

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

Second Day

Tuesday, July 3, 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; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:02 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

• **Cases 12-05-112, 12-05-113 and 12-06-118**

Present were: Blaine County Indigent Services Manager Brooke Roberson, and Indigent Services Assistant Clerk Amy Rivkin.

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), Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #12-06-118, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #12-05-112, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #12-05-113, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

• **Senior Connection Idaho Community Development Block Grant**

Also present: Blaine County Senior Connection Executive Director Kim Coonis; Senior Connection Board President Pete Cantor and Secretary Dale Ewerson; and Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

The grant for remodel of the kitchen facility is already approved. This document releases funds for certification.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the request for release of funds and certification to the Idaho Department of Commerce, and execution of the statutory worksheet, and authorize Chairman to sign as sponsor for the Senior Connection Community Development Block Grant project. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Sheriff's Office – Gene Ramsey

- Currently 60 inmates in jail, 36 are Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC), five from Jerome.
- Recent IDOC projections support Blaine County Sheriff's FY2013 revenue projections for County jail inmates.
- Blaine County crime rates are down 18%.
- Idaho Sheriffs Association reviewed Business Plan funding for the 700 MHz.

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- Deputy County Clerk Amy Rivkin did exemplary job of getting the 2012 Board of Equalization appeals scheduled.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

The Blaine County recycle center is likely to have positive revenue in the near future. \$5 per ton of solid waste tipping fees is dedicated to the recycle center; and there is currently a substantial Solid Waste Reserve Fund. The BCC directed the County Clerk to establish a separate Recycle Center Capital Improvement Fund for future needs.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Drafting an agreement with Alpine Enterprises for aerial photography of Ohio Gulch area.

- Developing a Skilled Nursing Plan to help BCC get to decision point.

FY2013 REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

Also present: Blaine County Chief deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Sheriff Gene Ramsey; Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, Planning Assistant Michele Johnson; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

The Budget Officer distributed documents entitled Tax-Supported and Dedicated Funds, and Budget Assumptions and Questions. Funding basic tax-supported funds results in excess of \$365,000. Funding everything in the current TOTAL column would result in \$1,293,399 deficit.

The BCC reviewed budget questions. Dedicated funds:

- Blaine Manor revenue for FY2012 is less than anticipated. The County Clerk's projected Blaine Manor deficit is \$953,000. Blaine Manor is only dedicated fund that looks to be in trouble.
- Junior college is paid entirely from liquor allocation, and looks good.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Beverage License Renewals for Beaver Creek Store, Chapalita's Grill, CK's, Valley Car Wash, Hailey Chevron, Mama Inez, Vintage Restaurant, That's Entertainment, Veltex Market, Guffy's, Globus Restaurant, Sawtooth Brewery, Tracy's Market, Wood River Gun Club, Taylor'd Events, Boca, Cornerstone Bar & Grill, Michel's Christiania, Adamson's, Whiskey Jacques, Zenergy at Thunder Spring, La Costa Mexican Restaurant, The Grill at Knob Hill Inn, Smiley Creek Lodge, Moose Girls Cafe & Bar, Silver Dragon, Castle's Corner, and Smoky Mountain Pizza & Pasta.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar for July 3, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) Meeting Preparation

The FMAA will discuss a 90-day study, the Friedman Memorial Airport Alternatives-Technical Analysis, of examining modifications of operating standards and site reconfiguration, and what associated costs might be. Schoen expressed concern that the Airport Alternatives study language prejudged alternatives. Both FAA and FMAA should be given all alternatives and allowed to determine if an improvement is worth the investment.

Baird said the study was being done with limited guidance from the FAA. The FAA is concerned that the community wants to do the 90-day study before the FAA Safety Management System (SMS) evaluation is done. The SMS will take six to 12 months.

- The airport has a new contract for law enforcement that will cost less.

BLAINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FY2013 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- **Treasurer, continued** – Vicki Sisiyam

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Treasurer Gail Peterson; Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

The County Treasurer is responsible for handling all funds coming into the County. The Treasurer sends out property tax bills, and works closely with financial institutions to secure and invest funds with the best possible return. Lately, with economic challenges, the Treasurer works with taxpayers on delinquent parcels.

The mission of the County Treasurer is to insure public trust by demonstrating fiscal accountability and effective management of Blaine County's resources. Team members should be well-educated and trained in all areas of the department to provide self-assurance and pride in providing excellent customer service.

The Treasurer wants tax notices to be informative. The Treasurer and Assessor are considering various ways to educate the public on the tax process, from appraisal to budget.

Additional budget requests:

- A current County employee who could work for the Treasurer for a month or two during tax bill time.
- Replace two aged copiers with a printer/copier that would be faster, more efficient, and cost less in supplies and maintenance.
- Software program enhancements to improve efficiency of the lockbox system at Zions Bank. Current software doesn't accept multiple parcels paid with one check, or one parcel paid with multiple checks.

