

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
July 5, 2016**

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

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

Commissioner, Bill Willey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Commissioner's Agenda for July 5, 2016. He advised that IT Administrator, David Crawford needed to add a building permit to the agenda for the Commissioners to approve. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to amend the Commissioner's Agenda and add the request from IT Administrator, David Crawford to obtain a building permit in order for modifications to be made in the IT Office and approve the agenda. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner's Agenda with the addition of adding a building permit approval.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Commissioner meeting minutes from June 27, 2016. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from June 27, 2016. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from June 27, 2016.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Valley Soil & Water letter of Intent for contribution in 2017. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Valley Soil & Water letter of Intent and have the Chairman sign. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Valley Soil & water letter of Intent and have the Chairman sign.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the Road Development Agreement Settlement. Valley County Prosecuting Attorney, Carol Brockmann and outside counsel Mr. Jay Kiiha presented on the RDA Settlement and provided an overview of the proposed settlement and explained what the RDA's could be utilized for. Mr. Kiiha explained that complications regarding the bankruptcy and advised how the proposed settlement would resolve the matter. Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick had questions on what the credits could be specifically utilized for. Mr. Kiiha again outlined what the credits could be utilized for but it was explained that all matters would need to be approved by the Valley County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the RDA Settlement Agreement and authorize all Commissioners to sign. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the RDA Settlement Agreement and authorize all Commissioners to sign the settlement agreement.

IT Administrator, David Crawford presented that there was a proposal to open up two offices for the IT Department which required a building permit to be signed. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve that the Commissioners sign the building permit in order to conduct construction of the IT Department Office. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve that the Commissioners sign the building permit.

Lake Shore Disposal Manager, Paul Dionne was in attendance before the Board of Commissioners to discuss matters related to the operation of Lake Shore Disposal and the Solid Waste Transfer Site. Chairman Cruickshank presented on concerns that have been brought to the attention of the Commissioners. He began the discussion related to the new scale that had been installed at the Solid Waste Transfer Site and when the scale was being utilized. Mr. Dionne explained that to accommodate Lake Shore Disposal commercial customers it was intended to have the scale available at all times. The concern was regarding the scale tickets that are generated after the scale was used and when the Solid Waste Site Manager would be provided a scale ticket. Mr. Dionne explained how the procedure would work and advised that tickets would be provided to the gate keeper. Chairman Cruickshank talked that the display was still running with the use of an extension cord and not a permanent electrical fixture. Mr. Dionne advised that an electrician has begun the work to make a permanent fixture. Chairman Cruickshank explained that there was a concern with the amount of trailers that are being utilized by Lake Shore Disposal which was different than the outlined within the operation plan. Mr. Dionne explained that Lake Shore Disposal could operate utilizing six trailers instead of the ten trailers that is outlined in the operation plan. Mr. Dionne discussed the operation plan that had not been formally adopted yet. Commissioner Willey asked about the relationship between Lake Shore Disposal and Solid Waste Transfer Site Manager, Cindy Forgy. Commissioner Willey presented on the concerns that were made by Solid Waste Transfer Site Manager, Cindy Forgy. Mr. Dionne believed that there was a good relationship between Lake Shore Disposal and Valley County. Mr. Dionne explained what Lake Shore Disposal was

