

# Valley County Board of County Commissioners

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## IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CASCADE, IDAHO August 10, 2026

**PRESENT:**            **SHERRY MAUPIN (CHAIRMAN)**  
                         **NEAL THOMPSON (COMMISSIONER)**  
                         **KATLIN CALDWELL (COMMISSIONER)**  
                         **MARIA GUEST (ADMIN ASSISTANT)**

Chairman Maupin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action Item (1):** Chairman Maupin presented the commissioners' agenda for August 10, 2026. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to postpone action item (8): Naming Recycling Center to a future meeting and approve the commissioners' agenda for Aug 10, 2026, with the deletion of action item 8. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for Aug 10, 2026, with the deletion of action item 8

**Action Items (2):** Chairman Maupin presented the commissioners' meeting minutes for July 21, 2026, and July 27, 2026. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the commissioners' meeting minutes for July 21, 2026, and July 27. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' meeting minutes for July 21, 2026, and July 27.

**Action Item (3):** Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve request to support the Support Tool for the West Central Mountains Region presented by Dr. Brittany Brand on Aug 3, 2026, meeting with the stipulation that a contract is to be created stating who would be responsible for the program after its initial launch or in perpetuity. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve request to support the Support Tool for the West Central Mountains Region presented by Dr. Brittany Brand on Aug 3, 2026, meeting with the stipulation that a contract is to be created stating who would be responsible for the program after its initial launch or in perpetuity.

**Action item (4):** The Commissioners talked about moving some of the admin work on the Master Facilities Plan/Comprehensive Financial Plan and Public Engagement to staff to save money. Commissioner Caldwell will reach out and get updates on the addendum. No action was taken.

**Action Item (5):** Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve and sign the Idaho Dept of Juvenile Correction Passthrough Funds Agreement. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve and sign the Idaho Dept of Juvenile Correction Passthrough Funds Agreement.

**Action Item (6):** Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the Claims and Board Order Claims but hold part of Road & Bridge Stroth General Pay App #19 until Director Dettrich can join in to answer questions about the item. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Claims, Board Order Claims but hold part of Road & Bridge Stroth General Pay App #19 until Director Dettrich can join in to answer questions about the item.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| GENERAL                     | \$214,840.34          |
| ROAD & BRIDGE               | \$428,819.28          |
| DISTRICT COURT              | \$1,818.39            |
| FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS | \$91.75               |
| REVALUATION                 | \$5,690.12            |
| SOLID WASTE                 | \$355,222.63          |
| WEEDS                       | \$9,295.28            |
| PILT FUND                   | \$500.00              |
| WATERWAYS                   | \$6,659.76            |
| MCCALL-DONNELLY SNOWMOBILE  | \$343.02              |
| CASCADE-WARMLAKE SNOWMOBILE | \$82.48               |
| SMITHS FERRY SNOWMOBILE 43D | \$4.99                |
| EXTENSION AGENT FUND        | \$844.32              |
| OHV FUND                    | \$106.80              |
| RANGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  | \$9.79                |
| CLERKS TRUST                | \$2,017.20            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$1,026,346.15</b> |

In the afternoon, when Director Dettrich was present for the Budget Meeting, she was able to answer questions from the Commissioners, so they deliberated on the Road & Bridge Stroth General Pay App #19, part of Action Item (6). Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the Road & Bridge Stroth General Pay App #19. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Road & Bridge Stroth General Pay App #19.

**Continuation Sheet**

Application No. : 19

PROJECT Valley County Roads Dept - Maintenance Facility

Period Ending: 7/27/2026

JOB NO.: S327

Owner's PO No.:

