

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CASCADE, IDAHO  
December 8, 2014**

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

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

Deputy Auditor, Katie Bomberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Commissioner agenda for December 8, 2014. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the agenda for December 8, 2014.

Deputy Auditor, Kathryn Bomberger presented to the Commissioners the Claims, Board Order Claims and Junior College Certificate of Residency for Sarai Yates. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Claims and Board Order Claims as presented totaling \$244,934.05 and also the Junior College Certificate of Residency for Sarai Yates. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Claims and Board Order Claims totaling \$244,934.05 and the Junior College Certificate of Residency applications for Sarai Yates.

Clerk, Douglas Miller informed the Commissioners that two new Deputy Court Clerks were hired Ms. Candice White and Ms. Kathleen Wilson.

Senior Appraiser, Sue Leeper presented Cancellation #1 that was previously approved by the Commissioners. She explained that the cancellation needed to be voided. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to void Cancellation #1. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to void Cancellation #1.

Anne Guarino with the Building Department presented that the Big Creek Lodge just submitted plans for a new lodge. She reported that there will be code adoption in January of 2015 and reported that Cynda Herrick would be assisting her with the code adoption.

Court Services Director, Skip Clapp informed the Commissioners that there is one juvenile at the juvenile detention center. He reported that the next Juvenile Court would be on December 10, 2014. He further reported that he will be attending the Idaho Juvenile Administrator meeting and Idaho Misdemeanor Administration meeting on December 10, 2014 and December 11, 2014.

Melissa Hamilton, Educator for the University of Idaho presented that she has been working with Dr. Pat Momont on employee reviews for office staff. She reported that she will be working on the University of Idaho Extension Web page in order to make some immediate updates. The web page will be locked until the spring and she will not be able to modify it until the University switches to a new system. Melisa reported that she has been working with the Cascade Mobility Team and they have submitted an assistance request to the New Mobility West organization in order to support outside assistance in updating their transportation capital improvement plan. The Cascade mobility team did a walking audit with Cynthia Gibson, Executive Director of the Idaho Pedestrian and Bicycle Alliance. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked if University of Idaho had worked with the City of Cascade for snowmobile trails within the city limits? Melissa advised that she attended the December 2<sup>nd</sup> public comment period with ITD and heard community members bring this concern to ITD, but no formal process to address this topic has taken place. If the community assistance award is received by the Cascade Mobility Team, there will be an opportunity for public participation. The Cascade team has requested a community outreach component in which the public would provide feedback on what types of multi-modal transportation would fit their needs.

Human Resource Director, Ken Arment briefed the Commissioners about the Christmas events that have been planned for December 15, 2014, including a can food drive. He reported on the ICRMP discount safety meeting that took place and reported that there were 79 employees who attended. Ken reported that there are three new part time road department employees. He advised the Commissioners that he is getting out the notice to employees for benefit management program. Ken explained that he is attending a drug testing education class in Boise on December 11, 2014.

IT Director, David Crawford reported that he will be conducting interviews for the Support Desk position on December 11, 2014.

Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick advised the Commissioners that the Edward's Mosquito Abatement District wanted to know if the Commissioners could waive the sign permit fees. The Commissioners wanted to know where the sign was going to be posted and the reason for the request? The Commissioners believed the permit fee should not be waived. Cynda presented the agenda for the Valley County P&Z meeting on December 11, 2014. She reported to the Commissioners that she received an email from the Boy Scouts of America and they requested to camp at the runway near Kelly's White Water Park. Cynda reported that the area is a public right of way. Cynda informed the Commissioners that they Boy Scouts of America should contact the City of Cascade. Cynda wondered if a Conditional

Use Permit was needed and she would be researching if there was need. She suggested maybe a Large Crowd Permit was needed. Cynda explained that she would again be participating on the legislative committee on Friday mornings. She further reported that she attended the Idaho Transportation Meeting and commented that there should be a pathway under both ends of the bridges to get from one side to the other without crossing the highway. Cynda reported that ASAP Portables is not responding to enforcement issues related to the portable toilets that are being stored outside and she would continue to monitor.

Recreation Director, Larry Laxson presented to the Commissioners that Gem County donated fuel for the Smiths Ferry Snowmobile club. He also reported that the Prinoth Snow Groomer was moved to the upper parking lot. Larry informed the Commissioners that there were old drags that have been decommissioned and he has been offered \$3,500 to sell the equipment. Larry advised that he has received numerous complaints from residents in Secesh regarding the condition of the road. He explained that he is working on getting the issue resolved. He reported that a parking plan has been sent to the residents of Secesh and Warren related to the Francie Wallace Parking lot. Larry reported that he is still working on the new website and he is working with the Snowmobile Clubs. The Winter Recreation meeting will be on December 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Forest Service building in McCall. He explained that there will be a presentation related to guide snowmobile events. Commissioners Hasbrouck asked if Cougar Mountain Lodge has been sold? Larry stated that he talked with the owner and the owner has decided not to sell the property.

