

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE APRIL 2016 SESSION**

**Fourth Day**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Andy Kerstetter.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Claims** – Schar Boyd

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve claims dated April 21, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Road and Bridge** – Steve Thompson

Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson presented a PowerPoint of gravel roads that need attention. He presented other road projects for BCC discussion:

- Warm Springs Road.
- Democrat Gulch — It would take his department two days to remove weeds and clean up Democrat Gulch Road if the BCC decides to reopen it. Before doing any work, Thompson will notify the neighboring private landowner and talk to County Land Use to be sure no state or federal permits are required. He will also touch base with BLM Recreation Planner John Kurtz and Blaine County Recreation District Executive Director Jim Keating.
- Ketchum Rural Fire Chief Mike Elle is concerned that the Hulen Meadows Way cul-de-sac doesn't have adequate turnaround area in the winter for emergency vehicles. Trees in the right-of-way interfere with snow storage and cars park inside snowbanks in the cul-de-sac, causing limited travel lanes. If the BCC approves, Thompson will get a survey of the cul-de-sac area if an existing one isn't available; and then explain the situation to the homeowners association. In addition to removing trees in the right-of-way, Chief Elle asked that NO PARKING FIRE ZONE signs be put in the cul-de-sac. The BCC approved the NO PARKING signs and asked to see a survey before Road and Bridge does anything more.
- Some rural paved roads are so bad they should be returned to gravel. The BCC asked Thompson to notify residents on those roads of the proposed change to give them the opportunity to contact their County Commissioners.
- Thompson proposed trying a new environmentally-friendly GSB-88 seal preservation on roads that are in good shape but due for sealing. The product provides a cyclist-friendly surface and turns the roads black, which keeps them warm in winter. Cost to purchase and apply the product to about 3.7 miles of Croy Creek Road is estimated at about \$30,000. Road and Bridge will give the BCC an estimate of product cost and benefit.  
Thompson will check to see if it's possible to stripe Croy Creek Road at the same time.
- Thompson proposed a new asphalt surface sealer to crack-seal seriously bad roads in Hulen Meadows.

Road and Bridge will move forward on their maintenance schedule for gravel roads. The Road Manager will return to the BCC with information on a plan for Croy Creek Road and the roads in Hulen Meadows; and also recheck roads in the current schedule to see if they need immediate attention.

**County Administrator** - Derek Voss

- About five years ago, Blaine County exchanged land it owned near Carey School with the City of Carey. Carey wanted to improve school area circulation and the County hoped to use the City's lot in a residential subdivision for community housing. ARCH has a house they want to relocate onto the land and a client who works in Carey is interested in buying the house. ARCH is working with the subdivision homeowners association to make the relocated house fit in with the neighborhood. The BCC expressed interest in hearing the ARCH proposal.
- Blaine County owns a gravel pit in Minidoka County near Lake Walcott. Road and Bridge occasionally takes gravel out of the pit; and the Weed Department occasionally sprays for weeds. Voss is researching possible outcomes for the property.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration**

- **Blaine County Janitorial Agreement with W&T Sturgeon Cleaning**

Also present: Blaine County Buildings and Grounds Manager Patrick Boyle.

The contract includes a provision for extra service if needed.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve contract between Blaine County and W&T Sturgeon Cleaning for janitorial services on County-owned buildings. The value of the contract is an annual amount of \$55,000, plus additional services to be provided at \$30 hour, not to exceed \$5,000 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ARTIST FOR HOSPITAL BRIDGE, Discussion and Consideration**

Also present: County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; Idaho Department of Transportation Wood River Bridge Project Manager Steve Hunter; and Blaine County Regional Transportation Citizens Advisory Committee for Artwork on the Big Wood River Bridge representative Claudia McCain.

In 2014, representatives of several city arts committees, a nationally-known public arts consultant and ITD Wood River Bridge Project Manager Steve Hunter asked ITD to fund artwork for the new bridge. In 2015, Hunter received \$100,000 from ITD to proceed with a Request for Qualifications, and the committee selected four finalists to receive Requests for Proposals. The chosen artist is familiar with the Wood River Valley, and has a Veterans Memorial art installation on the Boise State campus.

