

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

Third Day

Tuesday, December 13, 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; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Mike Frith reappeared before the BCC to reiterate that banks foreclosing on properties don't hesitate to evict people in the middle of winter. He wants Blaine County Sheriff's Office to declare publicly they will refuse to do so.

Schoen will mention foreclosure ethics to the Governor during the upcoming Capital for a Day event.

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 December 7, 2011, adding three new claims as described by the Deputy Auditor, and holding one claim for fire services. Motion carried unanimously.

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FUND 01	AGAINST GENERAL FUND		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 245,609.51	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 246,791.69	
Total November FICA		\$ 35,342.71	
Total November Benefits		\$ 139,652.54	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 438,575.27</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$1,105,971.72
FUND 02	AGAINST ROAD & BRIDGE		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 24,298.20	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 24,298.20	
Total November FICA		\$ 3,435.68	
Total November Benefits		\$ 15,212.24	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 36,723.82</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 103,968.14
FUND 03	AGAINST ELECTION CONSOLIDATION		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 1,719.17	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 1,823.26	
Total November FICA		\$ 268.98	
Total November Benefits		\$ 752.20	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 12,397.52</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 16,961.13
FUND 06	AGAINST DISTRICT COURT		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 1,911.00	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 1,911.00	
Total November FICA		\$ 292.38	
Total November Benefits		\$ 924.08	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 23,495.68</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 28,534.14
FUND 16	AGAINST CHARITY & INDIGENT		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 3,571.20	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 3,571.20	
Total November FICA		\$ 541.10	
Total November Benefits		\$ 1,794.45	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 13,019.56</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 22,497.51

FUND 20	AGAINST REVALUATION		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 9,974.35	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 9,974.36	
Total November FICA		\$ 1,340.21	
Total November Benefits		\$ 7,422.49	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 8,119.01</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 36,830.42
FUND 23	AGAINST SOLID WASTE		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 3,926.00	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 3,880.80	
Total November FICA		\$ 588.74	
Total November Benefits		\$ 1,799.73	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 3,355.92</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 13,551.19
FUND 27	AGAINST NOXIOUS WEEDS		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 3,542.40	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 3,542.40	
Total November FICA		\$ 495.50	
Total November Benefits		\$ 2,279.05	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 892.77</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 10,752.12
FUND 04	AGAINST AMBULANCE		
Total November Bills		\$ 164,075.71	\$ 164,075.71
FUND 07	AGAINST COUNTY FAIR		
Total November Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 11	AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH		
Total November Bills		\$ 20,555.67	\$ 20,555.67
FUND 12	AGAINST HISTORICAL SOC. & MUSEUM		
Total November Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 17	AGAINST JR. COLLEGE TUITION		
Total November Bills		\$ 3,626.00	\$ 3,626.00
FUND 31	AGAINST PSF BOND REDEMPTION		
Total November Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 35	AGAINST NURSING HOME		
Total November Bills		\$ 206,452.25	\$ 206,452.25
FUND 37	AGAINST SNOWMOBILE		
Total November Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 38	AGAINST WATERWAYS		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 148.28	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ -	
Total November FICA		\$ 11.34	
Total November Benefits		\$ 15.91	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 2,454.72</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 2,630.25
FUND 46	AGAINST E-911 EMERGENCY COMM		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 3	\$ 4,372.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries November 17	\$ 4,372.80	
Total November FICA		\$ 646.60	
Total November Benefits		\$ 1,441.77	
Total November Bills		<u>\$ 5,339.58</u>	
	Combined Total November Expense		\$ 16,173.55
FUND 51	AGAINST LAND WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY		
Total November Bills		\$ 10,458.00	\$ 10,458.00

FUND 81

AGAINST LIABILITY INSURANCE

Total November Bills

\$ 64.95

\$ 64.95

TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$1,763,102.75

Treasurer – Vicki Dick

• Request for Cancellation of Taxes

Also present: Blaine County Treasurer Vicki Dick and Assessor Valdi Pace.

When lots in Woodside were reduced in value for 2011, there was a typographical error on this lot. Taxes should be cancelled on the difference in value that was caused by the error.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to cancel taxes on Parcel RPH04770060180 for 2011 tax year in the amount of \$249.86, due to an error in assessed value. Motion carried unanimously.

Bowman asked if there is software that would alert staff when a suspicious entry is input.

