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IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CASCADE, IDAHO December 5, 2022

PRESENT: **ELTING HASBROUCK (CHAIRMAN)**
 EDGAR ALLEN (COMMISSIONER)
 SHERRY MAUPIN (COMMISSIONER)
 DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)

Senior Deputy Auditor, Rheta Clingan led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioners' agenda for December 5, 2022. He advised that there were three claims that needed to be added to the agenda for approval. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of claims to the agenda for December 5, 2022. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of three claims for December 5, 2022.

Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the claims as presented for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the claims as presented for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioner meeting minutes from November 28, 2022. The minutes were delayed on being provided to the commissioners and the approval of the meeting minutes for November 28, 2022, will be added to the commissioners' agenda for December 12, 2022.

Jill Casal with University of Idaho Extension Office presented the University of Idaho Extension Cooperative Agreement. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with University of Idaho Extension Program. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the University of Idaho Extension Program.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the discussion related to the amending the January 2023 agendas. Clerk, Douglas Miller advised that the IAC Mid-Winter Conference started on January 30th, 2023, and there were agenda items that might be of interest to the commissioners. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for January 30th and have a meeting on January 3rd. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to cancel the January 30th meeting and have a meeting on January 3, 2023.

Chief Deputy Assessor, Sue Leeper presented on request for solid waste and value cancellation. She presented on cancellation number 14 and explained the reason for the solid waste cancellation. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve cancellation number 14. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve cancellation number 14.

Chief Deputy Assessor, Sue Leeper presented on value cancellation number 15 and explained the reason for the requested cancellation. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve value cancellation number 15. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve value cancellation number 15.

Sheriff, Patti Bolen presented the emergency facility and land use agreement between Valley County and Forest Service. She explained that the agreement was an afterthought after the Four Corner Fire for the use of the Emergency Operation Center by the Forest Service and in the future the agreement needs to be presented before the use of the building. The commissioners discussed the notation in the agreement that there would be a fee of \$200 paid to Valley County. Sheriff Bolen advised that there had not been any intentions on collect the \$200 but it was in fact in the agreement. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the emergency facilities and land use agreement between Valley County and U.S. Forest Service. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the emergency facilities and land use agreement between Valley County and U.S. Forest Service.

Kari Palmer with WICAP provided an update to the commissioners regarding what WICAP had been doing in the community. There were several questions regarding the Fiscal Year Budget for WICAP that Valley County funds. It was suggested that workshop be scheduled in the future for WICAP to provide a clear picture of how the contribution Valley County makes is dedicated to programs within the community.

Stephanie Nelson with Wildland Fire Prevention & Associates presented on proposed changes for the fire wise projects in Fiscal Year and the 2023 programs utilizing Title III funds. She also explained increasing the amount available for individuals for who would qualify for funding for fire wise projects. Mr. John Lillehaug who is a board member who decides who qualifies for funding also presented to the commissioners. Stephanie explained that they would like to see \$30,000 of Title III funds be utilized to expend on the fire wise program. Commissioner Allen

made a motion to approve the requested changes that were presented by Wildland Fire Prevention Associates for the Valley County Firewise Program. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the requested changes that were presented by Wildland Fire Prevention Associates for the Valley County Firewise Program.

Mr. Jim Pace a member of the board of the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center presented a request to the commissioners to utilize Title III Funds to purchase a snowmobile and tuition for 2 professional avalanche classes. Mr. Pace provided a handout that will be appended to the commissioner meeting minutes. Ms. Angela Staub who is also a member of the board of the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center provided additional testimony to the commissioners regarding the request. The commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions to members of the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center. Dave Bingaman who used to work for Payette Avalanche Center was available to answer questions from the commissioners regarding the distribution of the information of potential avalanche dangers and the operations/funding of the Payette Avalanche Center. Commissioner Maupin requested that in the future the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center presented to the commissioners during budget hearings. Clerk, Douglas Miller advised that since the request was not made during Valley County's budget hearing, he would recommend that a public hearing be conducted to comply with Title III requirements. Commissioner Allen made a motion to have a public hearing regarding the request for Title III Funds by the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center to be conducted on December 27, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed have a public hearing regarding the request for Title III Funds by the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center to be conducted on December 27, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Bruce Patterson who is employed by Entry Point Network presented on the West Central Mountains Fiber Network proposal. A copy of the presentation would be appended to the commissioner meeting minutes. IT Director, Chris Curtain from the City of McCall also provided testimony to the commissioners. Mr. Patterson explained the work that had been conducted currently and the work that needed to be done. He also advised that the industry would present that they have complied with government requirements of level of service and infrastructure, but that claim was not accurate, and he provided further information to the commissioners. He presented on the market research that was conducted by Entry Point related to the existing system in Valley County. He was recommending that leadership and community engagement continue to determine opportunities to improve fiber optics within Valley County. He advised that the challenges in Valley County that have been identified are the capital, operations, and services. He presented on potential action that Valley County should consider and he identified potential funding that would be available through the federal government, state government and possibly private funding but explained the detailed requirements that Valley County would be required to do.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the request to create an Idaho's North-South Middle Mile Network Letter of Support. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to support the Idaho's Middle Mile Network Letter of Support. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to support the Idaho's Middle Mile Network Letter of Support.

