

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUGUST 2011 SESSION**

Fourth Day

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Acting Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen, and (by phone, for certain parts of the meeting, as indicated in those topics) Chairman Angenie McCleary; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and Idaho Mountain Express reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary was present for the morning part of the meeting, by phone.

Vice-Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

SET FY2012 BLAINE COUNTY BUDGET

Resolution 2011-53 adopting the Blaine County Budget for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 Record #590261

Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary; Blaine County Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; County GIS Program Manager Joel Hall; Assessor's Office Manager Amanda Larese; County Welfare Director Wilma Colter and Assistant Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Blaine County resident Marcia Collado said economic conditions were no better than last year, and asked the BCC to only raise property taxes for FY2012 by 3%, if at all.

The BCC thanked the public for participating in the government and budgeting process. County revenues are down significantly, forcing the BCC to reduce the number and hours of employees, cut expenses, and reduce funding to worthy community service agencies. The majority of the BCC believes the County needs the revenue generated by increased property taxes to fund needed County services and community service agencies; and to make capital improvements necessary for the health, safety and welfare of County residents and employees. Every expense in the FY2012 budget is well justified. The County portion of the 2012 property tax bill will overall decrease by 9% when the Land Water Wildlife levy ends. Schoen noted that citizens are cutting back at home and at work, and have asked the County to do the same. He believes the County should not raise property taxes by 6% and should cut expenditures accordingly.

McCleary moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2011-53 adopting the Blaine County Budget in the amount of \$26,404,886 for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012. Schoen opposed. Motion carried 2/1.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT – SET FY2012 BUDGET

- **Resolution 2011-54 adopting the Blaine County Ambulance District budget for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 Record #590263**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2011-54 adopting the FY2012 budget for the Blaine County Ambulance District in the amount of \$2,157,141. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE AS BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to reconvene as the Blaine County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(d) INDIGENT - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

- **Case # 11-08-058**

Present were: Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary; Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter and Assistant County Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), McCleary (aye), and Bowman (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCleary temporarily left the meeting at this time.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-08-058, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Beverage license renewals for Hailey Hotel Bar and Grill, Penelope’s Café, and Elkhorn Springs Restaurant.
- New beverage licenses for Java on Fourth and Mama Inez.
- Catering permit for West Magic Resort LLC.
- Modification of Grant or Agreement #07-LE-11041403-006 Record #590480
- Resolution 2011-55 Waterways Budget Adjustment Record #590266
- Resolution 2011-56 E-911 Budget Adjustment Record #590267

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar dated August 23, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) PROPOSALS

- Sawtooth National Recreation Area Youth Conservation Corps Proposal
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area Visitor and volunteer Information Website
- Sawtooth National Recreation Area Visitor maps and Information Signs
- Blaine County Noxious Weed Control

The RAC committee submitted the above four RAC grant applications to Blaine County. Four more RAC grant applications were submitted to the BCC from within Blaine County.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to acknowledge receipt of eight project proposals to be submitted to the South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee for funding consideration: Warm Springs Road improvements, Ketchum Ranger District youth employment on recreation and trails, Sawtooth National Recreation Youth Conservation Corps program, Sawtooth visitor and volunteer information website, Blaine County Noxious Weed Control in the SNRA, Blaine County Noxious Weed Control in the Ketchum Ranger District, Fox Creek trailhead entrance, and Sawtooth National Recreation Area visitor maps and information. The total cost for these eight projects as proposed is \$85,094. In discussion, the BCC concurred with RAC’s priorities for youth employment and noxious weed control. Motion passed 2/0.

Chairman McCleary rejoined the BCC meeting at this time.

MOUNTAIN RIDES JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Also present: Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary; Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Operations Director Char Nelson, Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller, and Mountain Rides Blaine County appointee Jim Jaquet.

Voss said a separate contract with Mountain Rides or their by-laws should include hold harmless language, a provision for unappropriated funds, specific insurance requirements, and requirements for compliance with state and federal laws. Jaquet will follow up on Voss’s suggestions.

Schoen felt the contract should also outline revenue-allegation targets for all Mountain Rides funding sources, including users fees, contributions from local jurisdictions, and state and federal funding. Mountain Rides tailors its service to match the contribution each jurisdiction makes, i.e., free service in Ketchum-Sun Valley is paid for by the cities of Ketchum-Sun Valley.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Extension of Amended Agreement of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Public Transit Authority (Mountain Rides Transportation Authority) to provide multimodal transportation services in Blaine County. Motion carried unanimously.