GIS – Joel Hall

Also present: Blaine County GIS Program Manager Joel Hall, and County Assessor Valdi Pace.

Hall presented the new GIS aerial photography to the BCC.

The County Assessor was able to satisfy the previous data request from Fly Sun Valley Alliance (FSVA) without a fee, so no fee waiver from the County is necessary.

Clerk – JoLynn Drage

No report at this time.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Road and Bridge/Buildings and Grounds loader has hydraulic problems. Repair cost is over \$10,000. The loader is older, but repair is better option than replacement at this time. The BCC agreed the repairs cost be split between Road and Bridge and Buildings and Grounds.

Administrator – Derek Voss

- Voss and HR will discuss performance management measurement at the upcoming Leadership Team meeting. Management and employees need to understand the BCC’s ultimate goals, and devise measurements that will determine if they are achieving those goals.
- Performance management is an integrated part of the County’s strategic framework, including its budget process and service contracts. The County would like to require more performance measurements in its service contracts in the future, but needs to keep time spent and requirements in line with the value of the contract.
- The County does need to refine its performance expectations in its public defenders contracts.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Emergency Medical Services Agreement between the Blaine County Ambulance District and Carey Rural Fire Protection Dist** Record #592939
- **Contract for Services with The Advocates** Record #592932
- **Contract for Services with YAK!** Record #592933
- **Contract for Services with Sustain Blaine** Record #592934
- **Contract for Services with South Central Community Action Partnership** Record #592936
- **Contract for Services with Crisis Hotline** Record #592935

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the following contracts as read into the record: Emergency Medical Services Agreement between the Blaine County Ambulance District and Carey Rural Fire Protection District, Contract for Services with The Advocates, Contract for Services with YAK!, Contract for Services with Sustain Blaine, Contract for Services with South Central Community Action Partnership, and Contract for Services with Crisis Hotline. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Capital for a Day – McCleary

Idaho’s Governor Butch Otter and several state department representatives will visit Sun Valley next week for Capital for a Day. The BCC discussed topic priorities for the Capital for a Day agenda:

- Current airport issues - presented by Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.
- Indigent care and mental health, which are also big IAC priorities - Chairman McCleary.
- Wood River Wolf Project - Commissioner Schoen.
- Foreclosures – Schoen or possibly someone associated with real estate who can explain foreclosures impact on the community.
- Early voting capability instead of just “absentee voting” - Chairman McCleary.

- Highway 75 paving project. Blaine County is willing to work with ITD to focus on more accountability from its subcontractors - Chairman McCleary.
- School funding - Chairman McCleary.

Veterans Tribute update – Schoen

The Veterans Tribute Committee is now defining their criteria for a successful artist to incorporate into a Request for Qualifications. The committee's current target location is the northwest corner of the Old County Courthouse lot, which is visible and accessible.

Sustain Blaine meeting – Schoen

The most recent airport public meeting was for interested individuals and smaller businesses. Results of the handheld polling were somewhat different from results of the meeting for large-employer businesses.

Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) Planning Session – Schoen

The workshop was dynamic with a wealth of information on the changing economics of Blaine County. The overriding statement was that housing prices in Blaine County far exceed the national median, and wage and income don't begin to keep up with housing prices. The County has lost a lot of jobs, and there are considerably fewer people on the BCHA waiting list, but there is still a strong need for affordable housing in Blaine County.

Potential solutions discussed were:

- Acquisition of foreclosed and shortsale homes to rehab for future sale and rent - a Habitat for Humanity focus.
- Help low-end homebuyers take advantage of current market conditions.
- Continue affordable rent unit production, including for target populations such as seniors - an ARCH focus.
- Land banking while real estate prices are low.
- Refine affordable housing elements in local ordinances
- Create and disseminate a knowledge base and update it regularly. Housing organizations—IHFA, ARCH, BCHA and Habitat for Humanity—need to better disseminate market information, and work to coordinate properties and buyers. A single office location for all housing organizations could help.
- Work toward State and Federal legislation to facilitate affordable housing and administrative rule changes that affect homebuyers.
- Enlist private investors to assist in property acquisitions for organizations such as ARCH and Habitat for Humanity.

Health and Welfare update – McCleary

Human Service Field Program Manager Scott Rasmussen met with McCleary, St. Luke's Center for Community Health Manager Erin Pfaeffle and Blaine County Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal to discuss local mental health needs and issues.

