

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
July 21, 2014**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Hasbrouck the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cruickshank advised that Cabin Creek had a bid opening related to the Horse Thief fire mitigation project that needs to be added to the agenda. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to add Horse Thief bid to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended for July 21, 2014. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to add bids for Horse Thief fire mitigation project to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended for July 21, 2014.

Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from July 14, 2014. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from July 14, 2014.

Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Board of Equalization Board. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to convene as the Board of Equalization at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Board of Equalization meeting minutes from June 27, 2014, July 1, 2014, July 2, 2014, July 3, 2014 and July 14, 2014. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve

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Chairman Cruickshank brought the Commissioner back into the Valley County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Curtis Bennett presented the West Mountain Cost Share agreement. Commissioner Hasbrouck opined that if homeowners want paving it should be agreed that they be required to pay for the cost of the asphalt. Chairman Cruickshank asked if the Forest Service has been contacted? Curtis advised that he has not had the opportunity to talk with the Forest Service. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the paving cost share with West Mountain Homeowners for asphalt on West Mountain Road totaling \$11,200. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the paving cost share with West Mountain Homeowners for asphalt on West Mountain Road totaling \$11,200.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Commissioners with the AAA issue. Chairman Cruickshank explained that there was not an opportunity to discuss the issue with the Governor. Chairman Cruickshank is requesting that the Commissioners approve signing of a letter that will be sent to the Governor advising the Governor that the formula that was prepared was not correct. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to allow Valley County to sign on to the ICOG Board letter. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to allow Valley County to sign on to the ICOG Board letter which will be submitted to the Governor.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Bureau of Homeland Security grant amended award. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the amended Bureau of Homeland Security grant. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Chairman to sign the amended Bureau of Homeland Security grant for an additional \$10,000.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed the materials for snowmobile parking lot. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the Snowmobile Club received a grant to upgrade the parking lot at Francis Wallace Snowmobile Park. Chairman Cruickshank asked Curtis Bennett if there was any material that the County would have to sell? Curtis Bennett advised that there was a need for 3 inch crushed basalt and everything that the County has that is crushed is already dedicated for other projects. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the County should offer the gravel at the Lake Fork pit and figure out what the cost would be. Chairman Cruickshank requested that the Curtis figure out what the cost is and review what the Conditional Use Permit is to be able to deliver after hours or on weekends.

Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1) (b). Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to go into Executive Session per I.C. 67-2345(1) (b) at 9:32 a.m.

Chairman Cruickshank brought the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to extend the medical leave for Amy Stavynskyy.

Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to extend the medical leave for Amy Stavynskyy.

Stephanie Johnson with Cabin Creek Enterprises presented bids for Horse Thief Reservoir fire mitigation project. Three bids were presented to the Valley County Commissioners. Whitney Framing was the first bid to be presented. Barron Loper and Granite Excavation also presented bids. Stephanie advised that she had to wait for bid from Whitney Framing and they did not make the 9:00 a.m. deadline. The bids were opened with Deputy Recorder, Julie Perkins as a witness. It was advised that Whitney Framing did not use the correct bid form but the bid was presented verbally over the phone. Whitney Framing company bid was \$1,500 per acre. Barron Loper sealed bid was \$1,900 per acre, Granite Excavation sealed bid was \$3,500 per acre. Chairman Cruickshank indicated to Stephanie that because the bid from Whitney Framing was not presented accordingly, he does not believe that the bid from Whitney Framing can be accepted. The bids were for Unit One of the project. The next bids that were presented were for Unit Two. Whitney Framing non sealed bid was \$1,500, Barron Loper sealed bid was \$1,580 per acre, Granite Excavation sealed bid was for \$3,500 per acre. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the bids from Barron Loper for \$1,980 per acre for 41 acres with a total cost of \$81,180 for Unit one and for \$1,580 per acre for 44 acres with a total cost of \$69,520 for Unit Two. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the seal bids from Barron Loper for \$1,980 per acre for 41 acres with a total cost of \$81,180 for Unit One and for \$1,580 per acre for 44 acres with a total cost of \$69,520 for Unit Two. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the contracts. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to allow the Chairman to sign the contracts.

Curtis Bennett presented the East Side Drive Easement from the Idaho Department of State Lands. Curtis advised that the easement that was brought to the county for \$24,000. Curtis believed that a meeting should take place with the Department of State Lands to explain to them that the easement does not appear to be feasible. The new easement seems to maintain all the control by the Idaho Department of State Lands and Valley County does not have a say on what takes place regarding the property. Chairman Cruickshank suggested having a meeting with Idaho Department of State Lands next week. It was explained that the original easement was purchased by the Department of State Lands but the control was not given up by Valley County. Curtis will report back to Chairman Cruickshank regarding meeting time with Idaho Department of State Lands.