BLAINE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD

- Discussion of contracts with Wood River Fire and Rescue and Ketchum

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present: Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary; Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Operations Director Char Nelson; Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle, Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman, and Asst. Chief Jeff Nevins; Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Wood River Fire District James Frehling, Blaine County

Emergency Medical Director Keith Sivertson; and St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center representative John Gaeddert.

The Ambulance District Board discussed provisions in annual agreements with service providers Wood River Fire and Rescue and City of Ketchum:

- interfacility transfers – patient care, cost containment, and accountability for all parties. Clarify logistics and financial arrangement with St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center on how service providers can meet hospital and Ambulance Board's expectations for transfers, and at the same time provide a high level of local emergency service;
- need for greater definition of the services the providers provide; and
- ambulances, monitor units, extrication and other equipment, which are not specified in the annual contract.

Perhaps the receiving hospital can use their ambulance to pick up the patient in Blaine County. The current contract includes nebulous language like "to the extent possible". Available ambulances are not usually a problem, but emergency-trained volunteers are frequently not able to leave regular jobs in today's poor economy to staff interfacility transfers. Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle frequently drives an ambulance due to inadequate staffing. St. Luke's does not want to pay a flat fee to cover extra staffing.

Follow-up:

- If service providers provide equipment, can hospital provide staffing for transfers?
- Identify the decision-maker at St. Luke's.
- Update contract to list and define the actual functions of providers.
- Voss asked Ambulance Medical Director Dr. Sivertson to work with the providers and draft a very clear set of operational principles. Voss and Graves will put draft into a contract structure.

Elle said new monitor defibrillators will be received shortly after October 1.

Chairman McCleary temporarily left the meeting at this time.

THE BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECONVENED.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS - CLAIMS

Claims – Schar Boyd

Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve Claims dated August 18, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; Emergency Communications Director Beth English; Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; and Operations Director Char Nelson.

Sheriff's Department and Emergency Communications employees have accrued an excess of holiday comp time, due to structure of the 4/10 service model. Operational needs during holidays and staffing levels haven't allowed employees to take holiday comp time off, and the County has no provision for payout.

The BCC gave employees in the Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Center until February 1, 2012 to take their accrued holiday comp time.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, continued

Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary.

County Clerk – JoLynn Drage

- Attended Idaho Association of County Recorders/Clerks conference. One discussion was the future of federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding.
- Getting prepared to run consolidated elections for the first time.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Actively reviewing all renewal and new contracts prior to beginning of FY2012.
- Working with HR and the County Clerk on a compensation analysis, including compensation adjustments that the BCC agreed to for FY2012.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Hired seasonal temp person at the Blaine County Recycling Center, which will enable current staff to take comp time and vacations.
- Pre-construction meeting with ITD and road improvements contractor to discuss emergency detours during Hailey-to-Ketchum highway improvements.
- Blaine Manor inspection – Facility is okay, but exterior ramps and sidewalks need some work, which is in FY2012 budget.
- Warm Springs residents road improvements surveys will be discussed with the Forest Service.
- Will meet with McKinstry to discuss projects and prices.
- Hope Garden Harvest Fair on the Courthouse lawn was well attended.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Replacement Airport – Bowman

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; and Jim Phillips.

FAA has suspended the Blaine County replacement airport Draft Environmental Impact Statement indefinitely for financial and wildlife issues. Blaine County community is committed to finding solutions to air service, and needs to consider alternatives.

Blaine County Fair – Schoen

Big success of this year’s fair was attendance, especially at the Friday Fun Day. Seemed to be more people from the north end of the county this year. The Fair Board’s enthusiasm is working to draw a diverse attendance.

Non-Lethal Predator Deterrence Workshop – Schoen

Workshop was an extension of the Wood River Wolf Project, held on the fairgrounds during the Blaine County Fair. Workshop was presented by national representatives of wildlife organizations; and was attended by local ranchers and statewide media.

Groundwater Measurement District Formation Hearing – Schoen

Proposed district is far reaching, including the Big Wood Basin to Hill City and Queens Crown. Preliminary order from Idaho Department of Water Resources will probably come in December.

Solar Energy Project Proposal – Schoen

A local firm, Site-Based Energy, is interested in pursuing a municipal solar energy-generating facility at Ohio Gulch. If interested, the County would provide the site for the installation, and local non-profits would ultimately benefit from the profits.

County Land Acquired through BLM Recreation Public Purposes (RPP) Act – Schoen

There are safety concerns with this recreational land being currently used by shooters, as well as model airplane enthusiasts, motorcyclists, etc. The Sheriff’s Department will monitor the area for shooters and litter left behind, and suggest better alternatives to shooters.