trying to ship out for recycling material. He explained that Lake Shore was attempting to work with vendors to purchase the recycling material. He advised that what was left was the mixed paper product. Chairman Cruickshank asked how the bobcat was being utilized. Mr. Dionne provided a description of how the bobcat was being used. He did admit that the bobcat had to be repaired. Chairman Cruickshank reported that Solid Waste Manager, Cindy Forgy reported that she had heard that the recycling bailer was not adequate and Chairman Cruickshank wanted to know if the bailer was sufficient. Mr. Dionne reported that the recycling bailer was sufficient but he reported that there needed to be additional staff in order to handle the volume of recycling that was being received. Chairman Cruickshank asked about the aluminum cans and if the aluminum cans were being bailed. Mr. Dionne reported that the aluminum cans were being bailed and provided a description of how that functions. Chairman Cruickshank continued the discussion related to volume of recycling that was being received at the recycling centers. Mr. Dionne advised that he had been working with the cities to address the matter. He reported that there was a three day pick for the Cascade area and there had been an additional employee hired. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked about the possibility of curb side recycling. Mr. Dionne explained that he was attempting to research the matter to determine if it was cost effective and they wanted to make sure there weren't additional costs for the homeowners. Mr. Dionne reported that initially there appears to be an additional cost for co-mingled recycling. He advised that the problem was finding vendors who would purchase the material. He explained that cardboard recycling is easier to manage and could be sold for a profit. He reported that the other recycling material was sold for a loss. Commissioner Willey asked about the revenue that was received for the recycling material and how the system was set up. Chairman Cruickshank provided an overview of how the revenue was collected and what was stated in the contract that Valley County would currently receive the revenue of the sales of recycling. Chairman Cruickshank began a history report of the recycling center in McCall and how there had not been a permanent site determined. He also advised that Valley County had not continued to pursue a different location because Lake Shore Disposal wanted to research the possibility of curbside recycling. Commissioner Willey wanted to know that if there was a possibility of returning the revenue that was generated from recycling back to Lake Shore Disposal. Mr. Dionne explained that Lake Shore Disposal did lose revenue from recycling from the Commercial Customer. Commissioner Willey asked if there were dumpsters at the recycling center would that possibly reduce the trash that was left. Mr. Dionne indicated that it might reduce the illegal dumping that occurs but with his experience people would drop off appliances and another waste that needed to be taken to the Solid Waste Transfer site. There was a question from the audience regarding the pickup of recycling center in McCall. Mr. David Crawford, 302 Sampson Court McCall, Idaho, did not believe that recycling center pickups were happening six days a week. He believed that Valley County should look at the Recycling Center in Adams County and consider modeling a new center imitating the one in Adams County. Larry Swan from McCall, Idaho appreciated the conversation and wanted to know if there was a master plan to make the recycling center more functional and better cared for. He would like to see how the recycling center could be improved. As a customer, he would be willing to subsidize the cost to have better recycling. He believed that there needed to be more education to the consumer regarding the problems at the recycling centers. Susan Bechdel from McCall, Idaho, appreciated that solutions were being looked at. She reported that during the week of the 4th of July, all of the recycling bins were full and she did not believe that it had been picked up six days a week. She agreed that a solution needed to be determined. She believed that the current recycling center in McCall was substandard. She suggested that Valley County needs to take the matter more serious and reported about the prior proposed

partnership with Recycling Partners. Chairman Cruickshank explained what Valley County had done over the years to develop a permanent site and the changes that have been made to address the matter. Commissioner Willey advised that curbside recycling center was a proposal made by Lake Shore Disposal. Chairman Cruickshank requested that Lake Shore Disposal send documentation to show how often the recycling center was being picked up in McCall and work with the City of McCall to identify a permanent recycling site. Commissioner Hasbrouck suggested having a recycling site that is operated by a person but believed that if curbside recycling was allowed it should be implemented county wide. Mr. Dionne did not believe that curbside recycling needed to be mandatory and would make a commitment to working with Valley County to improve recycling.

Chairman Cruickshank began the presentation related to awards of gratitude to acknowledge employees years of service with Valley County. The first presentation was for David Crawford for 5 years of service with Valley County. The next presentation was for Debbie Hess for over 10 years of service with Valley County. The next presentation was for Joyce Wade for over 20 years of service with Valley County. Anne Guarino was recognized for 15 years of service with Valley County. Cynda Herrick was recognized for over 20 years of service with Valley County. Gordon Cruickshank was recognized for over 25 years of service with Valley County.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to winter maintenance of No Business Road. Mr. Jay Jacques began his presentation related to winter maintenance of No Business Road. He believed that on February 8, 2016, there was a Commissioner meeting related to the matter and they left with an understanding that a decision had been made regarding winter maintenance of No Business Road. After reviewing the Commissioner meeting minutes it was clear that the Commissioners would take the matter into consideration but a formal decision was not made. Chairman Cruickshank provided an overview of the discussion that took place in February 8, 2016. Chairman Cruickshank explained that it was still the stance of Valley County to consider maintaining No Business Road but Valley County needed to be realistic of the proposal. Mr. Jay believed that he had been very accommodating and wants to work with Valley County in order to guarantee that No Business Road was maintained. Commissioner Hasbrouck believed that Valley County had made a commitment not to add any additional roads for winter maintenance. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the Commissioners could not make a vote on the matter when it was un-clear of the financial status of the Road Department. He advised that the Commissioners would again take the matter into consideration but could not make an official vote on the matter. Chairman Cruickshank believed that the Road Department Superintendent, Jeff McFadden would need to provide a cost estimate to conduct winter maintenance on the proposed road. Chairman Cruickshank indicated that the Commissioner would not take the matter to a vote but would again consider other alternatives. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked if there would be snowmobiler access still to No Business Snowmobile Trail. Recreation Director, Larry Laxson had concerns about the continued access for Snowmobilers if No Business Road was maintained. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked if the existing snow groomer trail could be moved. Recreation Director, Larry Laxson advised that at this time the existing snow groomer trail could not be moved. Commissioner Willey had a question regarding maintaining a snow floor with a snow blower. Larry Laxson explained how a snow floor was created and maintained. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the main concern at this time would be safety and again to work with the Road Department to research the matter. Chairman Cruickshank again explained that the answer would not necessarily be no that Valley County would not conduct winter maintenance but different matters would need to

