

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
January 5, 2015**

**PRESENT: GORDON L. CRUICKSHANK (CHAIRMAN)  
ELTING G. HASBROUCK (COMMISSIONER)  
BILL WILLEY (COMMISSIONER)  
DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:05 a.m.

Recreation Director, Larry Laxson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hasbrouck stated that he would like to add an item on the Commissioners agenda for discussion related to appointment of an individual on the Valley County Waterways Committee. Mr. Harvey Iverson would like to be appointed to the Valley County Waterways Committee. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Commissioners agenda for January 5, 2015 with the amended item. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the amended agenda for January 5, 2015.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 22, 2014. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 22, 2014. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 22, 2014.

Assessor, June Fullmer presented Market Value Cancellation #14 for RP M05450060630, Cancellation #16 for RPM02750020030, Cancellation #17 for RP 004700000030 and for Cancellation# 18 RP18N03E312396 which were reviewed by the Board of Tax Appeals. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the Market Value Cancellation for #14, #16, #17 and #18. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in

favor. Motion passed to approve Market Value Cancellation for Cancellation #14, #16, #17 and #18.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the ballot for Boise County's New Representative on the Central District Health's Board. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to appoint Boise County Commissioner, Vicki Wilkins to the Central District Health Board. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to appoint Boise County Commissioner, Vicki Wilkins to the Central District Health Board.

Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve Ms. Savilla Kiely to the Board of Community Guardians. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the appointment of Ms. Savilla Kiely to the Board of Community Guardians.

Chairman Cruickshank advised that Mr. Scott Freeman would like to be appointed to the West Mountain Snowmobile Club after the resignation of Mr. Ronn Julian. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to appoint Mr. Scott Freeman to the West Mountain Snowmobile Club. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to appoint Mr. Scott Freeman to the West Mountain Snowmobile Club.

Chairman Cruickshank made a formal motion accepting the resignation from Mr. Ronn Julian from the West Mountain Snowmobile Club. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the resignation of Mr. Ronn Julian from the West Mountain Snowmobile Club.

Commissioner Willey made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Orimiston from the Valley County Waterways Committee and approve the appointment of Mr. Harvey Iverson to the Valley County Waterways Committee. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Orimiston from the Valley County Waterways Committee and approve the appointment of Mr. Harvey Iverson to the Valley County Waterways Committee.

Stephanie Johnson with Cabin Creek Enterprises provided an update on the Fire Mitigation and Forest Stewardship programs in Valley County. She advised that the Region 4 Audit took place in October 2014 in which actual field visits were conducted. The audit was conducted by Mr. Loren Walker and it was reported that everything was in order. Stephanie believed that the reason for the success is in preparing for the work that is to be completed. She believed that the support of the program has continued to increase over the years. She advised that the entire audit would be submitted to the Valley County Commissioners for review. She explained that she is working to determine other areas to complete additional fire mitigation work. Stephanie advised that she has not applied for any additional funding for Fiscal Year 2015. She expressed an interest in having a meeting with the Boise National Forest to discuss collaboration in the future. Stephanie reported that she conducted a presentation at the State. It was a joint review that occurs every four years from the Forest Service along with the Department of Lands which the fire grants are administered through. She stated that it was a three day presentation and she reported that it was a positive presentation. She advised that she reported on keeping the programs local. She informed the attendees that the program is successful because it starts locally. She indicated that the managers appeared to agree with her point of view and were

