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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
February 20, 2024**

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

Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioners' agenda for February 20, 2024. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the commissioner's agenda for February 20, 2024. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for February 20, 2024.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioner meeting minutes from February 12, 2024. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve. Chairman Hasbrouck seconded the motion. No further discussion, Commissioner Maupin recused from voting as she was not in attendance during the February 12, 2024, meeting. Motion passed to approve the commissioner meeting minutes from February 12, 2024.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented a letter to submit to Senator Just to create a budget line item for ITD to research the dying of trees on Highway 55. Commissioner Maupin advised that Senator Just would like the University of Idaho to conduct a study to determine why the trees were dying. Commissioner Thompson provided his opinion regarding the proposed letter. He would be against paying for a study because he felt that a study had already been conducted by the Forest Service and Department of Transportation. Chairman Hasbrouck provided his opinion regarding how funding should be utilized to mitigate the existing dangerous trees. The commissioners

meeting with the Department of Transportation. The commissioners postponed deciding about submitting a letter of support and would like to schedule a meeting with Idaho Transportation Department.

Sheriff, Kevin Copperi presented a memorandum of agreement with the Valley County Gun Club for the Valley County Sheriff's Department to utilize the facility. Clerk, Douglas Miller advised that the county did not budget for the expenditure for Fiscal Year 2024 but would be expending it from PILT or for general fund reserve. Chairman Hasbrouck advised that the commissioners would also need to begin budgeting for the cleanup of the existing gun range at the Valley County Road Department. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Johanna Defoort presented that another ARPA Funding matured and provided the commissioners with the amount of interest that had been earned. She provided the commissioners with the analysis that she conducted and recommended that the funds be invested in the LGIP Account. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to move the investment to LGIP Account. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Johanna Defoort provided on the request for a debit card for the Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator. She informed the commissioners about the analysis that was conducted to determine the amount for the debit card. The commissioners deliberated on the subject. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve a debit card for the Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve a debit card for the Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Commissioner Maupin provided the commissioners with an update regarding her attendance at the 2024 NACO Conference. She discussed additional matters that pertain to Valley County to include CDBG Funding and the need for a procurement plan being developed and adopted. She shared that Clerk, Douglas Miller has been working on a procurement policy. She also advised that a disaster recovery plan needed to be drafted and approved. She presented the need to have it identified in waste management providers agreements clearly where specific types of waste are disposed of. She updated the commissioners on additional funding that she was informed of specifically for the Planning & Zoning Department to consider applying for. She discussed the lands meeting that she attended and the discovery that the existing Good Neighbor Authority agreement needed to be amended. She presented that there was a recommendation that a county resource management plan was necessary and explained how if a county had an adopted a resource management plan could be used to access funding. She discussed the possibility of the creation of forest services housing projects and how the county could collaborate. She presented that SRS funding was at risk of not being reauthorized and how that would potentially impact Valley County. She presented on the recent concern of artificial intelligence and specifics on how artificial intelligence was being utilized and potentially a threat of AI. She advised that there were recommendations on policy that should be developed with counties that are using artificial intelligence. There was also concern about AI being used against the senior community. She described several other issues related to AI theft. She presented federal laws that were being implemented related to elections safety and poll workers safety.

Valley County Waterways Committee member, Jalley Zeydel presented on a meeting that they had with Department of Agriculture. He introduced Dave Parish who worked for Idaho Fish & Game, and he discussed the invasive species program. Mr. Parish provided a history lesson of the Quagga Mussel issue and how it was introduced to bodies of water including in water in Idaho. He discussed the rapid response plan that was implemented. Jalley Zeydel explained efforts that could potentially be made in Valley County to get multiple agencies involved. He felt that Valley County should consider including Weed Director, Steve Anderson because he is involved with invasive species. The commissioners felt that continued monitoring needed to occur but needed to determine funding for potential check stations to be available in Valley County. The commissioners requested that the Valley County Waterways Committee receive regular recommendations being made to them about moving forward.