be researched. Mr. Jay advised that he has continued to attempt to work with Valley County regarding the matter to get a solution. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the Commissioners need to allow the Road Superintendent, Jeff McFadden work on solutions to present to the Valley County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Jay expressed that he was willing to do what it takes to create a solution. Commissioner Willey presented that Mr. Jay might be better served if the Commissioners made a decision to say that there was no funding available to conduct winter maintenance for No Business Road. Mr. Jay hoped that the Commissioners would work with the property owners to present solutions. Road Superintendent, Jeff McFadden advised that Mr. Zemke had presented an option to purchase equipment to conduct winter maintenance. It was explained that there currently was a private contractor who conducts winter maintenance in the No Business Area. Chairman Cruickshank again reiterated that Valley County would continue to work on solutions.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the Tamarack Municipal Association presentation. Mr. Jay Kiiha advised that he had spoken with the attorney for the Tamarack Municipal Association, Mr. Stephen Lord. Mr. Kiiha explained that they wanted to know if Valley County would consider allowing them to manage the properties that are going through the tax deed process. Mr. Kiiha believed that the properties need to go through the tax deed process. Chairman Cruickshank asked what properties the home owners own. Mr. Kiiha explained that the properties he would be referring to are the condos that are located on the land where the taxes are owed. Treasurer, Glenna Young advised that the condos are owned by New Track. Mr. Kiiha again indicated that he believed that the county needed to continue with the tax deed process. Treasurer, Glenna Young advised that per Idaho Code the Board of Commissioners have 13 months to consider a sale. Chairman Cruickshank advised that a stance cannot be made because Valley County has not gone through the formal process yet. Treasurer, Glenna Young verified that the Tax Deed process for these properties would be heard by the Valley County Commissioners on July 25, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:32 a.m.

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

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the Biomass Campus Presentation. Stephanie Nelson with Wildfire Association and Rick Brenneman began the presentation related to the Biomass Campus. Ms. Nelson presented on a revised scope of work that will be appended to the Commissioner meeting minutes. Ms. Nelson advised that the revised scope included the Biomass Campus to be operated in Valley County. Mr. Brenneman reported that he conducted research related to the amount of biomass material that would come off a treatment process. He explained that it could be up to twelve tons per acre. Mr. Brenneman believed that there could be 50,000 acres that needed to be treated. Mr. Brenneman advised that most of the material was designated biomass. He provided an overview that there would be total mileage of 82 miles of travel to proposed Biomass Campus site. Chairman Cruickshank asked if there was more ground that would require treatment. Ms. Nelson advised that there could potentially be other sites utilized for a Biomass Campus. Mr. Brenneman believed that five acres would be sufficient to have a Biomass Campus. Chairman Cruickshank suggested that the Commissioners should move forward with a feasibility study to determine if it would be beneficial for the Biomass Campus to be located in Valley County. Ms. Nelson believed that it would be beneficial to at least begin a feasibility study. She reiterated that there were

grant funds awarded for the feasibility study and there would be no additional cost needed from Valley County. She believed that the Commissioners should move forward with the feasibility study. Chairman Cruickshank made a motion to enter into agreement for a feasibility study with Wallowa Resource and authorize any Commissioner to sign the agreement when presented. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to enter into an agreement for a feasibility study to be conducted by Wallowa Resource and authorize any Commissioner to sign the agreement when available.

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion related to the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development. Chairman Cruickshank provided an overview of the RAC Funding that was awarded and the current status of the West Central Highlands RC&D. Chairman Cruickshank provided an overview of conversations that he had with existing members of the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation. He advised that they wanted to know if Valley County would entertain becoming a member with Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development to become a sponsor to move forward. Mr. Lynn Oliver from the Boise National Forest explained advantages for Valley County to participate in the group which would include the ability to leverage funding and to create partnerships. Commissioner Willey asked about the criteria for grant funding and wanted to know if the existing Valley County Economic Development Council could be an administrator for the available RAC funding. Mr. Rick Brennaman wanted to know if the viability was there with the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development because in January 2016, he heard that the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development might dissolve. Mr. Oliver wanted to make it clear that might be unable to provide the same service that was provided by Sharon Pratt. He advised that at this time there was no decision made to dissolve the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development. Commissioner Willey wanted to know what the advantage would be for Valley County to join. Mr. Oliver and Mr. Steve Kimble from the Payette National Forest provided an overview of what the proposed advantage would be for Valley County. The Commissioners continued the discussion regarding the benefits of joining Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development. Commissioner Hasbrouck would like to hear from the Valley County Economic Development Council to see if they would be willing to join in the future. Commissioner Willey made a motion to have Valley County join the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development on an interim bases until September 30, 2017. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have Valley County join the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development on an interim bases until September 30, 2017.

Chairman Cruickshank advised that the Commissioners would be recessing as the Valley County Board of Commissioners at 2:25 p.m. to convene as the Board of Equalization.

Chairman Cruickshank reconvened the meeting for the Valley County Board of Commissioners at 3:15 to begin the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Workshop.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Chairman Gordon Cruickshank

Attest:

Douglas Miller, Clerk