

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

Sixth Day

Tuesday, August 28, 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; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; Robert Blakeley; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 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 Manager Brooke Roberson and Indigent Services Assistant Amy Rivkin.

- **Case numbers 12-07-120, 12-07-121, 12-07-124, and 12-07-125**

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

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #12-07-120, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to suspend the application of Case #12-07-121, under provisions of Idaho Statute, pending determination of eligibility by Medicaid. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny the application of Case #12-07-124, based on case status, the applicant having withdrawn his application, and staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #12-07-125, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Claims – Schar Boyd

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve claims dated August 28, 2012, with an additional claim for Idaho Power for \$3,927.14. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Office – Gene Ramsey

- 55 inmates in jail this morning; 35 of which are Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC) .
- Took down a [marijuana] grow operation last week, with help from Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and National Guard. Road and Bridge dug a hole and staff buried over 11,000 plants. Investigation is ongoing.
- On Saturday, a Paragliding World Cup competitor took off, but didn't land. Civil Air Patrol, National Guard helicopters and fellow paragliding pilots joined the Sheriff in Search and Rescue. The pilot was found in the Little Wood Drainage and is now in stable condition.
- Schoen reported Sheriff's Deputy Corey Weatherly is recuperating and doing well. Weatherly sincerely thanked everyone for their support.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Site visit to West Magic with Southern Idaho Solid Waste District Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISWD) Executive Director Josh Bartlomé. Rollout center operated by SISWD is very well maintained and clean. Bartlomé will assist in considering switching to a local hauler to save money.
- Site visit to Carey transfer site, maintained by SISWD. Carey recycling site will be expanded to collect all five recyclable products. Bartlomé will assist in considering switching Carey to a local hauler.
- Final draft of the Blaine County Transportation Plan is available for public review.
- BCC will discuss right-of-way encroachment violations in September. The County hasn't enforced right-of-way policy except where safety issues or disruption to roadway infrastructure occur.

- Road and Bridge is now doing grade and drain.
- Preparing to stage for Deer Creek Bridge.
- Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa has received a lot of complaints about knapweed.
- The Weed Department Outreach Coordinator will move from the McBride Building to the County Annex building.

Administrator – Derek Voss

- Meeting next week with Nationwide Insurance to discuss County employees' 457 Delayed Compensation plans.
- Space management phase 1: Departments are moving around to make room in the Annex for the Prosecutor's Office and Weed Outreach Coordinator.
- Space management phase 2: Review records storage and current resources to maximize capital improvements and provide ways to improve customer service.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Motorola Solutions Services Agreement** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers.

Agreement is same as 2008 language. This Agreement covers a number of services. Maintenance is necessary, and the Statement of Work has been approved by Sheriff Ramsey.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve contract S00001014461 with Motorola Solutions for a number of services for maintaining the County's 700MHz radio system, and authorize chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- **ABL Food Services Contract** Record #600613

Blaine County Jail Administrator Lt. Jay Davis.

The jail has used ABL since opening the Public Service Facility. ABL is very responsive to any issues. Schoen, who does regular jail inspections, is impressed with cleanliness and operation of the kitchen. Kitchen volunteers work well with ABL.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve ABL Food Services Contract between Blaine County and ABL for provision of meals at Blaine County detention facility, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

JUVENILE OFFENDER APOLOGY TO COMMISSIONERS

Also present: Ketchum Police Chief Steve Harkins; Juvenile Probation officer Jodi Brown; offender Chris Carnes and his parents Jeff and Tina Carnes.

Blaine County recently held its first restorative conference. Restorative Justice conferencing makes the offender discuss their crime with their victim, face to face, and realize the consequences of their action. The juvenile offenders agreed to publicly apologize to their victims and the community; and committed to ongoing community service, especially with juveniles. The offenders are meeting with their peers, to share what led them to make wrong decisions, the consequences of their decisions, and how it feels to make changes in their lives.

Two of the three juvenile offenders previously apologized publicly to the Ketchum City Council.

The third offender, Chris Carnes, apologized publicly to the Blaine County Commissioners in today's BCC meeting. Carnes takes 100% responsibility for his offense, and wants to rebuild his character in the community. Carnes said he confronts kids that he sees making wrong decisions, and offers to help them as a friend. He participates in the Silver Creek Alternative School's program for at-risk students. He plans to go to college and play football.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mickey Garcia said kids used to grow up in a family environment, but now they're put in school with other kids and the herd instinct takes over.

The BCC commended Carnes on his composure and courage. The BCC expressed appreciation to the County Prosecutor and Probation staff, and the victims—Police officers and their families—for giving the offenders a chance to make a change.

SKILLED NURSING RFP (Request for Proposal) DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia and Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor Board members Linda Haavik, Marsha Riemann, and Peter van der Meulen; Blaine Manor advocates Sandy Christiansen and Lois Jean Heagle; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Board President Jeanne Cassell; CCRF Executive Director Kathleen Eder and CCRF Campaign Chairman Anita McCann; CCRF advocate Lyman Drake; Peter Candy; TanaBell CEO Troy Bell; and

Mickey Garcia.

County Administrator Voss led the BCC in clarifying the purpose of their decision regarding skilled nursing care in Blaine County. The BCC’s decision statement is to “Identify the best solution for transitioning Blaine Manor to a self-sustaining local business that provides safe and compassionate skilled nursing care for all socio-economic groups.”

