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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
December 22, 2025**

PRESENT: **SHERRY MAUPIN (CHAIRMAN)**
 KATLIN CALDWELL (COMMISSIONER)
 NEAL THOMPSON (COMMISSIONER)
 DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)

Chairman, Sherry Maupin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin presented the commissioners' agenda for December 22, 2025. The commissioners discussed the proposed agenda scheduled for December 22, 2025. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the commissioners' agenda for December 22, 2025. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for December 22, 2025.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin began the discussion with Dalrymple Construction regarding the possibility of having a defect in the tipping floor concrete at the Solid Waste Transfer Site. Mr. Joe Dalrymple with Dalrymple Construction provided a response regarding the condition of the concrete on the tipping floor and advised that there could be additional analysis of the concrete in the future. Commissioner Thompson shared that there was a meeting with the Great West Engineering, Dalrymple Construction, Facility Director, Terri Kenneda to discuss additional tests that were going to be conducted to determine the additional tests on the concrete of the tipping floor. Commissioner Caldwell requested that a third party conduct an analysis of the concrete of the tipping floor. Chairman Maupin advised that Great West Engineering should be involved and they need to sign off on the concrete. The commissioners requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for January 5, 2026.

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Action Item: Road Director, Kerstin Dettrich provided an overview of the work that had been conducted to complete the Annual Report and Street Report for Fiscal Year 2025. She explained that after completion of the report she would be requesting to reopen the Fiscal Year Budget for 2026 to utilize a carry amount balance of \$2,000,000 to spend on reconstruction projects. The commissioners discussed reopening the Fiscal Year Budget for 2026 but would like to schedule a workshop to determine potential roads for reconstruction. Road Director Dettrich advised that she needed to make a few changes to the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual and Street Report and the commissioners requested that the matter be brought back to them before the end of the commissioner meeting today.

Action Item: Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick presented Tamarack Resort planned unit development for Montelago. Commissioner Caldwell recused herself from the planned unit development as a family member had conducted work on the project. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the final plat for Tamarack Resort Planned Unit Development-Montelago, declare that the original Blue Mountain Subdivision plat will be vacated where the boundaries of the Montelago Subdivision is platted and overlaid, acknowledge the owner's declaration of installation of utilities, acknowledge the owner's declaration of private roads, acknowledge the supplemental declaration for Tamarack Resort Montelago subdivision, acknowledge the limited transfer of right to annex property, acknowledge Central District Health letter stating sanitary restrictions have been satisfied, accept the financial guarantee of an escrow amount titled holdback instructions with Amerititle in the amount of \$24,500 for payment to Warren Drake, Drake Diversified LLC, for completion of the connection of the fire system to a water supply in 2026 as adequate and authorize the chairman to sign the plat. The motion is made with the understanding that the Valley County Board of Commissioners have the sole discretion to set the level of service for any public road; the level of service can be changed and building permits will not be issued until the water supply is connected and approved by the Donnelly Fire Department. Chairman Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, Commissioner Thompson and Chairman Maupin voted in favor. Commissioner Caldwell recused herself. Motion passed.

Action Item: Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick presented on Lake Fork Preserve Subdivision 2. She advised that she was waiting for a letter from Central District Health. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the final plat for Lake Fork Preserve Subdivision No.2, acknowledge the development agreement that was approved on October 8, 2025, and must be executed within 12 months, acknowledge the utility and irrigation easement agreement, acknowledge the owner's declaration of utilities, acknowledge the declaration of protective covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements for SUB 25-006 Lake Fork Preserve No.2, acknowledge the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Protection Plan and authorize the chairman to sign the plat. This motion is made with the understanding that the Valley County Board of Commissioners have the sole discretion to set the level of service for any public road and the level of service can be changed. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin presented on the invoice from Pacific West Construction and made a motion to only approve the invoice for Pacific West Construction invoice up to \$250,000 until a formal document is submitted regarding the change order requested. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to only approve

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the invoice for Pacific West Construction invoice up to \$250,000 until a formal document is submitted regarding the change order requested.

Senior Deputy Auditor, Robyn Elliott presented the Fiscal Year 2026 claims and board order claims to the commissioners.

