

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

First Day

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

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; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; Assessor Valdi Pace; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

FY2012 TENTATIVE BLAINE COUNTY BUDGET APPROVAL

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; *Mountain Express* photographer Willy Cook; Blaine County Extension Office Administrative Assistant Sarah Busdon; Blaine County Fair Board members Morgan Drage, Laurie Fiscus and Noelle Clark; 4-H members Ann Conner, Darwin Porth, and Riley Clark; 4-H volunteers Kathi Kimball, Kelsey Green, Jodi Olsen, Thelma Cameron, Elizabeth Cameron, Jon Parkinson, and Colton Metzler; 4-H proponents Buddy Wilton, Alice Schernthanner, Amy Federko, Lynet Porth, Kyle Green, Heather McMahan, Craig Patterson, Bud Purdy, Nick Purdy, Pat Purdy, Richard Olsen, Marsha Riemann, Dennis Hennefer, Michelle Stennett, Lauri Thompson, Marla Villavicencio, Kendrick Villavicencio, and Shay Doll; citizens Richard Gould, Verla Goitiandia, and Marcia Collado.

The Budget Officer presented a comparison between low and high expenses, including all changes previously discussed, and the differences between the two. The BCC must set a high-end budget, which can be further refined in the next month and decreased, but not increased.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Many members of the public and the Blaine County Fair Board asked the BCC to not eliminate the County Extension 4-H Coordinator position. 4-H participation in both ends of the County has increased in the last couple years, and the 4-H program plans to expand in the north valley. The Fair Board has worked diligently to promote attendance at the County Fair, especially the Family Fun Day, but Fair participation is best when there is both an Extension Administrative Assistant and 4-H Coordinator. 4-H volunteers put in many hours, and need a coordinator to keep it all organized. 4-H programs strengthen family ties; and have expanded to include leadership training and experience in how government works.

Some citizens were unhappy that the BCC was considering raising property taxes; and proposing a salary increase for County employees, while many people are unemployed.

BOARD RESUMED DISCUSSION:

The Extension Agent is employed by and mostly paid by the University of Idaho. The Extension Administrative Assistant and 4-H Coordinator are U of I contractual employees, but both positions are paid by the County. The BCC needs to refine the job descriptions to be accountable to Blaine County, and set performance evaluations for the Extension positions. The BCC does not want to eliminate the 4-H Coordinator position; and is trying to determine whether to maintain both Administrative Assistant and 4-H Coordinator positions, or combine the two.

Bowman proposed the FY2012 preliminary budget total be the same as the FY2011 budget. The County budget and taxpayers were directly affected by the State Legislature, which cut health and welfare funding to counties, but required counties to pay for Court-mandated costs.

Schoen did not want to raise property taxes; and did not support the 1% cost-of-living raise for employees. He was prepared to cut County services, but many County services are mandated by statute, so he proposed reducing County hours and cutting support for outside agencies.

McCleary said the BCC had made significant cuts in expenses, including eliminating several County positions. The County Administrator's hours had been reduced; and the County would be saving a significant amount in employee benefits. She supported increasing the property tax by 3% and taking the full foregone amount, which would result in an additional annual property tax of about \$5.00 for \$100,000 valuation.

The BCC discussed department-proposed FY2012 budget increases.

The Budget Officer will present an updated budget to the BCC later in today's meeting.

AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to remove Employee Benefit Discussion Consideration from today's agenda; and add Consideration of US Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT UPDATE and DISCUSSION

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee members Carl Harris, Vanessa Fry, and George Kirk; Dick Fenton; and Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

• Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee (BCAAC)

The BCC appointed the BCAAC in order to get broader representation from throughout the County for decisions regarding the replacement airport. The BCAAC fulfilled their initial task to prepare a matrix identifying gaps in the replacement airport process.

The BCAAC members asked what the BCC expected of them in the future, and what resources would be available to them. The BCAAC can disband, or remain a standing committee that would be available to act on specific requests of the BCC.

The BCC thanked the BCAAC for their hours of service and matrix report. The BCAAC members are well informed about the airport relocation process. The BCC put the BCAAC's activities on hold and asked them to attend FMAA meetings in order to stay involved and up-to-date on the airport process. It is likely there will be future tasks for the BCAAC.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FAA FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR A PROJECT AT THE FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

This resolution authorizes the grant application to begin the process to release funding from FY2011 entitlement funds.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to pass Resolution 2011-44, authorizing the execution of an application to the FAA for federal assistance for a project at the Friedman Memorial Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- Elections Office is preparing for November elections.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- The US Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration US Census will be in Blaine County to do a 2011 Governments Unit Survey.
- City of Bellevue claims they've overpaid for the law enforcement contract with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office over the past four fiscal years.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Public kick-off meeting of the Transportation Plan this week.
- Road and Bridge is taking leftover chips from chip sealing to improve some worn road areas.
- Road and Bridge is grading and dust guarding several roads that need it.
- Submitted Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) grant application to improve a mile of Warm Springs past the end of asphalt.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) Meeting Update – Bowman

SIEC is working on statewide operational plan. Bowman will probably be appointed to the Operational Committee, and hopes to lend some focus to the plan.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISW) Meeting Update – Schoen

SISW set their FY2012 budget. SISW partner counties receive or pay a proportionate share of revenues, expenses and dividends. Blaine County's share of Milner Butte Landfill operations is 13%, down for the fifth year in a row. Blaine County's share of overall district operations—the landfill and all SISW transfer stations—is 21.5%.

