

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
March 9, 2015**

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

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck at 9:02 a.m.

David Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Willey advised that there needed to be a modification made on the Commissioner's agenda. He advised that the Tax Value Cancellation which reflected Tax Value Cancellation is number #24 instead of #23. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the agenda with the change to the Tax Value Cancellation to number #24.

Chairman Cruickshank had an excused absence for the meeting of March 9, 2015.

Valley County Deputy Auditor, Katie Bomberger presented the Commissioners with Claims and Board Order Claims totaling \$232,273.15. She also presented on Junior College Tuition Application for Micah Wagner. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Board Order Claims, Claims and Junior College Tuition for Micah Wagner as presented. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Board Order Claims and Claims totaling \$232,273.15 and Junior College Tuition application for Micah Wagner.

Solid Waste Supervisor, Dale Eskridge presented to the Commissioners the gate fees received for 2015. He explained that the gate fees that have been collected are down from the gate fees

that were collected in 2014. He presented a report for the Commissioners to review which will be appended to the Commissioner meeting minutes. He advised that there will be free brush collection days allowed in the near future and he explained that he has changed the free dump days. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck advised that there would be a meeting tomorrow related to the free brush collection days.

Assessor, June Fullmer presented Tax Value Cancellation #24 to the Commissioners. She explained that the Tax Value Cancellation is from the State Board of Tax Appeals. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve Tax Value Cancellation #24. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Tax Value Cancellation #24. June advised that there were sixteen applications received for the Residential Appraiser position and eight applications received for the Commercial Appraiser position. She reported that she would be conducting interviews next week for the open positions.

Valley County Clerk, Douglas Miller informed the Commissioners about the cleanup that occurred in the North East Corner of the Courthouse on March 7, 2015. He reported that Scott Dejong purchased five Hepa filters to be placed in the North End of the Courthouse. Doug reported that the District Court Judge, Jason Scott has his first day of Court on March 12, 2015.

Valley County Sheriff, Patti Bolen advised that there have been two new hires for the Jail. She advised that one Dispatcher has resigned. Sheriff Bolen presented the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Annual Boating Safety Agreement. Commissioner Willey made a motion to have the Commissioners sign the Annual Boating Safety Agreement with IDPR. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have the Commissioners sign the Annual Boating Safety Agreement with IDPR.

Sherriff Bolen presented the Cascade Medical Center Agreement to have the Cascade Medical Center treat inmates at the Valley County Jail. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Cascade Medical Center Agreement. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Cascade Medical Center Agreement in order to treat inmates at the Valley County Jail.

Sheriff Bolen presented the Forest Service Search & Rescue Agreement. Sheriff Bolen explained the agreement and advised that Mr. Jay Kiiha was reviewing the agreement. The Commissioners wanted to wait to approve the agreement in order for Valley County Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Jay Kiiha to review.

Treasurer, Glenna Young advised that she has hired a part-time staff to assist with duties in the Treasurer's Office. She also discussed that the part-time scanner was hired and that the individual was working on scanning contracts and agreements for the Clerk's Office. Glenna felt that there needed to be a discussion with the Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff and Commissioners related to Warrants of Distrainment. Glenna provided an overview of the bidding process.

Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick advised that Building Inspector, Anne Guarino is testing to receive her certification to become a certified Commercial Building Inspector.

Director, Skip Clapp advised that the new Juvenile Probation Officer, Ms. Dee Dee Phillips would be starting on March 16, 2015. Skip reported that a full time Juvenile Detention Officer has resigned; Elias Salazar and he would like permission from the Commissioners to post the full time Juvenile Detention Officer position. The Commissioners agreed that the full time Juvenile Detention Officer position could be posted. Skip reported that there is one juvenile in custody at the Valley County Juvenile Detention Center.

University of Idaho Educator, Melissa Hamilton reported that the University of Idaho Staff has been moved into the new building at Kelly's Whitewater Park. She stated that staff is working on getting settled in and they are continuing to make sure all of the office equipment is functioning. Melissa explained that the Steer weigh in for 4-H would be conducted next week. Melissa conducted the fifth series for the Victory Garden program. Melissa advised that she would be working with Treasurer, Glenna Young on obtaining a debit card.

IT Administrator, David Crawford reported to the Commissioners that the DR server is in place and configured. He advised that the software configuration would be completed in the near future. He reported on repairs to the phones that were completed last week and repairs that were conducted at the Valley County Jail. David also reported on repairs that were done at the Valley County Road Department.

Valley County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick presented the Idaho Transportation Department letter related to the request to review signage along Highway 55. Commissioner Willey made a motion to have the Commissioners sign the letter of request to Idaho Transportation Department. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have the Commissioners sign the letter of request to Idaho Transportation Department related to review of signage. Cynda presented a brochure for the Payette River Basin Water Trails for the Commissioners to review.