Fiscal Year 2026 Claims

General Fund	\$139,024.12
Road & Bridge	\$108,501.28
American Rescue Plan Fund	\$122,620.17
District Court	\$5,941.04
Fair	\$90.75
Revaluation	\$2,431.87
Solid Waste	\$203,746.91
Weeds	\$835.72
PILT Fund	\$5,307.14
Pest Control	\$39.84
Waterways	\$712.33
McCall-Donnelly Snowmobile	\$8,258.54
Cascade-Warm Lake Snowmobile	\$1,098.99
Smiths Ferry Snowmobile	\$776.18
Sheriff Capital Equipment	\$1,377.44
LACTF Fund	\$21,160.05
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Total:	\$621,791.78

Action Item: Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the claims and board order claims as presented for December 22, 2025. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the claims and board order claims as presented for December 22, 2025.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin presented a notice to amend the Great West Engineering Contract. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the amend. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the amended contract with Great West Engineering.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin began the workshop with Perpetua Resources to discuss the road maintenance agreement that had been proposed. Chairman Maupin provided clarification regarding that Perpetua Resources has year-round access to their mine. She explained the snow grooming route would not have changed and there would have been a gate for avalanche control. She advised that it was an avalanche zone. She explained that there needs to be a conversation about how to protect people when there is a potential for avalanches. Chairman Maupin advised that the commissioners had received over 150 emails and letters regarding concerns about the

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proposal to gate a. Chairman Maupin advised that there will be a new snow grooming route, but the route is current under litigation. Sherriff Copperi explained the reason for a gate was for avalanche control. Chairman Maupin shared that there will not be a gate at Warm Lake Summit and asked the public to assist with the protection of others the upcoming winter. Chairman Maupin asked those in attendance for the workshop to introduce themselves. Field Operation Manager, Kyle Fend, Jordan Nelson and Debra Nelson. Road Director, Kerstin Dettrich and Valley County Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Oakey. The first topic of discussion was related to the initial turnoff to Warm Lake Highway and Mr. Nelson advised that there was a proposal for a traffic light. The commissioners had concerns regarding the proposal for a traffic light at Warm Lake Highway and did not feel that it was necessary. Road Director, Kerstin Dettrich provided an overview of the comments that the commissioners had made to the Forest Service in 2017, regarding public safety on Warm Lake Summit. Road Director Dettrich advised that Perpetua Resources per the decision by the Forest Service has the authority to close roads and gates can be added which puts Valley County in a tough position. Two issues mitigation payments and public safety would be the other issue. She feels that with Parametrix review mitigation is properly called out and Parametrix reviewed. She believed that the Prosecuting Attorney needed to determine what Valley County would be allowed to do. Other roads that are priority over Warm Lake. She advised that to discuss public safety and recreation. Gate had been specified by the Federal Government approval. Transportation plan approved identifies signage at multiple locations. Off plan for alternative recreation that was not in place. She stated that the roads were set up by the Forest Service for logging, and the summit was never meant for standard public use created a public safety issue. Chairman Maupin asked for clarification regarding temporary closures that were called out and could potentially occur. Mr. Fend provided explanation regarding the closures that would occur for public maintenance, which could be for up to one year and specifically Stibnite Road. Attorney of record for Perpetua Resources, Deb Nelson provided a recap and preview of what was before the commissioners. She first clarified the proposed regular maintenance payments and then discussed additional proposals that were added to the proposed road maintenance agreement. Field Operations Manager, Kyle Fend presented on the schedule for truck traffic on Warm Lake Road and the commissioners asked how the public would be contacted. Kyle Fend advised that the reader board signs had been purchased. Kyle advised that all traffic for Calendar year 2026 would be Monday through Friday. The commissioners had additional questions regarding the truck convoys and Mr. Fend provided additional information. Road Director Dettrich shared with the commissioners the analysis that had been conducted by Parametrix can confirmed she agreed with the analysis that had been done. Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Oakey explained that there was additional language that needed to be added to the agreement regarding fiscal spending of the county in Fiscal Year 2026. Chairman Maupin reviewed the section of the road maintenance agreement which called out the requirements of a gate at Warm Lake Summit and the commissioners requested an additional time for a workshop to discuss closures of gate. There were a date and time determined of January 12, 2025, at 10:45 a.m. The commissioners asked for comments from the Sheriff regarding mitigation of concerns regarding closures during avalanches and Sheriff Copperi voiced his concerns regarding lack of manpower to patrol the area. The commissioners discussed partnership and requested the attendance of the Forest Service at the next workshop. The commissioners allowed public comment.

