

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

Third Day

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman Angenie McCleary was not present for today's meeting.
Vice-Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Also present: Blaine County Extension Educator Lauren Hunter.

Hunter said she understood budgets were tight and making cuts was difficult. Short staffing would force her to cut back a little, but she would cooperate any way possible.

AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to amend the agenda for today's meeting, Tuesday August 9, 2011, to include discussion of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Blaine County Sheriff's Department and USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest under Contracts and Agreements, around the time of the Consent Calendar discussion. Motion carried 2/0.

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 #11-08-053**
- **Case #11-08-054**
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- **Case #11-08-056**
- **Case #11-08-057**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), and Bowman (aye). Motion carried 2/0.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-08-053, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-08-054, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-08-055, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-08-056, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-08-057, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- Working on consolidated elections for cities and taxing districts. In some cases, only challenged seats require an election.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Will be working with the County's HR generalist on human resource management and performance management measurements.
- Beginning to get emergency communications service calls for service data. Will develop additional emergency communications models for the Partners Advisory Committee and BCC to consider.
- Will develop a project plan for South Gateway stakeholders.
- Reviewing Bellevue law enforcement contract with County Clerk and Sheriff's Office. Bellevue claims the County has charged too much on the fixed-payment contract. Clerk's review of the contract reveals Bellevue may owe the County.

Schoen asked the BCC to review the County Administrator's contract and BCC's proposal to reduce Administrator's hours.

Land Use and Building Services Director – Tom Bergin

- LU&BS continues to track notice of water rights transfers, including one involving Lava Lake and tributary creeks that feed into it.
- Idaho Power transmission line route originally proposed to run the north side of Craters of the Moon is not being studied, but continues to appear as an alternate. The BCC will submit comment to Idaho Power that this route is not permitted by County Ordinance, and LU&BS will actively monitor the situation.
- Several land use institutes have commended Blaine County for its best practices in affordable housing. Hailey was commended for its sustainable building incentives, which, along with Community Audit Retrofit Rebate Program (CARRP) and energy code study, were a joint effort with Blaine County.

Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) representatives are forming a groundwater measurement district. A petition has been submitted to the IDWR regarding Big and Little Wood River drainages in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, which could have significant impacts on Blaine County.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Blaine Regional Transportation Committee meeting - ITD will begin Highway 75 project from Hailey to Ketchum in August. Highway 75 widening south of Ketchum is progressing as planned. After this project, ITD will not be doing any new expansion projects due to budget cuts.
- Idaho will no longer receive more federal funding than it pays into the system. The shortfall may result in higher gas tax or vehicle registration fees in future years.
- Mountain Rides is seeing a 15% increase in ridership over the last year.
- Mountain Rides is developing a regional multimodal plan.
- Blaine County Transportation Plan is available for public input to establish concerns, needs and priorities. Transportation Plan Advisory Committee is now being formed.
- Upper High Five bridge is unsafe and closed by ITD. A full rebuild, estimated at about \$100,000, is eligible for LHTAC grant. Construction should be done next year.
- Plastics 1-7 are now recyclable in Blaine County, curbside and at Ohio Gulch Recycle Center.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Interfacility Transfers update – Bowman

Also present: Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and Asst. Chief Jeff Nevins; Wood River Fire District Fire Commissioners Chairman of the Board James Frehling.

Bowman met with St. Luke’s Hospital representatives to discuss contract provisions between the ambulance district and interfacility transfer providers. Blaine County will continue to work with St. Luke’s toward resolution.

Wood River Wolf Project – Schoen

Wood River Wolf Project held informal gathering to solicit support. Representatives of national wildlife organizations will host a local workshop at the Blaine County Fairgrounds during the fair demonstrating non-lethal predator deterrents to livestock producers. There is concern that Idaho wildlife services may not be thoroughly investigating alleged wolf predation, which could seriously affect wildlife policy.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Blaine County Sheriff’s Department and USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest.**

..... Record #590018

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Blaine County Sheriff’s Department and USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest, and authorize Vice Chairman to sign. Motion carried 2/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Beverage License Renewals for Zou 75; Big Belly Deli LLC; Video West; Shelley’s Deli; and Irving’s Red Hots**
- **Resolution 2011-45 Destruction of auditor’s records** Record #589655
- **Resolution 2011-46 Sheriff Budget Adjustment** Record #589656
- **Resolution 2011-47 Probation Budget Adjustment** Record #589657
- **Resolution 2011-48 Extension Office Budget Adjustment** Record #589658
- **Resolution 2011-49 General Budget Adjustment** Record #589659
- **Resolution 2011-50 Land Use and Building Services Budget Adjustment** Record #589660
- **Resolution 2011-51 Weeds Budget Adjustment** Record #589661
- **Resolution 2011-52 General/Contingency Budget Adjustment** Record #589662

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for August 9, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Sheriff Gene Ramsey; Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; and Assessor's Office Manager Amanda Larese.