Road Director, Jeff McFadden presented to the commissioners that there was a request to plow Highway 55 to the bottom Crown Point Parkway. He advised that he has safety concerns about the request but felt obligated to have the matter on the agenda. Mr. Nick Teresko presented on the request to the commissioners and explained his request to plow the bottom level of Crown Point Parkway. The commissioners had the opportunity to discuss the matter in detail and advised that the parcel that was in discussion should not have winter access. Commissioner Maupin felt that additional research needed to be done before she was willing to decide on the requested proposal. Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick also felt that Valley County needed to include Idaho Department of Lands during the discussion. Commissioner Allen suggested including Idaho Transportation and Idaho Department of Lands during future discussions. Chairman Hasbrouck advised that the commissioners would not be deciding today until the requested party obtains approval from Idaho Transportation Department and Idaho Department of Lands with the matter being placed on an upcoming agenda.

Chairman Hasbrouck opened the Public Hearing for Collier Ridge Rd private road declaration/validation at 11:59 a.m. and asked for staff report. Planning & Zoning Director, Cynda Herrick provided a staff report to the commissioners. The commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions to Cynda and she responded accordingly.

Chairman Hasbrouck requested to hear any testimony from proponents. The record would reflect that there was no one who presented as a proponent.

Chairman Hasbrouck requested to hear any testimony from anyone who was undecided. The record would reflect that there was no one who presented as uncommitted.

Chairman Hasbrouck requested to hear testimony from anyone who was an opponent. The record would reflect that there was no one who presented in person as an opponent.

Chairman Hasbrouck closed the public hearing for Collier Ridge Road private road declaration/validation at 12:15 p.m. and brought the matter back to the commissioners for deliberations. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve Resolution 23-02. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Resolution 23-02.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

The commissioners returned from work at 1:12 p.m.

Mr. Robbie Parker presented on a request to approve the letter of support to submit to Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine. He explained that he is attempting to adopt two Ukrainian children and the letter of support would help with the process. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the letter of support for Mr. Robbie Parker.

Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(a)- "To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need."-Hiring 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(a)-Hiring at 1:20 p.m.

Chairman Hasbrouck brought the commissioners out of Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(a)-Hiring at 2:17 p.m. No decision was made as the commissioners have four more interviews to conduct for the Valley County Planning & Zoning Commission.

Human Resource Director, Pat Duncan began the discussion regarding the Valley County on-call mechanics pay and she explained that the mechanics are required to be on call during the weekend and she proposed that the mechanics receive on-call pay of \$100 per day. The commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the policy and procedures and asked if there were additional departments that should be considered. Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the proposed on-call pay for the road department with an understanding that a county wide policy would be reviewed and adopted. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the proposed on-call pay for the road department with an understanding that a county wide policy would be reviewed and adopted.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the discussion regarding the University of Idaho having a debit card. Alysson Stats with the University of Idaho Extension Office requested that Valley County authorize a debit card with a limit of \$2,500 to \$3,000 and explained what the purchases would be for. Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to allow the University of Idaho Extension Office to have a debit card with a limit of \$3,000. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to allow the University of Idaho Extension Office to have a debit card with a limit of \$3,000.

Chairman Hasbrouck made a motion to 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."- Personnel 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(b)-Personnel at 2:35p.m.

Chairman Hasbrouck brought the commissioners out of Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b)-Personnel at 3:30 p.m. No decision was made as it was for evaluation purposes.

The commissioners adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:


Douglas Miller, Clerk


Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck