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IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CASCADE, IDAHO September 14, 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): Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the agenda for September 14, 2026. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the agenda for September 14, 2026.

Action Item (2): Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2026. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve meeting minutes of August 24, 2026.

Action Item (3): Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve and sign the Ada Country Juvenile Detention Renewal Agreement. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve and sign the Ada Country Juvenile Detention Renewal Agreement.

Action Item (4): Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Sign CBAS Passthrough Funds Recipient Agreement. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve

Action Item (5): Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement Between Valley County and Valley Soil and Water Conservation District for Eurasian Watermilfoil Removal. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Memorandum of Agreement Between Valley County and Valley Soil and Water Conservation District for Eurasian Watermilfoil Removal.

Action Item (6): Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve to sign the memorandum of understanding with Boise State University. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve to sign the memorandum of understanding with Boise State University.

Action Item (7): Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the request authorization to submit for reimbursement from IDPR for the Recreational Trail Program grant award toward the purchase of a snow groomer machine. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the request authorization to submit for reimbursement from IDPR for the Recreational Trail Program grant award toward the purchase of a snow groomer machine.

Action Item (8): Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve Claims, Board Order Claims & Junior College Tuition. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve Claims, Board Order Claims & Junior College Tuition.

Action Item (9): Director Herrick and Owner Michael Walcom presented the Walcom Variance. The Commissioners recommended for Owner Walcom to go back to the Building Department to get clarification. No action was taken.

Discuss: Owner Rick Farmer and Valley County Cartography Kathy Riffy presented the request to combine 2 Parcels: RP18N03E030195 and #RP001960010270. The commissioners had no concerns on the issue and thanked Owner Farmer for presenting to them.

Introduction of Resolution Minerals Ltd. by Adam Suess, Mindi Wurster and Nicole Rodgers

Summary: Representatives from Squire Patton Boggs and Resolution Minerals (RML) introduced themselves to the commissioners, providing an overview of their 15,000-acre Horse Heaven mineral exploration project—split between the Antimony Ridge and Golden Gate sites—which targets critical minerals like antimony, tungsten, and gold to support U.S. supply chain security. Having recently wrapped up their 2026 exploratory drilling season with a low-impact footprint and full site remediation, the company is looking ahead to 2027, anticipating streamlined Forest Service permitting through the federal FAST-41 program by late spring or early summer. Emphasizing a long-term vision that includes local hiring, local sourcing, and a potential regional processing facility, the team reiterated their strong commitment to transparency, open communication, and being good neighbors within the local community.

Discussion/Action Item (10): Treasure Valley Transit was represented by Misti Hills, Jonathan Rutherford and Ted Otto.

Summary: Treasure Valley Transit representatives requested a covered parking with electrical hookups near the fairgrounds for two buses, allowing drivers living in Cascade to start their morning routes locally rather than driving empty to McCall. The commissioners explained that they may not be able to provide a permanent parking site but may be able to provide a short-term one. The space the commissioners were considering was Fairgrounds but suggested for the representatives contact the County Facilities Director for more details. No action was taken.

Discussion/Action Item (11): The Commissioners voiced their concerns to Director Herrick regarding the Planning and Zoning ordinance on lot line adjustments. Director Herrick and Cartography Lori Frederick entertained their questions. Chairman Commissioner Maupin made a motion for staff to amend the ordinance as discussed. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed for staff to amend the ordinance as discussed.

Action Item (12): Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve CUP 25-032 McClellen/Smith Solar

Panels - Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve CUP 25-032 McClellen/Smith Solar Panels - Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Discuss: The volume was not working when Owner Jon Vanderhoef joined online so Director Herrich presented his request to combine 2 parcels: #RP00705012096A and #RP00705012095B. The commissioners had no concerns on the issue and thanked Owner Vanderhoef for joining to them.

Discuss: Owners Mark Brownell and Cheryl Brownell presented their request to combine 2 Parcels: Parcels #RP00205000058A and #RP002050000610. The commissioners had no concerns on the issue and thanked Owner Farmer for presenting to them.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:32 pm

The Commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 pm

Community Impact Grantee McCall Senior Center Updates by Keliann Ivey

Summary: Valley County provided \$11,000 to support core community services at a McCall-area center (congregate meals, home-delivered meals, food pantry, transportation, facility operations, and related staffing/administration). These services are interconnected rather than siloed, with the funding helping maintain the underlying infrastructure. Through June, the center served about 850 congregate meals (averaging 35–40 people twice weekly) and roughly 480 home-delivered meals (10–12 per delivery day, plus recent frozen-meal additions), while the food pantry reaches about 110 households weekly across a broader area including Lake Fork, Donnelly, and near Cascade. Transportation costs ran about \$2,282, repairs/maintenance ~\$4,691, and kitchen supplies ~\$780; roughly one-third of the executive director's time (~\$15,000 in compensation) went to coordinating these programs. Total identified eligible operating expenses were approximately \$22,750, so the county's \$11,000 leveraged more than \$2 in combined resources. Despite an overall organizational operating deficit of just over \$14,000 through August (revenue ~\$74,800 vs. expenses ~\$83,500), service continuity was maintained through diversified funding, partnerships (including Idaho Food Bank expansions for TEFAP/supplemental boxes), food recovery, and volunteers. The investment is framed as supporting community infrastructure and neighbors rather than isolated line items, and the presentation concluded with appreciation and a brief Q&A affirming the program's value and fiscal diligence.