Building & Grounds Supervisor, Ralph Mckenzie presented the Clearview Cleaning contract addendum. He advised that there were complaints from county offices that the janitorial services were not being done on Thursdays. Ralph presented a new cost estimate for the services. A copy of the cost estimates will be attached to the Commissioner meeting minutes. The new cost would be \$3,925 per month for the additional day of light cleaning. Chairman Cruickshank asked if Ralph was conducting monitoring of the service? Ralph advised that he has but the Supervisor of Clearview Cleaning has also conducted checks of the services that are being provided. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the new agreement which increased the monthly cost by \$325 and have the Chairman sign the agreement. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the new agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Clearview Cleaning for an additional day of light cleaning.

Chairman Cruickshank advised that the Commissioners would be having a Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Workshop beginning at 11:20 a.m.

Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioners returned from lunch at 1:05 p.m.

Commissioner Hasbrouck brought up the discussion for raising funds for the Valley County Road Department. He advised that the road department is underfunded at this time and there needs to be an open discussion on how to rectify the issue. Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett presented on a possible solution for a tax increase to generate the revenue necessary to fund the Road Department. Curtis advised that the question is if the County does not receive Secure Rural School funding what should be done to maintain the Road Department? Curtis wanted to know what is the best way to present this to the General Public? Commissioner Hasbrouck wanted to make sure that the General Public is aware that there currently no taxes that are assessed for the Road and Bridge Department. Chairman Cruickshank provided an overview of what would take place if a Highway District was created. City of McCall Mayor, Jackie Aymon wanted to know what the funds collected could be used for? It was advised that it would be for general repairs on the roads. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the County cannot go over the 3% cap and that he advised that he would not support an additional tax without hearing from the General Public. Commissioner Hasbrouck believed that this is something that should have been done in the past and he believed that this is something that the County should pursue. Chairman Cruickshank advised that there are 13 Highway Districts in in Idaho County along with a county road department. Mayor Aymon asked about the makeup of the Highway Districts? Commissioner Hasbrouck believed that if funding is not increased services to county operations would be cut. Cynda Herrick wanted to know what authority would the Highway District have? Chairman Cruickshank believed that the Highway District would have the say on what happens on the roads. City of Cascade Mayor, Rob Terry believed that Valley County needs to pursue creating a taxing district and would support this direction. Mr. Garry Swain believed that an additional tax increase would not be an appropriate solution and wanted to know if there was another way to find funding. Commissioner Hasbrouck believed that the county is already behind in the times regarding funding. Chairman Cruickshank explained that the county is unaware if SRS funding will be continued which would be \$1.2 million dollars that the County would not receive. Chairman Cruickshank explained that there are other taxes that are being discussed. Chairman Cruickshank advised that he is not in support of an additional tax but agreed that there needs to be another solution. City of McCall Mayor, Jackie Aymon wanted people to know that roads are not free to maintain. She believed that something needs to be done. She advised that the City of McCall is going to attempt to pass a 1% tax increase. Commissioner Willey suggested that the opinion of the General Public is extremely important. The Road Department of McCall advised that if additional funding is not received by the City of McCall there will be major issues with the roads in the future. Chairman Cruickshank advised that if the county does go for a tax, some of the roads that are private roads might turn into a county road. Curtis referred to State Code 40-827 which potentially allows for an increase of registration fees to help fund the roads. Chairman Cruickshank advised that under State Code 40-827 it needs to be approved by the voters. Chairman Cruickshank suggested that there needs to be some public workshops to educate the general public. It was discussed to review the McClure study. Curtis Bennett

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referred to Title 40-801 (a) and 40-801 (b) of the State Code. Commissioner Hasbrouck believed that this needs to be presented to the General Public. Chairman Cruickshank advised that he will not stop the pursuit of SRS funding and he believed that a more appropriate action would be for the Federal Government to allow access to resources in Valley County. Commissioner Willey asked if the citizens are taxed, does the county lose SRS funding? It was reported that the SRS funding would still be received if the county does do a levy. Mr. Garry Swain would be in support of this if it was fair and wants to be able to rid all of the exemptions that are allowed. He does not feel that ground in Valley County is taxed accurately. Chairman Cruickshank discussed off-road tax and increasing fuel tax. It was suggested that the legislators need to be asked about increasing fuel taxes. Commissioner Hasbrouck advised that he would take the position of organizing an event to educate the General Public with Curtis Bennett and create some open houses. Commissioner Willey expressed that if the road department does not receive the revenue it will then be required to function with the revenue that is received.

Human Resource Director, Ken Arment informed the Commissioners that he is working on updating the Valley County Employee Manual to present to the Commissioners at a later date. He advised that he has also contacted ICRMP about a requirement for evaluations. Ken also presented on the last time that the county has had a fire drill and pointed out that the previous building maps that are available are inaccurate. Ken advised that he would work on an evacuation plan and also conduct a fire drill.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

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Gordon Cruickshank, Chairman

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Douglas A. Miller, Clerk