very interested in her presentation. Chairman Cruickshank reported on local individuals who have approached the County to conduct fire mitigation and how they have expressed how grateful they are that the program is available. Stephanie reported that there was some success in the letter that was prepared and submitted to the landowners of Paddy Flat area and her question is do the Commissioners want to go through the spring to see if there is more response? Chairman Cruickshank believed that plenty of time has been given. Stephanie advised that she would like to make sure that there are no fire hazards out there and the letter will inform them that the funding that is left over would be used to dispose of any remaining piles. Stephanie reported that she has a conference call with the State to create the Memorandum of Understanding for the Western States Fire Managers Grant. Stephanie would like to work with Valley County Planning & Zoning to work on the development of a Training and Education Project to inform Commissioners and staff, both at the County and City levels on the Subdivision Ordinance requirement for a Fire Plan. Stephanie reported that she has funding that could be utilized during the formal meeting to bring in presenters and other items. Commissioner Hasbrouck reported that SITPA would lose funds as the Forest Service takes back coverage of their own lands.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the Facilities Position and the retirement of Mr. Ralph McKenzie. Chairman Cruickshank asked Ralph how much time is he spending on Solid Waste related items? Ralph believed that he spends about 40 percent of his time with Solid Waste and 60 percent of his time on facility issues. Commissioner Willey advised that he meet with Dale who currently works at the Transfer Site and Dale believed that one individual could oversee the Transfer Site from the location. Chairman Cruickshank asked about the facilities and wanted some insight from Ralph regarding his role related to facilities? Commissioner Hasbrouck suggested that whoever oversees the Facilities side should have the ability to prepare request for proposals. It was suggested that the Building & Grounds could be overseen by the Clerk's Office.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to University of Idaho Extension Office Space. Ralph provided a handout of lease office space available at the Amertitle Building and office space available in Donnelly. Ralph reported that there might be opportunity for ownership of the building at 700 S. Main Street in Cascade, Idaho. He provided a description of what the building has available. Ralph provided an overview of other buildings that would be available including the Valley County Soil Conservation Building. Ralph explained that he did not believe that the Cascade Senior Center could be a viable option because the area that could be utilized houses the weekly bingo game and other functions during the week. Ralph believed that the most viable option would be the Valley County Building that is located in Lake Fork. Commissioner Willey also believed that the Valley County Building in Lake Fork could be utilized and should be utilized by the University of Idaho Extension Office. Ralph also provided a description of the Valley County Search & Rescue Building but believed it would cost \$15,000 in order to use as an office. Chairman Cruickshank wondered if the Valley County Soil & Water could be moved? Margret Yamamoto with the Cascade Senior Center provided an outline of events that occur at the Senior Center and the problems that there might be if the University of Idaho Extension Office moved into that facility. The discussion continued and the question was asked if the Valley County Soil & Water Conservation Building could be moved to the Valley County Building in Lake Fork? Ralph would continue to research the options and the discussion would be placed on the Commissioners agenda on January 12, 2015.

Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett presented the LHTAC Grant Application and Support Letter for signatures for East Side Drive Bridge. Commissioner Willey made a motion to sign the LHTAC Grant Application and support letter for the East Side Drive Bridge. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to sign the LHTAC Grant Application and support letter for the East Side Drive Bridge project.

Curtis presented the LHTAC Grant Application, support letter and the Resolution #5 for East Lake Fork. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to have the Commissioners sign the LHTAC Grant Application, support letter and the Resolution #5 for East Lake Fork. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have the Commissioners sign the LHTAC Grant Application, support letter and Resolution #5 for East Lake Fork.

Commissioner adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the snow removal on Sixty Lane in Round Valley. Mr. Bryan Grey who resides at 180 Sixty Lane, Round Valley, Idaho, recently retired from Marine Corp and purchased the property on Sixty Lane. He advised that the county had been plowing up to his driveway for the entire month of November 2014. He reported that after the snowfall in December 2014, Valley County stopped plowing the road up to his driveway. He spoke with the Road Department and advised that he is a yearlong resident. He was concerned about emergency services not being able to get to his residence. He advised that he recently lost power at his house and Idaho Power had issues getting to the area that needed to be repaired. Mr. Grey explained that it has also been an issue for Federal Express and UPS to get to his house. He indicated that his family is very active in the community and without snow removal, his family will not be able to participate in their activities. He is concerned that the road had been plowed as recently as November 2014, and since December 2014, Valley County has not plowed his road. He reported that he does not have the finances to purchase equipment to do the snow removal. Mr. Grey was concerned that he never received any notification that the road would not be plowed. He believed that the road not being plowed is putting his family in danger. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked if he checked with the realtor prior to purchasing the house and asked if the road has been plowed? Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett claimed that he spoke with Mr. Grey's spouse and informed her that the road would not be plowed until they do road improvements, then the road could possibly be added to the winter maintenance program. Mr. Grey claimed that he had been informed that Sixty Lane to the intersection with Skunk Creek Road would be plowed. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked Mr. Grey if he would be willing to help pay for the extra cost? Mr. Grey asked how much would that be? Curtis advised that the individual who plows that road is already on a nine hour shift by the time she gets to the road. Commissioner Hasbrouck how much time would it take the operator to plow the road? Curtis reported approximately 20 minutes. Chairman Cruickshank advised that if the county plows during the winter there might be issues accessing the road in the spring. Mr. Grey stated that he would be willing to handle the snow removal from Skunk Creek Road to Sixty Lane. Mrs. Annie Grey reported that she had discussion with the road department and was informed that the road would be plowed.