The BCC reviewed 10 evaluation criteria, based on their guiding principles. They prioritized their “musts” over their “wants”. Their preferred solution is market based without taxpayer subsidy.

Blaine County Attorney Tim Graves said the County is not subject to Idaho bid laws since it is looking for a business relationship. No County expenditure is contemplated at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Taxpayer subsidy should be clarified to “local taxpayer subsidy”.
- The County shouldn’t consider a short-term levy without keeping the long-term goal in mind.
- Citizens voted that proceeds of the sale of Blaine Manor will go to Croy Canyon Ranch. Can the BCC use this money in its partnership with another organization without voter approval?
- The BCC needs to include objective independent healthcare experts in their evaluation. CCRF suggested someone from St. Luke’s.
- Long-term sustainability and efficiency are totally different things, and should be evaluated separately.

The BCC directed the County Administrator to update the RFP as discussed in this meeting. The RFP will include a statement that the County will conduct an extensive risk analysis of the company’s ability to meet criteria set forth in the RFP.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Juvenile Accountability Block Grant**
- **New 2013 beverage license for Zou 75**
- **Resolution 2012-34 for Salaries Budget Adjustment Record #600486**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for August 28, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **June 26, 2012 Regular Tuesday meeting**
- **August 14, 2012 Regular Tuesday meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes of June 26 and August 14, 2012, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Community Drug Coalition – Schoen

Coalition is searching for a new executive director. Current Director Terry Basolo is going to school in Portland; but will spend some time in Blaine County and remain on staff part time. The CDC has hired a new coordinator for the Idaho Drug Free Youth program.

South Central Public Health Board meeting – McCleary

Recent meeting was mostly business.

Space for Health and Welfare in the Blaine Manor Building – McCleary

The Mental Health Task Force is working to solve Blaine County’s mental health challenges. Idaho Health and Welfare will provide a nurse practitioner on a monthly basis if Blaine County will provide space. The BCC supported providing a space next to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) office in the Blaine Manor building. NAMI will pay utility bills and nominal rent. The State will not allow H&W to pay any rent or enter into any contractual agreement, but would support use of the space. McCleary will review proposal with County Attorney Graves and Operations Director Char Nelson.

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MOUNTAIN STATES TRANSMISSION INTERTIE PRESENTATION (MSTI)

Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Operations Director Char Nelson; Sonoran Institute GIS Manager/MSTI Review Project Representative Cameron Ellis; Len Harlig; and Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

Cameron Ellis represents the Community Values section of the MSTI Review Project. Many renewable energy sources are emerging on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, but the major energy markets are on the West Coast and Southwest. Energy companies have proposed power lines to move

energy from the Rocky Mountains to the West Coast. There is potential that the Bonneville Power Plant may transmit energy to southeastern Idaho.

In 2008, Northwestern Energy proposed the MSTI to move energy generated in Montana to parts of the western U.S. MSTI is on hold pending Montana State Supreme Court review of the final draft environmental impact statement. Major concerns are the environment, wildlife, and community values. The MSTI Project is a collaborative team of representatives of NGOs and county governments formed to analyze the MSTI line, and its impact of these power lines on communities.

Energy providers probably won't develop sources until they are sure power lines are available. Energy companies don't want to construct the power lines until they're sure the energy source is available.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Len Harlig asked if the energy would be coming from windmills. Ellis said there is no guarantee.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR 1% LOT (Local Option Tax) FOR AIR SERVICE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Fly Sun Valley Alliance (FSVA) President/Wood River Economic Partnership Vice-President Eric Seder; FSVA Board member Dick Fenton; Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; and Len Harlig.

Blaine County cities are discussing a November ballot measure to add a 1% Local Option Tax (LOT) to benefit air service into Friedman Memorial Airport. A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) will form an Air Service Board made up of representatives from cities that pass the ballot measure. The JPA will define exactly how the 1% additional LOT revenue is spent. The Idaho Attorney General requires an airport sponsor be part of the JPA. If Hailey citizens don't pass the ballot measure, the City of Hailey does not want to be part of the JPA, and Blaine County will be party to the JPA as an airport owner.

Blaine County Attorney Tim Graves discussed the JPA with Mike Stoddard, attorney who drafted the JPA for Fly Sun Valley Alliance. Stoddard was involved in prior discussions with the Idaho Attorney General (AG) on whether the LOT was constitutional. City of Sun Valley has approved the ballot language and the JPA. Hailey and Ketchum have ballot and JPA on upcoming agendas.

The Air Service Board will bi-annually review and approve the strategic plan and budget to assure the revenue is properly spent. The Air Service Board will contract with an agency, probably Fly Sun Valley Alliance, for services to negotiate and implement MRG agreements with airlines. The airlines may continue to sign MRG contracts with Sun Valley Company.

The JPA language fits with the BCC's guiding principle of increased air service and the success of commercial airlines into Friedman Airport. Continued and increased air service is necessary for the economic success of Blaine County; and to eventually accomplish the long-term goal of a new airport south of Bellevue.

The JPA is basically a "pass-through" for the 1% LOT revenues. Any litigation issues will be the responsibility of the cities collecting the LOT revenues as party to the JPA. The County has no funding or liability concerns, but stands to benefit from increased air service.

The BCC directed staff to put approval of the JPA contract on the next BCC agenda.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:22 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
 Leslie Londos Angenie McCleary
 Chief Deputy County Clerk Chairman