

From: Valley County Veterans Service Officer

To: Valley County Board of Commissioners

Date: 1 April, 2019

Subj: Quarterly/Semiannual Veterans' Service Officer Report

Gentlemen,

Since my last report to you on 22 October, 2018 the following actions have taken place. Jim Philpott and I conducted the following meetings with Veterans at the McCall Department of Labor Office: we had 1 appointment on 8 November; we had 3 appointments on 6 December; there were 3 appointments on 3 January; we saw 6 Veterans on 7 February and we had 7 appointments on 7 March. Jim Philpott and I take advantage while we are in McCall to get caught up on Veterans who have pending claims or appeals. And he brings me up to speed on VA procedures that have changed. Of particular note, the VA has decided to grant a service-connected disability to Navy Veterans who served off-shore of the Republic of Vietnam, and have been diagnosed with presumptive diseases related to exposure to Agent Orange. In the past the VA has denied their claims because they had not served ashore near where Agent Orange had been used. Jim and I believe we will have a spike in the submission of claims related to this change of policy.

Additional actions taken during this period are listed below. I received numerous phone calls / emails from local Veterans or others who know I advocate for Veterans, casual encounters locally or in social settings where I answered their questions or arranged an appointment for them during one of our scheduled outreach dates in McCall. I continue to receive referrals from the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, WICAP, Department of Labor (McCall), our local hospitals and members of our American Legion. I follow up on each of them and take the appropriate action. During this time-frame numerous claims for a service-connected disability were opened based on the evidence and documents presented to us that would substantiate a valid claim for health care benefits. We always appeal denied claims if the Veteran can provide the missing documentation, or if we can prove the VA failed to follow their own established rules and regulations. For your information the Boise VA Hospital is now ranked as number one in America.

In late October I got a call from one of the volunteers at WICAP that they had a homeless Veteran doing odd jobs for them, and asked if I could come and talk with him. I did so that day and had a long conversation with a young man who claimed to be an Army Veteran with combat service in Iraq. He could not provide any documentation that supported his claims; I asked him to request his DD 214 from St. Louis and he said it was already being processed. I asked if he'd give me a call once he received this document; he never called me back and had left WICAP to work in McCall. My contact at DOL filled me in on his activities; he'd been hired several times and the jobs all ended pretty quickly, usually with angry outbursts. She showed me a note he sent to his last employer

that had threatening comments, I told her to contact the McCall PD. He is unstable and I'm pretty sure he is not an honorable Veteran. I think he left the McCall area.

Jim and I lost one of our Veterans from the Donnelly area as a result of suicide. We'd worked with him for several years helping him cope with PTSD. He was a Vietnam Veteran and we were able to reinforce and increase his compensation claim. We assisted his brother in submitting the claim for burial benefits.

The following is a short review of the events that have taken place at Post 60 during this timeframe. We have resumed our usual Friday night dinners. Our Post lost two members who passed away out of state while staying with family. Our members conducted a graveside ceremony for a Veteran from Cascade, and participated in a memorial for a McCall Veteran. The General Election and the School Levy elections were held at the Post. Members of the Post attended the Veterans' Day celebration at the High School. We held our Annual free community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Legion Hall, had 190 people attend. Just before Christmas Santa came to the Post and gave out new wrapped gifts, candy, hot chocolate and a free picture while in Santa's lap. We supported the Hardwater Classic which benefits children, hosted the Daddy-Daughter Dance and catered the Lincoln Day dinner and fundraiser.

This concludes my report and I will answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Mike Keithly, Maj USMC (Ret)
Valley County Veterans Service Officer

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VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA Monday, April 1, 2019

Valley County adheres to ADA requirements. If anyone requires an accommodation, please contact the clerk prior to the meeting.

PROPOSED AGENDA Note: Any item(s) in need of a motion will be described in the agenda under the appropriate section.

- 9:00 Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Approve Agenda
- 9:05 Commissioner Discussion
Action Items: Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019
Partnership for Success Law Enforcement Grant- Director of Court Services, Skip Clapp
Attending Fire Meeting in Adams County
- 9:15 **Action Item:** Adopt a Tree-Box Program-City of Cascade Clerk, Heather Soelberg
- 9:30 Discussion about Senior Community Service Employment Program– Human Resources Director, Pat Duncan
- 9:55 Stipulation to Clear Title on Valley County Parcel RP17N02E244806, Property Which was Sold to James and Darin Inman at Tax Deed Sale – Prosecuting Attorney Carol Brockmann
- 10:00 Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(d)-“to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code”-Indigent & Charity
- 10:30 Road Department Presentation-Road Superintendent, Jeff McFadden
Action Item: Letter of Support for Lake Shore Drive FLAP Grant
Authorization to Begin Work on Patrol Vehicle
- 11:00 **Action Item:** Discussion Decision Related to Road Department Funding
- 11:30 Veterans Service Officer Presentation- Major, Mike Keithly
- 12:00 Recess for Lunch

1:00 Public Defender Presentation- Mr. Scott Erekson

1:30 Spring Clean Committee Discussion – Human Resource Director, Pat Duncan

~~1:00 Action Item: MOU for the Upper Payette CWMA Agreement – Weed Supervisor, Steve Anderson~~

Adjourn

COMMISSIONER'S FUTURE MEETING DATE

Monday, April 8, 2019