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IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
October 19, 2026

PRESENT: NEAL THOMPSON (COMMISSIONER)
KATLIN CALDWELL (COMMISSIONER)
MARIA GUEST (ADMIN ASSISTANT)

Note: Chairman Maupin was not present at the meeting

Acting Chairman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item (1): The agenda was amended to remove action item (4): Claims because there were no claims this week. Action item (7): VAC 24-01 Vacation was removed per appellant's request and the discussion at 1pm with Forest Service was postponed to another time due to an emergency fire. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the agenda for October 19, 2026, as amended. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** the agenda for October 19, 2026, as amended.

Action Item (2): Commissioner Caldwell motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2026, as written. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** the meeting minutes of October 5, 2026, as written.

Action Item (3): Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the mileage reimbursement for Jail Deputy Troy Scott. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** the mileage reimbursement for Jail Deputy Troy Scott.

Action Item (4): Claims, Board Order Claims & Junior College Tuition was **cancelled** per amended agenda.

Discussion/Action Item (5): Owner Michael Hanzek presented his concerns about his neighbor's septic system releasing smell onto his property. The Commissioners advised Mr.

Hanzek to work with Planning and Zoning Director Herrick to find out what steps he can take. **No action was taken**.

Discussion/Action Plan (6): Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Fairgrounds Master Plan by Clearwater Financial. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** the adoption the Fairgrounds Master Plan by Clearwater Financial.

Action Item (7): The interpretation of Board of County Commissioner's approval of VAC 24-01 Vacation of Portions of Bings RD and Brads LN were **cancelled** by the appellant per amended agenda.

Discussion: Owner Thomas Inskeep presented his lot plan to split parcel # RP00287002001A. The Commissioners didn't see any issue on the lot split request and let him know he can move forward with his project by continuing working with the Planning and Zoning Department.

Discussion topics: Durena Farr from the VSWCD Valley Soil and Water Conservation District presented updates and administrative topics on the ISWCC Conservation Districts data breach. **Summary:** A data breach occurred at the end of September or early October due to an omission by the VSWCD Commission, which failed to redact full account numbers on uploaded county match reports. Although required deposit slips and account documentation were submitted properly without county error, the breach exposed details related to two annual cash contributions totaling $9,500 that qualify for state matching funds. In response, the commission obligated affected parties to notify check senders and indicated plans to implement safer verification processes. Following a discussion with the treasurer, who noted that the warrant account undergoes daily payment processing to prevent compromise, officials expressed confidence in existing security protocols and deemed the situation well-managed.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 10:46 pm

The Commissioners returned from lunch at 2:00 pm

Discuss: Projects and road access related to mineral operations with Chris Bentley and Dave Hogan from Forest Service were cancelled due to an emergency fire per amended agenda.

Action Item (8): The clean copy of the revised policy for Valley County public distribution of meeting documentation packets was not in the packet so the Commissioners **tabled** the matter for the next meeting.

Action Item (9): County managers had some questions and feedback regarding the agenda request form. Commissioner Caldwell asked Admin Guest to revise the form to address issues that were brought up and to look into creating 2 types of agenda request form: one for employees and the other for the public. The matter was **tabled** for 2 weeks from now.

Action Item (10): Grant Writer Ken Schlegel presented the request to apply for the FHWA 2026 Federal Lands Access Program Grant for Warm Lake Highway rehabilitation project.

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve the request to apply for the FHWA 2026 Federal Lands Access Program Grant for Warm Lake Highway rehabilitation project. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** the request to apply for the FHWA 2026 Federal Lands Access Program Grant for Warm Lake Highway rehabilitation project.

Action Item (11): Emergency Service Juan Bonilla presented the request for approval and signature of the 2025 State Homeland Security Program Subrecipient Grant agreement document. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve and sign the 2025 State Homeland Security Program Subrecipient Grant agreement document. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** and sign the 2025 State Homeland Security Program Subrecipient Grant agreement document

Discussion/Action Item (12): Owner Leo Stoddard and Engineer Micah Smith presented the request for CUP 26-017 West Mountain aggregate road engineering review & variance. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion to approve a possible variance subject to final engineering review for CUP26-017 specific to the six-month summer heavy truck traffic. Acting Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to **approve** a possible variance subject to final engineering review for CUP26-017 specific to the six-month summer heavy truck traffic.

Opportunity for General Public to Present to Commissioners:
No public comment

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm

Acting Chairman Caldwell

Attest:

Admin Assistant Maria Guest