Mary Faurot and Ronda Bishop with the Boise National Forest presented on the Avalanche Abatement at Deer Creek. She reported that there was an application that was received by the Forest Service from Valley County in 2013. The Forest Service has developed a protocol to keep the groomer safe on the Deer Creek pass. She advised that she worked with the Snowmobile Clubs to get the new protocol implemented. The Forest Service wanted to know how to handle the outstanding application for the avalanche abatement? Commissioner Hasbrouck wanted to know when to move from the current protocol to using explosive? Mary suggested that working with the current protocol for a year and reevaluate next year. Chairman Cruickshank advised that willing to work with guidelines that were developed by the Snowmobile Committee utilizing the new protocol that was developed. Ronda advised that in order to complete a paper trail the Boise National Forest service will submit a response letter to Valley County outlining the current protocol and work with the annual guidelines.

Larry Laxson presented the Brush Creek Grant for the Commissioners to review and approve. Commissioner Willey made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Brush Creek Grant. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have the Chairman sign the Brush Creek Grant.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 1, 2014. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 1, 2014. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 1, 2014.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed the Lost Creek Boulder Creek Op-Ed that Adams County is considering submitting to the newspapers and recommended that Valley County sign on to the

support the letter to be submitted. The Op-Ed topic is after a group or coalition in this case develops a recommendation an outside group who could if participated chooses to file litigation against the recommendation made by the coalition of members. Chairman Cruickshank made a motion to support the Lost Creek Boulder Op-Ed. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk Miller presented the Bureau of Reclamation Contract, for the Lake Cascade area, in order to obtain approval from the Commissioners. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the BOR Contract for the 2015 season. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the BOR Contract for the 2015 season.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed the next three months Commissioner Meetings. The Commissioners decided to cancel the Commissioner meeting for February 2, 2015 and March 30, 2015.

Chairman Cruickshank advised that the Commissioners would be going into closed hearing for Indigent/Charity at 10:51 a.m.

Chairman Cruickshank brought the Commissioners out of Indigent at 11:10 a.m.

Decision after Indigent

15-JC032	Indigent Burial
15-JE071	Request for Denial
15-JE071	Request for County Indigent Lien /New Application
15-MB070	Release of Lien

Commissioner started signing Employee Christmas Cards at 11:11 a.m.

Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

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

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion for Vacation Leave. Captain John Coombs asked the Commissioners for clarification related to the amount of vacation time patrol staff could carry over. Captain Coombs referred to the Commissioner meeting minutes from July 8, 2013. Chairman Cruickshank explained that the intent was to allow the vacation time to be carryover until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Captain Coombs is asking for patrol staff to be able to carry over the max amount of vacation time. Chairman Cruickshank explained that the actual Vacation Leave Policy should be utilized by employees. The Commissioners indicated that they are going to stand by the Vacation Leave policy that went into effect April 1, 2014.

Road & Bridge Superintendent, Curtis Bennett presented on Mission Street Speed Limit Discussion. Chairman Cruickshank believed that it should be lowered to 35 miles per hour from the start of the city limits of McCall to River Ranch and not the distance suggested by the request presented to the commissioners prior. Curtis agreed that the speed limit should be lowered to 35 miles per hour on the stretch of road.

Curtis discussed the possibility of purchasing a plow truck in order to have the capability for snow removal at Johnson Creek. He advised that he has had conversations with Buck Cox and his son DJ about plowing back in Yellowpine. Curtis advised that he will have a meeting with them to discuss contracting with them to plow Johnson Creek. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked if an agreement could not be reached, what would be another solution? Curtis advised that he would consider purchasing a plow truck and would arrange for snow removal. Curtis advised that when he contracted with Buck in the past, he was paid an hourly rate of \$110 per hour. Curtis believed that last year's total cost was around \$5,000.

Chairman Cruickshank asked about the condition of West Mountain Road? Curtis informed the Commissioners that he was just made aware of the road condition and he will be assessing the road to develop a solution.

Solid Waste Supervisor, Ralph McKenzie provided Transfer Station revenue information for the Commissioners to review from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2014. He also presented Solid Waste Statistics for 2014 Fiscal Year. A copy of the document will be appended to the Commissioner meeting minutes. From October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, the revenue collected was \$379,484.26. Ralph discussed the decrease in the amount of charges that the County has been collecting and believed it was because that construction debris material was deregulated.

Ralph provided a status on the Recycle Baler. He informed the Commissioners that the baler is still not functional and the cost to repair is \$10,139.62. Ralph provided an explanation on how the baler was damaged and the necessary steps to repair the baler. Ralph requested that the baler be repaired and if it is approved, he has a mechanic from West-Pak Equipment that would repair the damage. Ralph reported that it will take a full week to repair the baler.

Ralph reported that there is not enough room for paper and plastic recyclable material. Chairman Cruickshank suggested using the Lake Fork Road & Bridge Equipment shed as a temporary storage. Chairman Cruickshank also suggested renting a storage shed. Curtis Bennett suggested hiring a truck to haul the recyclable material to Fruitland, Idaho. Ralph informed the Commissioners that he would research options and report back to the Commissioners.

Ralph reported on the Transfer Building Damage and indicated that an insurance adjuster did a site visit. He stated that the damage is more extensive than previously thought. He has bids out for the parts and will work through the insurance company.

Ralph advised that the floors in the University of Idaho building are in need of repair. He indicated that they have done a temporary repair but it is possible that the floors would need extensive work. He also reported that there were some repairs that were completed in the vault

on the north side of the courthouse. Chairman Cruickshank believed that Ralph should do more investigation into the cause to determine the extent of the damage.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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Gordon Cruickshank, Chairman

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Douglas A. Miller, Clerk