SISW Board discussed the concept and liability issues of the solid waste district owning a transfer station facility, equipment and operation located on county-owned land. SISW declared its intent to purchase land for Jerome County, but has delayed the land transfer pending further discussion and legal research.

Other SISW discussions:

- A greenwaste composting company is interested in establishing an operation on the landfill site. There is concern about competing with local composting companies.
- Discussed potential contracts with Power County for waste and transportation; and Bingham County for waste only.

Ohio Gulch Transfer Station

Ohio Gulch currently charges for household waste taken to the transfer station by volume and not by weight. Voss said new EPA regulations required that all waste accepted at a landfill must be by weight. BCC will discuss this further.

Veterans Memorial Project Update – Schoen

The committee is discussing its vision for the project. When a preferred site has been identified and a financing plan generated, the committee will present its concept to the BCC.

Wood River Fire and Rescue – Bowman

Bowman and Voss met with the Ketchum Fire Chief and Ketchum City Administrator. All parties need to understand each organization's respective role in the community, and work together to meet the needs of the community. The hospital's focus is saving lives, but it is a business. St. Luke's has suggested they could do a better job of ambulance billing than the current billing service. Service providers are concerned they may not be able to meet the hospital's expectations in addition to their own responsibilities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Beverage License renewals for Rickshaw; Ketchum Grill; Mountain Sun Lanes Bowling Center; Chapalita's Grill; and J. Alyson.**

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar for August 2, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **July 25 and 26, 2011 Regular Monday and Tuesday BCC Meetings**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the minutes of the July 25 and 26, 2011 County Commissioners meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE

The BCC reviewed an updated FY2012 Budget, Version #6.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to authorize the County Clerk to publish the amounts of two budgets: The Blaine County FY2012 budget not to exceed the limit of \$26,427,186; and the Ambulance District FY2012 budget not exceeding \$2,157,141. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Glendale Construction Gravel Extraction:** Public hearing and consideration of an application by **Gene Sluder, Glendale Construction** for a **stream alteration, gravel and floodplain conditional use permit** to extract gravel from the river bed of the **Big Wood River**. A channel with a maximum depth of 12', approximately 50'-325' wide including 5:1 bank slope would result from the proposed extraction. Approximately 3,500 linear feet will be affected; dredged/excavated volume will depend on market demands, but could range from 20,000 – 50,000 cubic yards per year. All work will be done in dry river bed after river is diverted into the bypass canal. Site location is at 181 and 210 Sluder Drive, Section 23, T1N, R18E, B.M. below Glendale Bridge and 3 miles south of Bellevue.

Also present: Blaine County Commissioners Tom Bowman, Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma, and applicants' representative Brian Yeager; and Steve Fisher.

Stelma read posting notice.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, that notice was adequate. Motion carried unanimously.

Gravel operation is a permitted use in the Heavy Industrial Zone; but needs a Floodplain Conditional Use Permit/Gravel Pit Permit/Stream Alteration Permit in the Floodplain and Floodway overlays. Land Use staff has notified gravel operations of the Code. This is the last operation in the area to apply for the necessary permits. The initial stream alteration review is a two-year administrative review. Applicants can request BCC approval of an addendum to allow for follow-up five-year administrative reviews.

Land Use will add a condition requiring written reports of bi-annual inspections by the County Weed Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fisher asked that heavy equipment not be used in groundwater.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Glendale Construction Gravel Extraction application for Floodplain Conditional Use Permit/Stream Alteration Permit/Gravel Pit Permit, based upon Findings that this application meets all Blaine County Standards of Evaluation for these permits, with conditions amended as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Blaine County Road and Bridge Friedman Creek Stream Alteration Permit

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in the Blaine County Road and Bridge Friedman Creek Stream Alteration Permit, and authorize Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND USE AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

Mountain Overlay District – Bowman

P&Z Commission is asking the BCC to participate in their workshop review of the modifications made to the Mountain Overlay map.

SENIOR CARE DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia, Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski, and Board member Linda Haavik; Blaine County Senior Connection Executive Director Kim Coonis and Outreach Coordinator Jaime Nordstrom; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation President Jeanne Cassell, Fundraising Committee member Jed Gray, Campaign Chair Anita McCann, Executive Director Kathleen Eder, and Board member Greg Peterson.

The BCC discussed the future of senior care in Blaine County with representatives of Blaine Manor, the Senior Connection and Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation:

- Realistic evaluation of the future of senior care in Blaine County, identification of current and future gaps, and the potential for partnership opportunities.
- Define Senior Care to include housing, nutrition and meals, medical care, and mobility.
- Define an in-home care model.
- Discuss additional affordable senior housing with ARCH.
- Identify guiding principles for a project manager.
- Realistic plans for Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation.
- Stop-gap measures if CCRF isn't open at the end of the two-year levy. A follow-up levy would have to be on the ballot by November 2012.
- The public has twice supported senior care: a referendum to use the proceeds of Blaine Manor to support a new facility; and the recent override levy to support Blaine Manor.
- Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation's goal is to be self-sustaining once it is completely occupied, which they anticipate to take about two years.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:02 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary
County Clerk Chairman