Acting Chairman Hasbrouck advised that the Commissioners would be going into closed hearing for Indigent/Charity at 10:32 a.m.

Acting Chairman Hasbrouck brought the Commissioners out of Indigent/Charity at 11:00 a.m.

Decision after Indigent/Charity

15-MM068 Request for Approval  
15-MM068-2 Request for Approval  
15-KM055 Request for Approval  
15-CS052-2 Request for Approval

15-KF050-2 Request for Denial  
15-SM055 Request for Denial

15-SM055 Request for County Indigent Lien/New Application

Acting Chairman Hasbrouck presented the Commissioner meeting minutes from March 2, 2015. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes

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from March 2, 2015. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from March 2, 2015.

Acting Chairman Hasbrouck presented the Final Decision for the appeal filed by McCall Campground Holdings, LLC. Commissioner Willey made a motion to deny the appeal filed by McCall Campground Holdings LLC. Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-8003, the Owner may request a regulatory taking analysis. Such request must be in writing, and must be filed with the City Clerk not more than twenty-eight days after the final decision concerning the matter at issue. A request for regulatory takings analysis will toll the time period within which a Petition for Judicial review may be filed. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to deny the appeal filed by McCall Campground Holdings LLC. An Audio recording was made of the decision on March 9, 2015, at 10:26 a.m. notated on the recording.

Sheriff Patti Bolen, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick, Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett and IT Administrator, David Crawford were in attendance for a discussion related to a Geographic Information Systems Analyst position. IT Administrator, David Crawford explained an end goal would be that all available county information is digitized and available on the Valley County Website. David explained how the GIS Analysts would benefit each department within Valley County. David advised that the GIS Analysts had been identified as a need by the Elected Officials and Department Heads of Valley County. Sheriff Bolen explained that if the GIS Analysts position was created, the position would also assist the IT Department. Commissioner Willey appreciated that the Elected Officials and Department Heads were coming together to express how important the creation of the GIS Analysts position would be for the General Public and the departments of Valley County. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck acknowledged that the position should be created and a decision would need to be made during the planning of the 2016 Fiscal Budget.

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

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

Anne Labella & Belinda Provancher with Midas Gold were in attendance to provide the Commissioners with an update of the Stibnite Gold Project. It was explained that the exploration began in 2009. It was advised that Midas Gold has invested more than \$80 million in Valley County since 2011 and recently have appointed a Board of Directors. Anne Labella explained that restoring the site provides an economic opportunity and an environmental win. They believe that they have an economically feasible, socially & environmentally sound project. She reported that Midas Gold is planning on investing \$1 billion dollars into the State of Idaho and it is estimated that the project would be going on for approximately twenty years. The project would be the 4<sup>th</sup> largest gold operation in the United States. Midas Gold expects that during the three year construction phase, there would be 700 jobs created. Belinda Provancher explained that Midas Gold has been involved with several Community Projects in Valley County. The presentation from Midas Gold concluded. A copy of the presentation will be appended to the Commissioner meeting minutes.

Acting Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1)(a)-Personnel. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted

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“aye”. Commissioners went into Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1)(a) at 1:44 p.m. Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. No decisions were made after Executive Session.

Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett advised that he was approached by Mr. Tom Olson to purchase a portion of the property owned by Valley County in Lake Fork, Idaho. Curtis provided a map for the Commissioners to review. Acting Chairman Hasbrouck asked how a price would be determined? Curtis believed that the price could be determined based on the assessed value of the land. Commissioner Willey had a concern about selling the property or leasing the property to one specific individual. Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick advised that there are Conditional Use Permits required for the property. Cynda advised that any industrial property would require a certain amount of frontage. Curtis advised that the property in question has been mined out and has no value to Valley County. Curtis advised that it is a two acre parcel. Cynda believed that the property is land locked and would need frontage or a variance. The Commissioners advised that they would like to review the site before an opinion is determined if Valley County should sell the property.

Curtis advised that the Road Crews are working four tens and he wanted to know if there was an ability to get a digital answering system at the Road Department? The Commissioners agreed to allow the Road Department to obtain a digital answering system.

Jonnie Hower with the Valley County Economic Development Council was in attendance. Also in attendance were Catie Bennet and Kristi Bain from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Ms. Bennet and Ms. Bain provided an overview of the work they conducted in Valley County. A brochure was provided which will be appended the Commissioner meeting minutes. It was explained that they would be meeting with local small businesses in the area to assist with any issues that might need addressed. Ms. Bain informed the Commissioners of programs that are available thru the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

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Gordon Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

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Douglas A. Miller, Clerk