McCain said the community will have to discuss maintenance of the artwork.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Beverage License location transfer** for Big Brown Dog LLC dba as diVine from 400 S Main St in Hailey to 111 N 1st Avenue in Hailey
- **Junior College Residency form** for North Idaho College Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 term for Marisela Worthington.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen to approve Commissioners Consent Calendar for April 26, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 1(d) INDIGENT** - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

Present were: Blaine County Indigent Services Director Brooke Baird.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), McCleary (aye), and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Case #2016-18 Medical Indigent Application for Assistance, with a \$25 monthly reimbursement, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, with respect to Medical Indigent Case #2015-62, to accept notice of cancellation of hearing and final determination of denial. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, with respect to Medical Indigent Case 2015-68, to approve notice of cancellation of hearing and final determination of denial. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BREAK**

Chairman Greenberg was present for the afternoon session until 4:03 pm.

#### **LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration**

- **Findings of Fact: Minor Plat Amendment Draft Recommended Findings and Decision, Stevens Family Ranch**

Also present: Blaine County Deputy Land Use Administrator Kathy Grotto; and applicant's representative Jeff Pfaeffle.

Grotto said notice of this Minor Plat Amendment was mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property. Land Use did not receive any public comment. The Land Use Administrator reviewed the minor plat amendment application, and made a recommendation to the BCC, pursuant to Blaine County Code 10-4-7.

Staff presented draft Findings of Fact of the Land Use Administrator's recommendation and the Plat to the BCC for approval. Additional plat notes requested as Conditions of Approval have been added to the plat.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in the application of Jeff Pfaeffle on behalf of Stevens family for a minor plat amendment shifting lot lines between Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Stevens Family Ranch, LLC, subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Findings of Fact: Molyneux Subdivision, Lot 2, Halverson Plat Amendment**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and County Deputy Land Use Administrator Kathy Grotto.

The BCC reviewed and approved a few minor edits.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in the application of Mick and Jen Halverson to amend the plat for Lot 2, Molyneux Subdivision, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Candidate Interviews

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to enter Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) evaluation of public officials, in this case, consideration of Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board candidates. Roll call Schoen (aye), McCleary (aye), and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**APPOINTMENTS TO LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY ADVISORY BOARD**

**Discussion and Consideration**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin and Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Coordinator Clare Swanger.

Commissioner Schoen said there are three vacancies on the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board (LAB). The BCC just interviewed two applicants in Executive Session, both of whom were recommended by the LAB Nominating Committee, and wanted to appoint both individuals to the LAB.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to appoint Abby Rivin to the Levy Advisory Board, filling the term of Tom Page. That term ends September 30, 2017; and Kurt Eggers to the seat vacated by Will Miller. That term ends September 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

The BCC thank the retiring LAB members for their service and the new appointees for their willingness to serve.

**BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration**

**Carey City Council re: Fairgrounds Vicinity Master Planning – Schoen**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

Commissioner Schoen and County Administrator Voss met with Blaine County Fair Board President Morgan Drage and representatives of the City of Carey and the Rodeo Association Board. The City of Carey is asking the County to transfer a County-owned parcel to the City of Carey for use as a city park. Schoen described numerous issues with the general area of the Fairgrounds, Rodeo Association grounds, Carey- and Blaine County-owned properties; and roadways, street names, and rights-of-way through and around the parcels. Among other issues, there is limited public parking for events; and the County objects to Carey's proposal to reroute a city street because a private party built in the right-of-way. Schoen described how parcels and roadways could be addressed and reconfigured to provide possible solutions to all the problems and various requests.

Schoen will ask Blaine County GIS to do a color-coded map of the area with suggested reconfiguration for further BCC review.

**Liaison Assignments, Roles and Responsibilities – Schoen**

Commissioner Schoen expressed concern that BCC liaisons with outside agencies could cause conflict of interest concerns as the BCC enters into budget hearings. Commissioner McCleary felt that BCC liaison input lends background to budget discussions. Chairman Greenberg said his participation on the boards of certain organizations enabled him to give reasons why the organization's purpose was important and needs to be funded. He added that the public voted for candidates based on their known bias and pledge to vote for certain things. McCleary said funding outside agencies was controversial in many cases and decisions should be made by all three Commissioners. County Administrator Voss said the BCC should be mindful of concerns and careful about embedded relationships, but he'd never known individual BCC Commissioners to go beyond the realm of their responsibility. He said Service Agreements provide County Government with community services done on behalf of the BCC. The BCC realizes it must be careful where public money is involved, and will indicate any concerns and disclose relationships in future deliberations.