The BCC complimented Sisiyam on her presentation. Public outreach helps citizens understand where their tax dollars go; and builds public confidence in County government.

The BCC directed the Treasurer to compare lease-purchase options and costs for a new printer.

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

AMBULANCE DISTRICT RATES AND CHARGES AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

Also present: Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and Assistant Chief Jeff Nevins; Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle; Blaine County Emergency Medical Director Keith Sivertson; Board of Fire Commissioners for the Wood River Fire District Chairman James Frehling; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

The proposed resolution is to increase Blaine County ambulance rates and charges to keep pace with expenses. Property tax should pay for the readiness part of the system. The patient should pay all expenses for personal ambulance care, starting when the vehicle starts moving. If the patient doesn't require service or refuses service when the ambulance arrives, there is no charge.

The Ambulance District can increase fees annually by resolution as long as the increase doesn't exceed 5%. The BCC asked Lassman to review the fee schedule on an annual basis in the future.

Medical emergencies require minimum assessment and treatment time and supplies, including medications. The increased rates will help cover all costs.

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

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Sage Grouse Cooperators Conference call – Schoen
Call was postponed.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste Regular Board meeting – Schoen

- Sludge pits at Milner Butte are minimally managed. To accommodate sludge from Jerome County that sometimes comes in when the pits are inaccessible, the SISWD would have to consider raising sludge pit fees. Alternatively, SISWD staff will assist Jerome County in making their sludge easier to handle.
- Amendments to SISWD waste disposal agreement is being reviewed by the County attorney.
- SISWD Board signed Memorandum of Understanding with Foton Technologies for possible waste-to-energy plant at Milner Butte. The MOU doesn't infer any commitment to proceed with the project.
- Amy Windle is new SISWD Outreach and Education Coordinator. She is already developing youth and adult programs on solid waste and recycling.
- SISWD Board created a compensation fund for the SISWD Executive Director to give salary increases for county transfer station employees who haven't had raises in five years. The fund includes a small bonus pool.
- A tipper was recently destroyed by fire. Old roll-off container trucks are being used until a new tipper can be purchased.

Drought Emergency Declaration – Schoen

Schoen drafted a letter to the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Governor requesting Declaration of Drought Emergency for Blaine County. Water levels are dropping rapidly and Big Wood River could be below average flows.

Idaho Roadless Rule Implementation Committee meeting – Bowman

In Idaho, the Forest Service can be approved for projects in inventoried roadless areas by the Regional Forester instead of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Forest Service presents their projects in roadless areas to the Idaho Roadless Rule Implementation Committee (IRRIC), which makes a recommendation to the Governor, who passes it to the Regional Forester.

The IRRIC's first ever committee recommendation to the Governor was on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest's Forest Plan Revision. The IRRIC's recommendation included some concerns about how the project aligned with the intent of the Idaho Roadless Rule. As a result, the Forest Service drafted guiding principles on how to work with the IRRIC. The IRRIC is drafting proactive guiding principles to give the Forest Service some predictability in how to make proposals to the IRRIC.

Bowman presented a slideshow of the IRRIC's June 28-29 visit to Grangeville, Idaho to inspect a Forest Service fuel reduction project. The Forest Service wants to recontour a heavily-forested area to lessen fire danger to the town of Orogrande, Idaho.

County Administrator Evaluation – McCleary

McCleary will email the BCC an evaluation form for their review.

BREAK

BLAINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FY2013 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- **Commissioners** – Chairman Angenie McCleary

Also present: Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Chief deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; and Commissioners' Assistant Jenny Lovell.

The County Commissioners share Blaine County's vision to be trusted leaders serving the community efficiently and effectively. The outcomes of all Blaine County departments are also the BCC's shared outcomes; but the BCC has additional outcomes it wants to achieve through the budget process. The BCC enacts policies and programs, initiates BCC projects, and individual County Commissioners serve as liaisons for departments and outside organizations.

Schoen said citizens elect individuals with certain outcomes in mind. The BCC needs to be cognizant of those outcomes, and deliver those that are appropriate.

Bowman suggested future Commissioners' budget presentations be scheduled first, to set a theme of emphasis for the rest of the budget process. Voss concurred. Bowman also suggested the BCC establish a line item to fund a special project that fit the BCC's emphasis for that fiscal year.

The BCC discussed conferences they would like to attend in FY2013.

The BCC directed staff to add a line item for Training and Webinars.

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

At 2:43 p.m., Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to go into Executive Session for Pending Litigation, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(f), to discuss with legal counsel the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Bowman (aye), Schoen (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:15 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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