Blaine County Jail Inspection – Schoen

Schoen recently conducted a quarterly Blaine County Jail inspection, and noted no significant safety, security or health-related concerns.

Snake River Juvenile Detention Center – McCleary

JPA between Snake River Juvenile Detention Center and counties needs to be renewed.

Blaine Manor Property – Bowman

Hailey Chamber requests BCC permission to host a Halloween haunted house in the northern part of the Blaine Manor building. Chamber will give the County a copy of its blanket insurance policy. County Operations Director and County Administrator have no concerns.

Behavioral Health Cooperative Meeting – McCleary

Attended meeting.

Karen’s Family Pharmacy – Bowman

BCC is okay with Karen’s placing a sandwich sign, as permitted by the City of Hailey, on the Blaine Manor property.

Indigency – Bowman

A County medical indigency case client died. The family is offering a motor vehicle as partial payment for medical services. The County now has the vehicle in its possession. Bowman will discuss procedure for accepting car title with County Attorney and County Clerk.

BLM Open House on Proposed Travel Plan – Bowman

BLM is proposing closure of some trails that are well-used by motorized community. Attendees at the open house were mostly opposed to the closures.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary.

- **Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grant 11-DG-11041400-031 between Blaine County and the USDA, Forest Service Sawtooth National Forest Record #591608**

Contract is for Trail Creek Road work to be funded by Phase II RAC grant.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve acceptance of the Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grant 11-DG-11041400-031 between Blaine County and the USDA, Forest Service Sawtooth National Forest, and authorize chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary.

- **July 18, 19, 20 and 21, 2011, and August 2, 8, and 9, 2011 BCC Meetings**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Blaine County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes for July 18, July 19, July 20, July 21, and August 2, August 8 and August 9, 2011, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK

Chairman McCleary was absent from the afternoon session until 2:03 pm.

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Blaine County Road & Bridge Stream Alteration Application:** Proposed maintenance work to repair and protect the west abutment on the **Adams Gulch Bridge**. Option 1: Install concrete forms against old U.S.F.S. concrete piers and fill erosion cavity under abutment with concrete. Option 2: Place 20 cubic yards of riprap in void under abutment. Approximately 80 linear feet of stream would be impacted by proposed work. The project site is located adjacent to the City of Ketchum, approximately one mile north of Saddle Road and Highway 75 intersection within Section 1, T.4N., R.17E., BM, Blaine County, Idaho.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma; Planner Kathy Grotto; and Blaine County Engineer Jim Koonce.

Stelma read notice.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, that notice was adequate. Motion carried 2/0.

Idaho Department of Water Resources has required the bridge’s west abutment be fixed. Options are to riprap or fill with concrete. A neighbor has expressed concern that frequent maintenance efforts are causing the river to flow closer to his property. The County has tried to fix the problem several times since 1986, but erosion against the abutments causes a chronic problem.

The County has been awarded a grant to rebuild the Adams Gulch bridge, but will not receive grant funding for awhile. In the meantime, the County has also received IDWR grant funding to fix the abutment by filling the void with rock, which can be done without disturbing the stream. Another option is to pour cement into the void, but that would require diverting the river.

Koonce showed photos of the river flow against the abutment.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve application of Blaine County Road and Bridge Department to repair Adams Gulch Bridge on the Big Wood River, based on Findings that the application meets County criteria, with the conditions listed in the staff report, and that the County Engineer be on site during construction. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Sun Valley Area of City Impact Workshop**

Also present: (by phone) BCC Chairman Angenie McCleary; Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Planner Kathy Grotto; Sun Valley Community Development Director Mark Hoffman; and Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

The Local Land Use Planning Act Section 67-6526(b) Areas of Impact lists the factors to be considered in determining the Area of City Impact. Bergin showed the BCC the existing Sun Valley Area of City Impact (ACI), as established with the County and adopted by County Code and map in 1994.

Four of the proposed areas in Sun Valley’s ACI are currently public land, and the County at this time doesn’t want to see annexation proceedings on those lands. Hoffman said Sun Valley’s main intent was preservation, not development.

The BCC discussed the County’s South Gateway, McHanville and neighboring area; and power and water/sewer utilities in the area.

The BCC agreed to notify Sun Valley of anything federal agencies might propose for land exchanges within Sun Valley’s ACI; and to further discuss the ACI with the Sun Valley City Council in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(f) PENDING LITIGATION

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to go into Executive Session for §67-2345 1(f), to consider matters of pending litigation. Bowman (aye), Schoen (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:26 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage Tom Bowman
County Clerk Acting Chairman