Mr. Jacob, who resides in Ada County, asked questions regarding getting families on the snow grooming trails. There was discussion regarding finding alternative routes for families in the future.

Ms. Kyle Rickman provided potential solution regarding signage and asked if temporary signage could be installed by ITD.

Ms. Belenda Provancher provided testimony to the commissioners.

Mr. Eric Young, who resides in McCall, Idaho provided testimony to the commissioners and asked if Perpetua Resources would make as many designated parking spots as possible at possible. He felt that there should be additional signage.

Karen Ball, who resides in Valley County provided testimony to the commissioners and voiced her concerns.

Ms. Kate Strom provided testimony to the commissioners and questions regarding road sanding on the road. Mr. Kyle Fend with Perpetua Resources provided a response.

Chairman Maupin voiced concerns regarding the safety of the public and expressed the mitigation that should be done.

Ms. Deb Nelson asked the commissioners for conversation regarding additional matters that were included in the proposed road maintenance agreement. Road Director, Kerstin Dettrich discussed the proposed payments that were called out in the road maintenance agreement of \$50,000 and how those payments would be applied but explained that it was a difficult situation but explained that the engineers conducted an analysis to determine that amount. Chairman Maupin thanked the collaboration that has occurred with Perpetua Resources and understands that other mining companies have not contacted the county.

The commissioners recessed at 10:56 a.m.

The commissioners returned from lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Action Item: Ms. Traci Jamieson with Ignite Idaho provided a presentation to the commissioners regarding the continued use of the Valley County Community Center and advised that the church was moving and with that they were planning. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to allow Ignite Idaho to make the upgrades to the Valley County Community Center. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to allow Ignite Idaho to make the upgrades to the Valley County Community Center as proposed.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin presented the Memorandum of Understanding between Valley County and Ignite Idaho regarding the use of opioid funds. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between Ignite Idaho and Valley County regarding opioid funds. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the memorandum of understanding between Ignite Idaho and Valley County regarding use of opioid funds.

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Sheriff, Kevin Copperi conducted a presentation to the commissioners regarding an act of bravery and exemplary service of Seargent, Ryan Nelson and Detention Deputy, Koby Ricky.

Action Item: Chairman Maupin presented the commissioner meeting minutes of December 15, 2025. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of December 15, 2025. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of December 15, 2025.

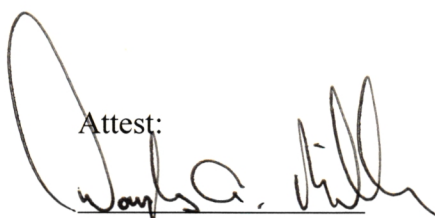
Action Item: Clerk, Douglas Miller presented the document related to the passthrough funds recipient agreement with Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the agreement with Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the agreement between Valley County and the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections.


Action Item: Chairman Maupin made a motion to go in Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(i)-“To engage in communications with a representative of the public agency’s risk manager or insurance provider to discuss the adjustment of a pending claim or prevention of a claim imminently likely to be filed. The mere presence of a representative of the public agency’s risk manager of insurance provider at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.” Commissioner Caldwell 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(i)-Risk Management at 1:09 p.m.

Chairman Maupin brought the commissioners out of Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. Chairman Maupin made a motion to allow the Sheriff’s Office to move forward with identifying technology upgrades as presented in the Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(i). Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to allow the Sheriff’s Office to move forward with identifying technology upgrades as presented in the Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(i).

Action Item: The commissioners again reviewed the amended Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Street and Financial Report from earlier in the day. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Street and Financial Report. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Street and Financial Report.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Attest:

Douglas Miller, Clerk


Chairman, Sherry Maupin

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