Community Impact Grantee Cascade School District Updates by Teacher Elizabeth Bearden

Summary: Elizabeth Barden, agricultural education instructor at Cascade Junior Senior High School, reported on the Impact Grant that funded a Grizzly industrial front-load blast cabinet and media, purchased in August 2026 and already in use across three class periods serving about 30 students in the agricultural mechanics pathway. The cabinet provides industry-relevant equipment that older shop tools lack, saving significant time (roughly 30 minutes per horseshoe versus handheld or bench grinders) for surface preparation in welding and fabrication while enabling cleaner techniques for advanced students; assembly itself taught fabrication, teamwork, and following instructions (after an initial leg-install mishap and the need to disassemble and hand-haul the unit through the school due to no roll-up door or forklift). Students in the pathway can earn AWS welding certifications (normally \$400 out-of-pocket), OSHA 10, and a CTE diploma alongside their high-school diploma, with pathway completers expected to rise from three last year to six this year. Key impacts include stronger workforce preparation, expanded rural access to modern tools, improved instructional efficiency, real-world problem-solving and maintenance experience, and long-term sustainability (10-year warranty, 30–40-

year lifespan), all at roughly \$80 invested per student this year. The presentation closed with positive feedback, discussion of potential CDL training partnerships, and affirmation of CTE's value for high-demand careers like welding.

Discuss: Owner Zachary Harris presented his request to land swap, 459 Collier View Road and Neighbor's property to East Owned by Lacie Sievers. The commissioners had no concerns on the issue and thanked Owner Harris for presenting to them.

Facilities and Solid Waste

Summary: Director Kenneda provided a rapid facilities update covering roughly the past month and a half: the new HVAC technician Travis completed Cascade Community Center HVAC installation (saving ~\$20,000 in labor/equipment), replaced the jail's failed domestic hot-water recirculation pump and mixing valve, diagnosed and re-piped a problematic recirculation loop that had been causing uneven temperatures and pump failures, and replaced an untested/failing backflow preventer to restore code compliance. When the cooling-tower pump failed and overheated the courthouse and jail, Travis improvised a temporary sump-pump solution that is still functioning while the OEM replacement awaits scheduled downtime. Heat pumps and AC units are being ordered for the Cascade Annex (expected to yield major energy savings and largely retire the electric boiler), while other priorities include ~\$32,000 fire-suppression repairs, insulation, parking-lot drainage, de-icer leaks, and inoperable light poles—all with a focus on obligating remaining ARPA funds by year-end. Staff are cleaning the new building prior to move-in; fairgrounds winterization is complete; the solid-waste manager position is posted; grinding is planned for early October; and the transfer-site RFP process is underway targeting commissioner review by December, alongside discussions of scale improvements, possible additional transfer stations, and Firewise options at Lake Fork.

Discuss: Director Herrick presented on behalf of Owner John Harry who was not present for his request to combine 2 Parcels: #RP00097000-0630 and #RP00097000-0420. The commissioners had concerns on the issue and tasked Director Herrick to write a letter stating the stipulations on the request.

Discuss: Director Herrick presented on behalf of Owner Leo Stoddard who was not present for his request for lot line adjustment. The commissioners had concerns on the lot line adjustment and have stated that Owner Stoddard needs to contact Planning and Zoning Dept for details.

Community Impact Grantee Cascade Public Library – Library Director Lisa Leaf

Summary: Library Director Lisa Leaf reported on a community-impact grant that refreshed the teen room with new young-adult books (filling series gaps and adding titles suggested by teens) plus technology and gaming equipment—including a Nintendo Switch 2, various games, lighting, and a Galaxy projector—chosen after surveying teens about desired consoles, tech, and reading material. The additions aim to draw more teens to the library, enable new programming such as gaming tournaments, keep the collection current and relevant, support literacy and diverse perspectives, and create a welcoming space where teens feel their voices matter. While current teen attendance remains low, staff hope word-of-mouth will increase use beyond gaming to reading, learning, socializing, and discovering other library resources; commissioners affirmed the value of providing youth a safe, engaging place and noted that required financial documentation would be followed up.

Action Item (13): Commissioner Caldwell recused herself due to personal connection to the discussion on collecting fees for uncovered loads at the transfer station. Commissioner Thompson made a comment that it should be called a fine not a fee. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to discontinue collecting fees until the commissioners can hold a public hearing and hear from the public on the decision and then make a final decision at that moment in time. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in.

favor. Motion passed to approve to discontinue collecting fees until the commissioners can hold a public hearing and hear from the public on the decision and then make a final decision at that moment in time.

Opportunity for General Public to Present to Commissioners:

There were no comments from the public.

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm

Attest:

Acting

Ned Thompson

Chairman ~~Sherry Maupin~~

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VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS **REVISED MEETING AGENDA** **Monday September 14, 2026**

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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 **Action Item (1):** Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Approve Agenda
- 9:05 **Commissioner Discussion**
Action Item (2): Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026
Action Item (3): Approve and Sign Ada Country Juvenile Detention Renewal Agreement – Director Phillips
Action Item (4): Sign CBAS Passthrough Funds Recipient Agreement – Director Phillips
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- 9:10 **Action Item (8):** Claims, Board Order Claims & Junior College Tuition- Senior Deputy Auditor, Robyn Elliott
- 9:15 **Action Item (9):** Clarification of Decision Concerning V-1-17 Walcom Variance – Director Herrick
- 9:30 **Discuss:** Request to Combine 2 Parcels: #RP18N03E030195 and #RP001960010270 – Owner Rick Farmer
- 9:45 Introduction of Resolution Minerals Ltd and our near, medium and long-term plans for the development of the Horse Heaven Gold-Antimony-Tungsten Project (located near Yellow Pine, Idaho) to the Valley County Commissioners – Adam Suess
- 10:15 **Discussion/Action Item (10):** Bus Storage in Cascade for Treasure Valley Transit –

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