Chief Deputy Clerk, Gabrielle Knapp provided the commissioners with a second presentation regarding time clocks for Valley County and her analysis of implementation of a new program for employees to use. The commissioners had several questions regarding potential options and what would be the best for employees and payroll. The commissioners deliberated on the options that were presented and felt that the web-based program should be the primary way for employees to clock in and out of work. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve moving forward to allow online timecard recordings through app on phone or computer with the agreement that if concerns a new discussion would occur before the commissioners. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve moving forward to allow online timecard recordings through app on phone or computer with the agreement that if concerns a new discussion would occur before the commissioners.

Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick conducted a presentation regarding Goode Lane property deed restrictions and potential uses. Chairman Hasbrouck advised that he requested the presentation from Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick. She did make it clear that she was not legal counsel but provided an overview of her understanding of the deed restrictions. She presented the GIS map of the area and read the deed restrictions. Road Director, Jeff McFadden informed the commissioners about the material that was being extracted from the Goode Lane Gravel Pit and how it was utilized. Cynda informed the commissioners that the documents she was reviewing had been provided in the commissioner's packets. The commissioners felt that there was a need for legal review of the deeds and potential restrictions.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

The commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

The commissioners conducted their quarterly inspection of the Valley County Jail.

Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(f)- "To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an Executive Session does not satisfy this requirement."-Litigation Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further

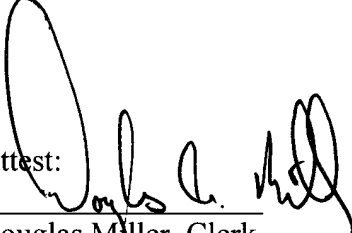
discussion, by roll call vote all commissioners voted "aye". The commissioners went into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(f)-Litigation at 1:48 p.m.

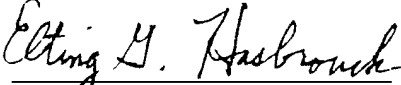
Chairman Hasbrouck brought the commissioners out of Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(c)-Litigation at 2:31 p.m. No decision was made after the Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(c)-Litigation.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(c)-"To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency."-Acquisition Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, by roll call vote all commissioners voted "aye". The commissioners went into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(c)-Acquisition at 2:33 p.m.

Chairman Hasbrouck brought the commissioners out of Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(c)-Acquisition at 3:40 p.m.

The commissioners adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Attest:

Douglas Miller, Clerk


Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck

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VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA Tuesday February 20, 2024

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PROPOSED AGENDA Note: Any item(s) in need of a motion will be described in the agenda under the appropriate section.

- 9:00 Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Approve Agenda
- 9:05 Commissioner Discussion
Action Items: Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024
Approve Letter of Support for Senator Rick to Create Budget Line Item for ITD to Research Trees on 55
Sign Valley County Gun Club Memorandum of Agreement with Valley County Sheriff's Office
- 9:15 **Action Item:** ARPA Maturity
Request for Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator Debit Card – Treasurer, Johanna Defoort
- 9:30 Recap of 2024 NACO Conference –Commissioner, Sherry Maupin
- 9:45 Update of the Quagga Mussel Issue – Valley County Waterways Committee Jally Zeydel and Dave Parish
- 10:00 **Action Item:** Time Clock Discussion and Decision – Chief Deputy Clerk, Gabrielle Knapp
- 10:30 **Action Item:** Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(f)-“To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an Executive session does not satisfy this requirement.”-Litigation

11:30 Goode Lane Property - Deed Restrictions - Potential Uses – Planning and Zoning
Director, Cynda Herrick

12:00 Recess for Lunch

1:00 **Action Item:** Valley County Jail Inspection

1:30 Opportunity for General Public to Present to Commissioners

1:30 **Action Item:** Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(c) “To acquire an interest in
real property not owned by a public agency.”-Acquisition

Adjourn

COMMISSIONER’S FUTURE MEETING DATE

Monday February 26, 2024