Blaine County will save about \$300,000 in employee benefits by changing its healthcare provider to Blue Cross/Delta Dental, effective October 1, 2011. The new healthcare plan is very similar to the existing plan. Coverage and cost changes will only affect a small number of employees. HR recommends the BCC accept the change.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve application to Blue Cross of Idaho and Delta Dental for group health insurance coverage for Blaine County employees, and authorize Vice-Chairman and County Human Resources Generalist to sign. Motion carried 2/0.

UNANTICIPATED SHERIFF OFFICE RESTRUCTURE - DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Sheriff Gene Ramsey; Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller

City of Bellevue is not renewing its law enforcement contract with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office. As a result, the Sheriff's department is restructuring slightly, resulting in a Deputy III position being changed to a Sergeant position. The change shouldn't affect the County budget. Voss supported the job reclassification.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to reclassify one Deputy III level position in the Sheriff's office to Sergeant level position. Motion carried 2/0.

BREAK

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Glendale Area Rezone Applications, continuation:**
 - 1) **Sleepy Acres & Tax Lot 7275 Light Industrial Rezone:** A continued public hearing on and consideration of an application by **John Majors, William & Vivian Bobbitt, Barbara Tomasi, and Erwin Excavation** to **rezone** the non-FEMA floodplain portions of Lot 1, 2, and 3 of Sleepy Acres Subdivision and Tax Lot 7275 **from Productive Agricultural District (A-20) to Light Industrial District (LI)**. The area is comprised of 64.6 acres west of the Big Wood River on Glendale Road, Section 13, T1N, R18E, B.M., Blaine County. After two public hearing on April 30 and June 11, 2009, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with conditions of this rezone proposal; and
 - 2) **Light Industrial Rezone of a portion of the Brown Ranch:** A continued public hearing on and consideration of Dan Brown to rezone 36 acres of the Brown Ranch from Productive Agricultural District (A-20) to Light Industrial District (LI). The area is located directly west of the Brown Subdivision, immediately adjacent to Glendale Road in Section 14, T1N, R18E, B.M., Blaine County. After one public hearing on August 13, 2009, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with conditions of this rezone proposal. Both of these applications are continued from an April 19, 2011 hearing.

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Blaine County Engineer Jim Koonce; applicants Dan Brown, Bill Bobbitt, Robin Tomasi, and Sleepy Acres owners John Majors and Diane Crist; applicants' representatives Dick Fosbury, Brian Yeager, and Ned Williamson; and Erwin Construction owners Chuck and Beci Erwin.

No new notice was required. New materials received were a "Version 3" redlined Development Agreement.

There are two rezone areas—Area 1 around the Glendale Bridge, and Area 2 on the west side of Glendale Road and west of the Brown Subdivision—where the County does not have an acquired road right-of-way. County Road and Bridge anticipates increased road usage on Glendale Road, and is addressing a drainage problem at the corner of Highway 75 and Glendale Road. Road and Bridge has budgeted redoing the Glendale Canal culvert. The County is currently prioritizing road projects under its Transportation Plan, and suggests the applicant be responsible for fixing the west vertical curve, under supervision of the County Engineer.

Graves will review the new Development Agreement. Schoen said the vertical curve is a safety concern, and roadwork needs to be done ASAP. Bowman said the applicant could do the improvements faster. Bergin said the rezone may not happen for some time, and it's unlikely traffic will increase in the meantime. There is a Bellevue pressure sewer line somewhere on the north side of the road.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to continue Glendale Area Rezone Applications to September 13, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried 2/0.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- **Sluder Stream Alteration Permit/Gravel/Floodplain Conditional Use Permit**
Schoen made one minor revision.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on application of Sluder for Stream Alteration Permit/Gravel/Floodplain Conditional Use Permit, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carried 2/0.

Levy Advisory Board (LAB) - Bergin

The LAB recently received two applications that need BCC recommendation. One application involves a variety of funding sources. The BCC will schedule a special meeting.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 2:50 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage Tom Bowman
County Clerk Vice-Chairman