

**.OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE APRIL 2012 SESSION**

**Fifth Day**

**Monday, April 16, 2012**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; Operations Director Char Nelson; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**BLAINE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY REVIEW and DISCUSSION**

Also present: Blaine County Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma.

The BCC reviewed a comprehensive list of all Blaine County-owned properties dated 3/7/2012. The list includes a number of vacant parcels, some of which are potentially usable; and some are small strips of land. Some land is valuable for infrastructure, even though not buildable. The BCC would like to find an owner for remnant parcels, if possible, to get the parcels on the tax rolls.

The Gun Club has a long-term lease on County property. The BCC expressed concerns about the use of alcohol together with firearms, and frequent children in the Gun Club area. The County does not want to give the land to the Gun Club and get it back as a lead-contaminated clean-up site. The BCC asked the Gun Club to report on the status of the land and lease in the near future.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to amend the April 16 and April 17<sup>th</sup> agendas by moving Board Reports from Monday to Tuesday's meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Annual Blaine County Clean-Up Day – Bowman**

Each household can take one free trash load to the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station.

Bowman volunteered to be a BCC liaison to the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station to improve communication. He would like to promote more community service with local groups.

**Region 5 Mental Health Board meeting – McCleary**

Focus of the meeting was on combining the regional board with mental health and substance abuse boards.

Health and Welfare in Blaine County will no longer see patients who are not court-ordered, which has serious impacts on Blaine County resources and finances.

**Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation meeting – McCleary**

The CCRF Board discussed a revised Request for Information proposal to the County.

**Strategic Planning for Wood River Wolf Project – Schoen**

The Idaho wolf debate is getting national visibility. Future federal program support, intended to alleviate livestock conflicts, will be 50% for loss compensation and 50% for non-lethal deterrence.

**SENIOR CARE PROJECT**

• **Request for Information update**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; County Operations Director Char Nelson; Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia and Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor Board Chairman Marsha Riemann and Board members Dr. Steve Pauley and Linda Haavik; Blaine Manor Auxiliary Recording Secretary Pat Williams and Auxiliary member Lois Jean Heagle; Blaine Manor advocates Ursula Hulbert, Peter Van Der Meulen, and Vonnie Rasmussen; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation Executive Director Kathleen Eder and Campaign Chairman Anita McCann; CCRF advocate Vonnie Olsen; Peter Candy; John Gaeddert; Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee; Betty Grant; Mickey Garcia; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

The BCC reviewed their Guiding Principles for Senior Care. The overriding principle is safe and compassionate skilled nursing care for all socio-economic groups of all ages within Blaine County.

**Request for Information for Skilled Nursing Care**

The BCC reviewed their goals and intent for the RFI for Skilled Nursing Care.

- Skilled nursing is an essential part of the continuum of senior care. The BCC wants skilled nursing care within the community that is sustainable and aligns with the BCC's guiding principles.
- Both Blaine Manor and Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation have been looking for a local solution. The RFI can help explore all potential solutions.
- Blaine County needs to recognize the value of its partnerships.

- Should the RFI be limited to Idaho responders?
- RFI proposals don't need to meet all BCC guiding principles; but the BCC will use all of their guiding principles to evaluate the RFIs.
- The RFI will adhere to state confidentiality guidelines.
- Time is of the essence. The BCC reviewed the RFI timeline.

Other Issues include:

- A local for-profit operator will have an impact.
- Facility ratings are complex. Ratings include quality measures, staffing, and safety inspections.
- Both Blaine Manor and Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation are revising their recent proposals.
- Home healthcare is an important component, and could become even more important.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Local citizens strongly advised the BCC to keep safe and compassionate care as their first priority. Blaine County residents will expect nothing less than a 5-Star facility. Consideration of a public-private partnership requires a past track record and long-term ratings, and full disclosure of operating and financial history.

Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee said the Blaine County area could support 100-200 nursing home beds. He was convinced all levels of skilled nursing care could succeed in Blaine County with no public support, and that there would be several competitors in the area.

Burpee said ratings over the last couple years and affected because all small nursing care operators in Idaho lost state Medicaid funding last year.

Local skilled nursing care is expensive and presents a difficult situation to families.

#### **BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INTEREST IN COUNTY PROPERTY**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, School District CFO Mike Chatterton, School District Land Planner John Gaeddert, and School District Director of Building and Grounds Howard Royal.

The Blaine County School District is interested in acquiring four Blaine County-owned lots in the City of Carey. The School District would incorporate the County-owned lots in a proposed site improvement plan to improve safety at the Carey School site by separating the parent and bus drop-off areas.

Bowman said the original proposed purpose of the four County lots was for the school's Construction Academy to build affordable housing for school teachers. Chatterton said the School District still owned other land. Gaeddert will research if it could be used for teacher housing.

Schoen agreed that the current drop-off configuration was unsafe. He supported the School District's plan for improvements.

#### • **BREAK**

#### **BLAINE COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP**, continued

##### • **Vision, Values, Strategic Objectives and Fiscal Priorities**

Also present: Blaine County Sheriff Gene Ramsey and Command Staff Assistant Holly Carter; Patrol Captain Curtis Miller; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers; County Assessor Valdi Pace and Chief Deputy Assessor Carma Angelo; County Treasurer Vicki Sisi and Chief Deputy Treasurer Gail Peterson; County GIS Program Manager Joel Hall; County Operations Director Char Nelson; County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy; County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa; County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Prosecutor Jim Thomas; Blaine County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

The BCC discussed their vision. The Blaine County Commissioners and employees narrowed their shared values down to integrity, teamwork and excellence. The BCC reviewed their long-term strategic objectives, as they relate to performance management measurements; and their fiscal year priorities, as they direct the outcome-based budgeting process. The BCC wants their annual budget process to be stable and transparent to the public.

The BCC discussed the details of setting public policy, which is the primary function of the County Commissioners.

County Clerk Drage felt the BCC's first priority is to fulfill statutory requirements, while serving the community the best way possible. Voss said each County Commissioner or department manager would address those objectives that relate best to his/her priorities. The BCC needs to make the strategic objectives tangible, and set performance management measurements against them. Bowman will study

the BCC's strategic objectives and priorities to see if they can be molded into a clear and more impactful singular focus.

Schoen expressed concern that a list of fiscal priorities was pitting priorities against each other. He suggested the performance management system might allow individual departments to align with the priority or priorities that best fit them. Departments should be encouraged to discover a universal theme and central focus that serves the community and uses resources effectively.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROJECTS UPDATE**, continued

The BCC did a final update of their projects: completed projects, active projects, inactive (on hold) projects, inactive projects that are still to be done, and inactive projects that should be removed.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 3:52 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary  
County Clerk Chairman