

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
December 15, 2014**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cruickshank at 9:02 a.m.

Revaluation Technician, Julie Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cruickshank informed the Commissioners that there needed to be a discussion added to the agenda regarding the Valley County building that houses the University of Idaho Extension Office. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to amend the agenda as discussed for December 15, 2015. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioners agenda with the amended item as presented for December 15, 2014.

Chairman Cruickshank presented the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 8, 2014. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2014. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from December 8, 2014.

Chairman Cruickshank discussed the comment period for the Midas Gold Comments and asked the Commissioners how they would like to respond to the comment period? Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Support letter for the operation of Midas Gold. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have the Chairman sign a support letter for the operation of Midas Gold.

Alysson Statz introduced Lynnae Krager who will be the new director for WICAP. Ms. Krager provided a brief statement regarding WICAP. She explained that WICAP is currently working on food baskets for the community.

Human Resource Director, Ken Arment thanked Valley County Employees for showing their Christmas spirit by wearing Christmas Sweaters. It was suggested that this would be an annual tradition. Ken explained that there was also a canned food drive which Valley County Employees have donated to WICAP.

Chairman Cruickshank presented Employee Recognition Certificates to Valley County Employees who have been employed with the county for over 5 years. Matt Bannon was recognized for over 10 years of service. Julie Yates was recognized for 15 years of years of service. Dee Dee Gossi was recognized for over 20 years of service. June Fullmer was recognized for 20 years of service. Deb Haskins was recognized for 20 years of service. Jason Metz was recognized for five years and Tracey Forsgren was recognized for 10 years of service.

Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick provided the final plat for Comfort Woods Subdivision Phase II. She advised that the subdivision fits the clustering concept better than other subdivisions has. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the final plat for Comfort Woods Subdivision Phase II; accept the dedicated public right-of-way named Comfort Court; and, authorize the Chairman to sign the plat. The motion is made with the understanding that the maintenance level on Comfort Court, a public road, will be set at a later date. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Cynda also presented the Murdock Subdivision Final Administrative Plat for the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Willey made a motion to approve the final plat for Murdock Subdivision; and, authorize the Chairman to sign the plat. This motion is made with the understanding that the plat will not be recorded until the County Surveyor signs the plat. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Road Superintendent, Curtis Bennett and Doug Camenisch with Parametrix Engineering presented a letter of support for the LHTAC grant application. They also discussed that LHTAC grants that Valley County would be applying for. It was explained that the STP Rural grant would be for the East Lake Fork Bridge and there would be a grant application for East Side Drive. The grant would be just for the bridge through LHTAC. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked when the bridge would be completed if the grant was awarded? Curtis provided a breakdown of when the funding would take place and explained that it could be two to five years. Doug explained that there are a couple of stages that would need to take place including a resolution that would agree to a match. Curtis advised that the match requirement would be 7.3% which in dollar figures would be around \$100,000. Commissioner Willey made a motion to have the Chairman sign the LHTAC letter of support for the East Lake Fork Road STP Rural project. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to have the Chairman sign the LHTAC Grant letter of support for the East Lake Fork Road STP Rural project.

Ronda Bishop with Boise National Forest presented on the trail accomplishments for 2014. The document shows the trails that were worked on for 2014. She reported that there were 2028 Volunteer hours for the year. The Forest Service is putting in an application for another IDPR grant for trail maintenance and is requesting a letter of support from the Valley County Commissioners. The grant that would be applied for is for actual trail work. Ronda will provide a support letter for the Commissioners to review on December 22, 2014.

Kory & Toby Olson attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss solid waste fees that were assessed to their commercial property. Toby advised that they purchased the old Amerititle building and thought that the lots were combined. They are currently being assessed two commercial fees. Chairman Cruickshank advised that the fee that is assessed is to have the ability to have the transfer site. Kory explained that they filled out the paperwork to have the lots be combined with the Valley County Assessor's Office. They are requesting that one of the commercial solid waste fees be cancelled. Assessor, June Fullmer presented Cancellation #12 in order to have one of the commercial solid waste fees waived. Commissioner Willey made a motion for Cancellation #12 for Parcel Number RP C0026003005A. Commissioner Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to cancel the Commercial Solid Waste fee for Parcel# RP C0026003005A.

Valley County Public Defender, Scott Erikson was in attendance to discuss the Public Defender Contract for 2015. Chairman Cruickshank explained that the State of Idaho has decided that they would not take over the responsibility of the Public Defender System. Chairman Cruickshank advised that Valley County has a good working relationship with Mr. Scott Erikson and appreciated that Mr. Erikson tracks the amount of public defender cases he handles. Valley County Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Jay Kiiha reported that the contract that would be presented has a cap on the amount of cases that the public defender will handle. If Mr. Erikson goes over 400 public defender cases, he would request that the Court conflict the other cases out to the conflict public defenders. Chairman Cruickshank asked who would be making the decision about how much time an attorney needs to be involved with specific cases and who would monitor compliance? Mr. Erikson provided a breakdown that the cases that are reviewed are by the types of cases that the public defender is handling. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked about the contract that is being presented and what would the changes be? Mr. Erikson explained that there was a provision in the contract setting the amount of cases he would be handling, which would be 400 cases and any more cases would be assigned to the conflict public defender. Commissioner Hasbrouck wanted to make sure that if it appears that Mr. Erikson is getting close to the 400 cases, that he notifies the Commissioners. Mr. Erikson agreed that he would notify the Commissioners if it appeared that he was getting close to the 400 cases. Commissioner Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Valley County Public Defender Contract for 2015. Commissioner Willey seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Valley County Public Defender contract for 2015 with Mr. Scott Erikson.

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

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

Chairman Cruickshank began the discussion regarding the Solid Waste fees at Leisure Time R.V. Park Subdivision. Chairman Cruickshank advised that Leisure Time was given a break

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for Solid Waste fees in 2008. Chairman Cruickshank explained that Leisure Time was given one rate and not assessed fees for each separate lot. Chairman Cruickshank explained the reason for the solid waste fee. Revaluation Technician, Julie Yates advised there are 131 improved lots within the Leisure Time R.V. Park Subdivision. Assessor, June Fullmer provided the Commissioners with a memorandum that was sent out on July 9, 1999, regarding assignment of solid waste charges. June advised that it is an Appraiser's judgment when assessing solid waste fees. Chairman Cruickshank believed that every resident of Leisure Time R.V. Park Subdivision should be assessed a solid waste fee. Commissioner Willey believed that if an individual owns the property, a solid waste fee should be assessed. He would like the policy to be consistent. Mr. Jack Sides a land owner within Leisure Time R.V. Park Subdivision believed that it would be fair if a solid waste fee was assessed to each resident to help pay for the cost of the transfer site. Commissioner Hasbrouck believed that a formal policy should be developed and used for an educational tool to be shared with the general public. Cynda Herrick believed that a resolution was prepared in the past. She would research and discuss with the Assessor's Office.

Solid Waste Manager, Ralph McKenzie presented on the Valley County Building that houses the University of Idaho Extension office. He advised that after the testing of the building it was determined that there is an issue with mold within the building. Ralph reported that there is a safety concern. Ralph indicated that the entire floor would need to be replaced. Chairman Cruickshank discussed short term solutions until a long term plan is developed. Melissa Hamilton, Educator for University of Idaho provided an outline of her needs and wants for the extension office. Chairman Cruickshank believed that for the health of the employees, there needs to be a move from the current location. He explained that the Clerk has two work stations that could be utilized by the University of Idaho Extension employees. It was discussed that there might be some available space at the Cascade Senior Center which could be explored. It was agreed that for a short term solution, the employees would be removed from the building and a discussion would be had at next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Gordon Cruickshank, Chairman

Attest:

Douglas A. Miller, Clerk