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Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to snow removal on Packer John Road and in Murray Creek Subdivision. Chairman Cruickshank referred to an email that was submitted by members of the Murray Creek Subdivision. Chairman Cruickshank advised that Packer John Road was a public road but was never built up to county maintenance level. Chairman Cruickshank explained that to the best of his knowledge the area has always been maintained privately and some work has been done by the road department in the summer to fix the road. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the county does not have any responsibility to plow within Murray Creek Subdivision. He advised that the homeowners have always wanted to maintain the road themselves along the portion of the Smith's Ferry Subdivision. Mr. Vearl Wolfe who resides at 9695 Packard John Road in Smiths Ferry, Idaho, reported that beyond mile marker two there are two or three banks that are really steep that are in the shade which causes very icy conditions. He advised that he has received complaints of residences sliding off the road. He advised that there is nothing he can do with his snow removal equipment and would like a road grader to come down the road. Mr. Wolfe advised that he handles the snow removal for Packer John Road. Chairman Cruickshank advised that beyond Smith's Ferry Subdivision Packer John Road is a snow grooming trail. Mr. Wolfe advised that he runs the snow groomer and he walks the groomer down the road to where he starts to conduct the snow grooming. Mr. Jim Kirch from 9793 Harnden Drive in Cascade, Idaho submitted several emails from concerned residences. He advised that if the roads in Smith Ferry do not get plowed for several days it causes serious issues in the Murray Creek Subdivision. Mr. Kirch advised that he is asking for his fair share. He appreciated what Valley County has done for the community but believed that it is imperative for the area to have snow removal. He reported that there are eight sold lots and one full time resident in Murray Creek. He recommended that the banks on the roads need to be pushed off. He would also like permission to get rid of some trees that are on the side of the roads. He is looking for possible solutions. Chairman Cruickshank advised when Murray Creek Subdivision was built Valley County did not agree to do any maintenance in the area. Mr. Kirch was also concerned about a stump that was left. Mr. Kirch also suggested that a piece of equipment be left in the area or compensate someone to plow the area. Chairman Cruickshank explained that there are a lot of areas in Valley County that are being looked at for improvement. Chairman Cruickshank explained the snow removal that takes place in High Valley. Chairman Cruickshank asked how far Mr. Kirch is plowing? Mr. Kirch provided an overview of where he plows in Murray Creek Subdivision. Mr. Kirch is trying to understand why Valley County could not conduct snow removal in the area? He advised that he will still take care of Murray Creek Subdivision but would like the county to assist. Chairman Cruickshank advised that there are several roads in Valley County that unfortunately are unable to get plowed. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked Curtis how long would it take to do the snow removal on the area? Curtis believed that it would take an additional hour. Chairman Cruickshank discussed the Road Departments lack of funding and the barriers that Valley County Road Department currently has. John who is the son-in-law of Ms. Blessing 9511 Packer John, John reported that he lives there year round and he lives on the last house before Murray Creek Road. He advised that there are several curves that are extremely icy that are in need of gravel. He reported that he has had to pull out several people who have gotten stuck in the area. Mr. Chuck Smith who resides at 9608 Packer John Road and who is the President of Smith's Ferry Home Owners Association appreciated the work that the Valley County Road Department has done. He reported that the home owners in Packard John do not have the funds to maintain the roads in Murray Creek Subdivision. He advised that it would be nice to have everyone on friendly terms but the home owners in Packer John cannot help maintain the

roads. The Commissioners wanted to make sure that those in attendance know that a survey went out during the summer related to funding of the Valley County Road Department and the overwhelming response was that the property owners did not want an additional tax and the Valley County Road Department is limited with the resources and funding.

Chairman Cruickshank informed the members of the public in attendance that the Commissioners would take everything under advisement that was discussed and have a formal meeting with Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett to determine an appropriate course of action related to the concerns. Chairman Cruickshank advised Mr. Grey that Valley County would plow Sixty Lane to the intersection of Skunk Creek Road because of the conversation that was previously had with Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett.

Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b)-Personnel. Chairman Cruickshank seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted "aye." Commissioners went into Executive Session at 2:57 p.m.

Chairman Cruickshank brought the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 3:22 p.m. Decision after Executive Session was that employees who have been employed with Valley County for ten years or longer would not be eligible for a retirement bonus if their employment had been terminated.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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Gordon Cruickshank, Chairman

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Douglas A. Miller, Clerk