Health and Welfare has office hours one day weekly in Blaine County. They accept new clients, including "voluntary" clients who are not in the court system but need mental health services, but the wait can be six weeks and may be too long for many clients. St. Luke's hopes to become a local non-profit resource. In the meantime, the main problem is that med management is only available in Twin Falls.

The cost for mental health care (hospitalization, transport and designated examiner, etc.) in Blaine County has more than sextupled in one year. Health and Welfare will try to get a nurse practitioner to Blaine County. They currently serve many counties in a large area; and their caseload is several times the number a clinician can handle well.

Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Board meeting – McCleary

Much of the meeting was regular business. CCRF needs to update all their numbers to be more realistic. Fund-raising hasn't produced as much as they had planned, but the cost of construction is lower as well.

Community College Tuition Requests – McCleary

- Bowman reported that County Clerk Drage told the Idaho Association of Counties that Blaine County is not willing to give up liquor funds or repeal community college tuition requirements.

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Hailey Town Hall meeting

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird, Hailey Councilwoman Martha Burke; Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; and Dick Fenton.

Burke thanked Baird for clarifying many important airport issues in a City of Hailey Town Hall meeting. The Hailey community sentiment was that the airport issue just goes on and on, with no resolution. Only a real trigger issue will get people's attention. Public updates and information are very important. The consensus at the meeting was that the FMAA has to ask the FAA to reinstate the EIS process to

continue to consider other sites. The eventual solution is a replacement airport, and nobody wants to lose all the work and money expended so far in a shelved EIS.

The Hailey Council briefly discussed the FMAA sending a letter to the FAA asking about future use of the airport for regional aircraft, which will initiate a Safety Management System review.

Schoen concurred that Hailey’s Town Hall meeting was realistic in helping people understand the challenges of airport issues. The FAA is giving the community every opportunity to determine what it wants and can afford. McCleary continues to work with Hailey leadership to develop a strategic framework and goals for the airport.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fenton suggested regular published updates to keep people informed of what’s upcoming in the next few months. Let the public know the FMAA is looking for near-term answers that are the least impactful to the community, while it looks for ways to continue the process for eventual replacement.

Schoen said if the community wants a replacement airport, the issue of raising money to fund it must be explored.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION AND 4-H PRESENTATION UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine County Extension Educator Lauren Hunter, and Extension Administrative Assistant Sarah Busdon.

The Blaine County Extension office is focused on agriculture and environmental issues, 4-H youth development, and “added value” programming that helps increase Extension’s visibility throughout Blaine County.

The Extension Administrative Assistant is the main point of contact for the customer, community and media. Busdon does a bi-weekly newspaper column, keeps the website up to date, and assists the Extension Educator and 4-H Coordinator.

- Newspaper column on financial planning, local food systems, horticulture, food preservation, spiders, etc.
- “Living well” workshops and outreach, in cooperation with The Hunger Coalition, to people who are under served in the community.

The Extension Educator provides agricultural education and applied research to growers, mostly on acreage in the southern county. Many local growers are focused on sustainable farming. Extension Educator has found funding for applied research and outreach to assist local growers.

- South Central Idaho has the largest acreage in the state dedicated to organic product. Numerous questions on soil management without commercial fertilizers arise.
- Traditional growers are looking for efficient ways to manage their soil and increase yields. They may need alternative crops for a short growing season at high altitude.
- Weed, disease and pest management and control.
- Annual Blaine County Hay and Cereal School features topics that growers have requested.
- Collaborative project with the ERC, Land Trust and The Flourish Foundation work with youth in a community service project that will teach youth future good-pay geospatial job skills.

4-H coordinator position should be filled early 2012. 4-H has expanded to include engineering/ technology in renewable energy and environmental fields. Statistics show that 4-H kids are more likely to be role models, succeed in school and be more involved in their community; and less likely than their peers to be engaged in juvenile crime and substance abuse.

McCleary encouraged 4-H to coordinate with other local existing youth programs and clubs to expand opportunities for all and avoid any competitivenessⁱ with each other.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 11:53 a.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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

MEDIATION HEARING

The Blaine County Commissioners met at 1:00 with the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission in a mediation hearing with the cities of Sun Valley and Hailey, Idaho.