| A        | B                                       | C                 | D                    | E                | F               | G                                        |       | H                       | I          |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|
| Item No. | Description of Work                     | Work Completed    |                      | This Application | Stored Material | Total Completed & Stored to Date (D+E+F) | % G/C | Balance to Finish (C-G) | Retainage  |
|          |                                         | Schedule of Value | Previous Application |                  |                 |                                          |       |                         |            |
| 1        | General Requirements                    | 134,494.00        | 134,494.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 134,494.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 6,724.70   |
| 2        | Site Work (Demo)                        | 613,102.00        | 613,102.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 613,102.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 30,655.10  |
| 3        | Concrete                                | 642,576.00        | 642,576.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 642,576.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 32,128.80  |
| 4        | Metals                                  | 842,443.00        | 842,443.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 842,443.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 42,122.15  |
| 5        | Woods & Plastics                        | 16,445.00         | 16,445.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 16,445.00                                | 100%  | 0.00                    | 822.25     |
| 6        | Thermal/Moisture Protection             | 46,985.00         | 46,985.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 46,985.00                                | 100%  | 0.00                    | 2,349.25   |
| 7        | Doors & Windows                         | 222,628.00        | 222,628.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 222,628.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 11,131.40  |
| 8        | Finishes                                | 438,656.00        | 438,656.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 438,656.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 21,932.80  |
| 9        | Specialties                             | 8,992.00          | 8,992.00             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 8,992.00                                 | 100%  | 0.00                    | 449.60     |
| 10       | Fire Suppression                        | 152,497.00        | 152,497.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 152,497.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 7,624.85   |
| 11       | Plumbing                                | 228,608.00        | 228,608.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 228,608.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 11,430.40  |
| 12       | HVAC                                    | 409,366.00        | 409,366.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 409,366.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 20,468.30  |
| 13       | Electrical                              | 463,208.00        | 463,208.00           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 463,208.00                               | 100%  | 0.00                    | 23,160.40  |
| 14       | CO#1 Lowering drainfield                | 2,883.17          | 2,883.17             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 2,883.17                                 | 100%  | 0.00                    | 144.16     |
| 15       | CO#2 - Stroth CO 6,7,8,10 & 11          | 15,540.55         | 15,540.55            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 15,540.55                                | 100%  | 0.00                    | 777.03     |
| 16       | CO#3 - Stroth CO12-15                   | 6,999.26          | 6,999.26             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 6,999.26                                 | 100%  | 0.00                    | 349.96     |
| 17       | CO#4 - Stroth CO16                      | -2,507.99         | -2,507.99            | 0.00             | 0.00            | -2,507.99                                | 100%  | 0.00                    | -125.40    |
| 18       | CO#5 - no cost change                   | 0.00              | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00                                     | 100%  | 0.00                    | 0.00       |
| 19       | CO#6 - add 24" X 32" windows in 8 doors | 4,069.84          | 4,069.84             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 4,069.84                                 | 100%  | 0.00                    | 203.49     |
| 20       | CO#7 - Added air piping                 | 23,142.00         | 23,142.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 23,142.00                                | 100%  | 0.00                    | 0.00       |
| 21       | CO#8 - Final CO                         | 57,115.96         | 57,115.96            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 57,115.96                                | 100%  | 0.00                    | 2,855.80   |
|          | Totals                                  | 4,327,242.79      | 4,327,242.79         | 0.00             | 0.00            | 4,327,242.79                             | 0%    | 0.00                    | 215,205.04 |

**Discussion /Action Item (7):** Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the posting of commissioner's packet on county website. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the posting of commissioners' packet on county website.

### Community Impact Grantee Ignite Idaho Family Resource Center Updates

Summary: Tracy Jamieson, executive director of Ignite Idaho Family Resource Center, updated Valley County commissioners on the organization's regional expansion and the successful use of their 50,000-dollar grant, which has funded affordable childcare, workforce development, and substance use treatment. While the Cascade center is thriving with various health, counseling, and community programs, Jameson and Penny Conover of Cascade Seniors addressed a critical gap regarding senior services. Although the senior center's facility is fully prepped and ready for Meals on Wheels, the lack of reliable volunteers has stalled senior programming. Jamieson, Conover, and county officials discussed steps to restructure the Senior Center and ensure older residents regain access to reliable meals and community activities, while the county prepares to review its upcoming memorandum of understanding with Ignite.

### Community Impact Grantee Payette Avalanche Updates

Summary: Jim Pace, Vice President of the Friends of the Payette Avalanche Center presented on behalf of Director Traci Jamieson. He spoke to Valley County officials to express gratitude for their generous funding, which has helped expand operations to five-day-a-week forecasts, hire a full-time director, and bring on an upcoming intern. He highlighted that the center's heavily visited website ranks third nationwide for traffic, serving a unique demographic of visitors—predominantly out-of-town snowmobilers and skiers—spread geographically across the region, making local government support vital. County funds have recently been used to purchase trailhead beacon checkers and traffic-counting clickers, which are stored in McCall and

slated for installation in October to help monitor recreation and keep backcountry users safe. Pace also discussed the center's expanded geographic footprint in the West Mountains, ongoing logistical challenges, future goals of achieving seven-day-a-week forecasting, and an active search for younger leadership to join the board.

**Action Item (8): Meadowlark Marketing Presentation - McKenzie Kraemer**

Summary: McKenzie Kraemer presented to the Board. Her presentation focused on finalizing a "Best Practice and Operation Guide" to ensure consistency and professional management across the county's five active Facebook pages (Road and Bridge, Recreation, Firewise, Sheriff, and the main Valley County page). Key discussions included implementing standardized branding, colors, and tone for each department; establishing clear protocols on specific information posts; and ensuring that non-county employees managing these pages meet specific professional insurance requirements. Kraemer also addressed the management of direct messages, agreeing that social media should not replace official communication channels, and recommended implementing autoresponders that direct inquiries to department-specific websites. Finally, Kraemer and the Board discussed the necessity of appointing designated backups and ensuring that all page administrators, whether county staff or authorized contractors, agree with the best practices outlined to minimize liability and maintain a professional county presence. No action was taken.

**Discussion / Action Item (9):** The naming of Recycling Center was tabled to a future Board Meeting. No action was taken.

