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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
February 21, 2023**

**PRESENT: ELTING HASBROUCK (CHAIRMAN)
NEAL THOMPSON (COMMISSIONER)
SHERRY MAUPIN (COMMISSIONER)
DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)**

Faye Thompson led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioners' agenda for February 21, 2023. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Maupin seconded. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for February 21, 2023.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioner meeting minutes from February 13, 2023. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from February 13, 2023. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from February 13, 2023.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the contract amendment for CDBG Idaho Department of Commerce Grant for the Yellow Pine Water Treatment Center. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the contract amendment for CDBG Idaho Department of Commerce Grant for the Yellow Pine Water Treatment Center. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the contract amendment for the CDBG Idaho Department of Commerce Grant.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the opioid settlement agreements with Allergan, CVS, TEVA, Walgreens & Walmart. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the opioid settlement agreements with Allergan, CVS, TEVA, Walgreens & Walmart.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the Professional Services and Consulting Agreement with Juan Bonilla for him to be the Emergency Services Manager. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the Professional Services and Consulting Agreement with Juan Bonilla for him to be the Emergency Services Manager with the agreement being from February 21, 2023, to September 30, 2023. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Professional Services and Consulting Agreement with Juan Bonilla for him to be the Emergency Services Manager with the agreement being from February 21, 2023, to September 30, 2023.

The commissioners discussed the preparation of disasters in Valley County. Emergency Services Manager, Juan Bonilla discussed the preparation of Valley County and specifically related to the Four Corner Fire and what was learned after the event. He reported on the grants that have been applied specifically for the Four Corner Fire event. He also discussed involving Red Cross in the future if needed. Juan felt that Valley County was prepared for natural disasters but agreed that there could be improvements made specifically related to communication of the public. Commissioner Maupin requested that Emergency Services Manager, Juan Bonilla provide quarterly updates to the commissioners to provide an overview of work that had been conducted and Juan agreed that he would request to be placed on the commissioners' agenda to provide quarterly updates.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the discussion related to the request to provide American Rescue Plan Act funds to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Commissioner Maupin provided an overview of the creation of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and what the purpose of the housing trust was in Valley County. She advised that the West Central Mountain Housing Trust was a non-profit 501c(3) organization. She advised that the West Central Mountain Housing Trust has been expanded and they have requested that the city of Cascade and city of Donnelly appoint a representative. Commissioner Maupin introduced the current members of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and provided the reason for the requested funding and the funding that would be available at the state level. She advised that the funds that are being requested would be used as a match for the state grants. Mary Nuckols who is the president of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust provided an overview of the request and the funding that have already been received. Commissioner Maupin explained that there would be deed restrictions if any units were built and described the increased building costs within Valley County. She advised that she was in support of contributing to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and explained that when the survey was conducted local housing was number two on the list. Ms. Lindsey Harris who is the Director of the West Central Mountain Economic Development Council presented to the commissioners her support of the contribution to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Ms. Jonee Howee who is a member of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust also provided her support of the proposed contribution to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Ms. Kelly Miller who is a member of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust also provided her support of the proposed contribution to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Ms. Kelly Hill who is a member of the West Central Mountain

Housing Trust also provided her support of the proposed contribution to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. She described the rental market within Valley County and described the high rental costs. Mr. Chance Hobb presented on the progress that has been made by the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and discussed the targeted projects that would be developed with the contribution of Valley County. Mr. Kirby Robertson who was a resident of Donnelly presented to the commissioners and was not convinced that Valley County should be using public funds to contribute to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and provided a recommendation to the commissioners an alternative suggestion. He recommended that the commissioners deliberate on the matter to review additional options. Mr. Gary Swain who is a resident of Donnelly voiced concerns about contributing to a private group and believed that it would be a duty of the commissioners to review the finances of West Central Mountain Housing Trust. He also felt that Valley County should review the projects that have already been developed by the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. He would propose that Valley County hold the funds and pay for the projects once a development is designated and approved. Chairman Hasbrouck provided his opinion to the audience and agreed with the comments that were made by Mr. Gary Swain & Mr. Kirby Robertson. He felt that additional time was needed to research the request. Mr. Chance Hobb provided additional statements in rebuttal of the comments that were made with concerns regarding the proposed contribution. He advised that the annual cost of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust was around \$15,000 per year. He advised that the West Central Mountain Housing Trust does have an annual audit and advised that the would be willing to provide financial information to Valley County. He advised that the goal was to place housing on the ground and not to fund a full-time director position of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Commissioner Maupin proposed that if a project was developed in Cascade, it would be given priority to the workforce of Valley County employees. She advised that she had been working on housing in Valley County for eight years and she believed that Valley County should decide on the request.

Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve ARPA funding of \$1,000,000 contribution to the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and follow the conversation that was just had, that no payroll is funded with the contribution, require an annual audit of West Central Mountain Housing Trust, identify county employees would get first priority of the units, continue discussions regarding a loan repayment in order to provide a long term funding source for local housing in Valley County. Commissioner Thompson asked about the long-term sustainability of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Commissioner Maupin provided a response to his question. Commissioner Thompson asked what type of development would be built with the contribution. Mr. Hobb advised that the proposal would be for a tri-plex and explained the existing projects that were funded by the West Central Mountain Housing Trust. Commissioner Hasbrouck asked why Valley County shouldn't just use the ARPA funding to build a development of their own. Mr. Hobb did not feel that Valley County was equipped to be a manager of housing project. Commissioner Maupin agreed that there needed to be an additional funding structure to pay for a director of the West Central Mountain Housing Trust and that would be a requirement of the existing board. She discussed the existing partnerships and felt that the commissioners need to spend the ARPA funds the way that the community wants the funds to be spent. She also felt that a repayment option should be reviewed. Chairman Hasbrouck provided additional comments regarding his opinion on the requested contribution. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Oakey felt that a memorandum of understanding needed to be developed between Valley County and West Central Mountain Housing Trust.

Commissioner Maupin amended her motion to also include that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed with the West Central Mountain Housing Trust to outline conditions and the funds be in a separate account that will be used for monthly draw requests in order to accomplish the housing project. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Commissioner Maupin and Commissioner Thompson voted “aye”. Chairman Hasbrouck voted in opposition of the motion and amended motion. The motion passed with a 2-1 vote.

Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick presented Resolution 23-07 Adoption of 2022 Valley County Waterways Management Plan. Chairman Hasbrouck described the purpose of the resolution. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve Resolution 23-07 Adoption of 2022 Valley County Waterways Management Plan. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Resolution 23-07 Adoption of 2022 Valley County Waterways Management Plan.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the discussion related to the proposed members of the Valley County Recreation Advisory Committee. Recreation Director, Larry Laxson informed the commissioners that he and Recreation Planner, Dave Bingaman selected twelve applicants for the commissioners to consider. Dave reported that they had received twenty-four applicants who were interested in being selected to the committee and appreciated the interest. The commissioners deliberated on the individuals that were recommended for consideration. Recreation Director, Larry Laxson advised that the Valley County Recreation Advisory Committee would be meeting once a month and over the next couple of days and he would provide an outline of priorities that need to be identified. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the Recreation Advisory Committee Members as listed, Mr. Jim Klum, Ms. Emily Bettin, Mr Drew Kirsch, Mr. Jeff Mousseau, Mr. Eric Weiseth, Mr. Cameron Sena, Ms. April Whitney, Mr. Mike Heyer and Mr. Shane Hinson. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Recreation Advisory Committee Members Mr. Jim Klum, Ms. Emily Bettin, Mr Drew Kirsch, Mr. Jeff Mousseau, Mr. Eric Weiseth, Mr. Cameron Sena, Ms. April Whitney, Mr. Mike Heyer and Mr. Shane Hinson.

Commissioner Maupin provided a presentation regarding her attendance at the 2023 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. She advised that one of the main topics discussed was cyber security matters. She discussed cybersecurity grants that were available and being reviewed by IT Director, Jeremy Wilcox. She also advised that upgrading broadband was a significant topic discussed and advised that there were grants available that should be reviewed by Grant Writer, Mackenzie Castor. She also advised that there was a farm bill that was being considered for rural development. Commissioner Maupin also discussed the complexity of the HUD grants and advised that the USDA was looking at making the process easier. She disclosed that the largest conversation nationwide amongst the counties was affordable housing. She also advised that there was discussion regarding economic development associations. She felt that there needs to be funding for housing for first responders specifically. She advised that there was discussion related to CDBG funds for retrofitting of existing buildings. She reported that the fair housing guidelines were being reviewed. She presented on the lands meeting that she attended and discussed that the Forest Service was working with Youth Conservation Corporations, and she requested that the funding be provided to Title III. She discussed the WDC funding that was

being discussed on the national level. She also felt that Valley County needed to review the local needs.

Grant Writer, Mackenzie Castor presented on the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant for Roseberry Bridge Replacement Application. It was explained that the grant was just to fund the engineering cost of the S Bridge. Road Director, Jeff McFadden advised that there needed to be additional conversations with the Bureau of Reclamation about the actual construction of a new bridge. Grant Writer, Mackenzie Castor advised that there were other grants available to fund the actual construction of a new bridge. Commissioner Maupin advised she also had a conversation with Clearwater Financial to discuss identifying additional funding sources. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant for Roseberry Bridge Replacement. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant for Roseberry Bridge Replacement.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m.

The commissioners returned from lunch at 12:55 p.m.


Chairman Hasbrouck advised that the commissioners would be conducting a quarterly walk through at the Valley County Jail.

The commissioners returned from the quarterly walk through at the Valley County Jail.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b)-“To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. By roll call vote all commissioners voted “aye”. The commissioners went into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b)-Evaluation at 2:20 p.m.

Chairman Hasbrouck brought the commissioners out of Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) at 3:25 p.m. No decision was made as it was for evaluation purposes.

The commissioners adjourned at 3:25 p.m.


Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck

Attest:


Douglas Miller, Clerk