**Mobile Poultry Processing Facility – McCleary**

Also present: Angel Earth Farm owner Kathy Noble.

Kathy Noble asked the BCC to write a letter supporting a \$500,000 United States Department of Agriculture grant proposal for a mobile poultry processing facility, in partnership with Wood River Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D). This "plant in a box" is inside a used shipping container located on a cement slab. The local group sponsoring the facility provides the cement pad and utilities. The processing facility will probably not be located in Blaine County and will serve producers in eight counties within 100 miles, but the products are primarily distributed in Blaine County.

The ability to process poultry allows local farmers to rotate species on the same acreage, which is better for pastures and increases profits. The BCC support the grant application, but indicated they are not to be considered a partner in the endeavor. Schoen will draft a letter of support.

**South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) Board Appointment – McCleary**

Commissioners Schoen and McCleary support Minidoka County Commissioners representative Sheryl Coyle; but do not support Jerome County Commissioners representative Linda Montgomery. The Commissioners feel that Montgomery does not present all issues suggested for discussion by SCPHD members to the Board and that she has not been conscientious about Blaine County's public health services.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to support the nomination of Sheryl Coyle as Minidoka County representative to the Board of Health, South Central Public Health District; and to vote nay on the nomination of Linda Montgomery as the nominee of Jerome County to the Board of Health, South Central Public Health District. Motion carried 2/0.**

**South Central Public Health District Board Meeting – McCleary**

The South Central Public Health District Board reviewed:

- Update on the behavioral health quick care center and approved a Request for Information.
- Board members will be doing a self-evaluation of themselves as board members.
- Dr. Peter Curran said a cancer cluster study revealed high incidence of testicular cancer in boys living in Blaine County, but didn't indicate any conclusive evidence of the cause.

**South Central Behavioral Health (SCBH) Board Meeting – McCleary**

SCBH has also been focused on the behavioral health quick care center Request for Information.

**Community Wild Fire Protection Plan Meeting**

All BCC attended this meeting.

**Great Basin Prevention, Education, and Mitigation Conference – McCleary**

Attendees were mostly from the Forest Service, BLM and city or county fire departments in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. They shared community perspective in developing fire adaptive communities with building codes and community wildfire protection plans, the value of mapping areas at risk, etc. One discussion was the disconnect between actual operations and prevention, and a frustration with elected officials who frequently weaken building codes. McCleary said attendees were impressed with Blaine County's Land Use and Building policy.

**Cooperative Weed Management Area Spring Meeting – Schoen**

The spring meeting was well attended. Participants discussed projects and their spring calendar. Federal and state funding continues to decrease each year. Schoen said important programs that are underfunded are outreach and education; and mapping weeds, which allows staff to track, treat and monitor them, which is key to controlling hot spots.

**Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) Regular Meeting – Schoen**

The BCC received a letter from a Zinc Spur resident requesting a BCC public hearing to discuss the Agave Place affordable housing unit. The BCHA said everything is being done as outlined in the project proposal; and suggested a BCC hearing would give credence to NIMBY complaints intended to harass the project. Sale of the house has been delayed by the buyer's delay in obtaining financing.

ARCH gave a report on different parcels around the County owned and managed by BCHA, including the property in Carey. Land prices throughout the County are still the biggest hurdle to creating workforce housing.

**Warm Springs Bullwhacker Elk Feeding Site – McCleary**

Commissioner McCleary joined Idaho State Senator Michelle Stennett and ICL Central Idaho Associate Dani Mazzotta to meet with retired Fish and Game officers Lee Frost and Roger Olson at the Bullwhacker elk feeding site. She also talked to Fish and Game representatives and Sawtooth National Forest Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson to get different perceptions on the feeding site problem. The BCC discussed the location of the Bullwhacker site. McCleary's main concern at this point is clean up, and better management if elk feeding continues at Bullwhacker. The BCC would like to encourage a public meeting with Fish and Game in mid-summer to discuss options.

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 4:47 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
 JoLynn Drage County Clerk Jacob Greenberg Chairman