**Action Item (10): Workshop on Community Infrastructure Districts and determine county support**

Summary: Treasurer Defoort provided a briefing to commissioners regarding the proposed Community Infrastructure District (CID) for Tamarack Resort, emphasizing the need for diligent oversight and clarification of long-term responsibilities. While acknowledging that CIDs can effectively leverage growth to fund infrastructure, the Treasurer expressed concerns about the vagueness of current maintenance and operational agreements for public assets like roads, water, and sewer systems. To ensure the county is protected and to clarify long-term commitments, the Treasurer strongly recommended that the county hire outside counsel specializing in CID law—to be funded by the developer—and establish comprehensive, legally binding maintenance and operations agreements for all public infrastructure before any construction or financing is finalized. No action was taken.

*The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:50 pm*

*The Commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 pm*

**Discussion: Solid Waste and Transfer Station Gate Fees**

Summary: Treasurer Defoort and Clerk Knapp presented a financial analysis of the solid waste department, highlighting those operational expenses—driven by rising contract costs, fuel prices, and increased tipping fees—are now exceeding revenue. The department's cash reserves are being depleted, and projections indicate the facility will face a deficit by 2029 if no action is taken. To address this, staff proposed an immediate 5% increase in residential, commercial, and gate fees, noting that while this aligns with current legal discretion for incremental increases, it is only a partial solution that will require further revenue adjustments or cost-cutting measures in the near future. The commissioners were provided with three draft resolutions for review, which include the proposed fee hikes and the establishment of a new, higher gate fee specifically for woody debris and stumps to help offset processing costs.

**Action Item (11):** Resolution 26-XX Residential Solid Waste Fee Increase was postponed to next week's budget meeting.

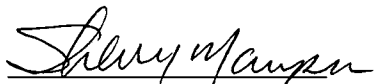
**Action Item (12):** Resolution 26-XX Commercial Solid Waste Fee Increase was postponed to next week's budget meeting.

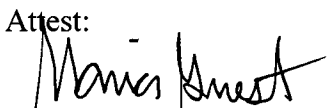
**Action Item (13):** Resolution 26-XX Transfer Station Gate Fee Increase was postponed to next week's budget meeting.

**Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Workshop Preliminary Overview** of Proposed Budget Publication in Preparation for Public Hearing on August 24, 2026, Capital Improving Project - Clerk, Gabby Knapp

Summary: County officials are navigating a challenging fiscal environment marked by a projected multimillion-dollar budget shortfall, the depletion of carryover funds, and rising operational costs. To address these deficits, leadership is implementing stricter financial oversight, including a formal Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process and mandatory department-wide budget reductions, while shifting away from the unreliable use of non-guaranteed federal payments for recurring salaries. Amidst these fiscal constraints, the board is forced to make difficult trade-offs between essential infrastructure investments—such as equipment upgrades and facility maintenance—and critical staffing needs, particularly in public safety departments. Ultimately, officials are focused on prioritizing "needs" over "wants" and streamlining administrative functions to ensure long-term sustainability while attempting to maintain competitive compensation for staff. The Commissioners asked the department heads to cut 5% from their budget to meet the deficit and they would reconvene on Friday Aug 14, 2026 to finalize the budget in time to publish in the papers.

*The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm*

  
Chairman Sherry Maupin

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## VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA Monday August 10, 2026

**Valley County adheres to ADA requirements. If anyone requires an accommodation, please contact the County Admin Assistant, Maria Guest prior to the meeting.**

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

- 9:00 **Action Item (1):** Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Approve Agenda
- 9:05 Commissioner Discussion
- Action Items (2):** Meeting Minutes of July 21 and July 27, 2026
  - Action Item (3):** Approve request to support the Support Tool for the West Central Mountains Region – Dr. Brittany Brand’s presentation from Aug 3, 2026, meeting.
  - Action item (4):** Review and Approve the proposed Addendum for the MFP/CFP and public engagement project
- 9:10 **Action Item (5):** Sign and Approve Idaho Dept of Juvenile Correction Passthrough Funds Agreement – Director Dee Dee Phillips
- 9:15 **Action Item (6):** Claims, Board Order Claims & Junior College Tuition- Senior Deputy Auditor, Robyn Elliott
- 9:20 **Discussion /Action Item (7):** Posting Commissioners Packet on County Website
- 9:30 Community Impact Grantee Ignite Idaho Family Resource Center – Executive Director Traci Jamieson, LCPC
- 9:45 Community Impact Grantee Payette Avalanche Presentation – Brianna Bambic
- 10:00 **Action Item (8):** Meadowlark Marketing Presentation - McKenzie Kraemer
- 10:45 **Discussion / Action Item (9):** Naming Recycling Center

11:00 **Action Item (10):** Workshop on Community Infrastructure Districts and determine county support

12:00 Recess for Lunch

1:00 Presented by Treasurer Defoort

Discussion: Solid Waste and Transfer Station Gate Fees

**Action Item (11):** Resolution 26-XX Residential Solid Waste Fee Increase

**Action Item (12):** Resolution 26-XX Commercial Solid Waste Fee Increase

**Action Item (13):** Resolution 26-XX Transfer Station Gate Fee Increase

1:30 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Workshop Preliminary Overview of Proposed Budget

Publication in Preparation for Public Hearing on August 24, 2026

Capital Improving Project - Clerk, Gabby Knapp

Adjourn

COMMISSIONER'S FUTURE MEETING DATE

Monday August 17, 2026