

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DECEMBER 2015 SESSION**

First Day

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice Chair Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AMEND AGENDA

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to amend today's December 1, 2015 agenda to add Annual Financial Report for Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections under Contracts, Grants and Agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - Idaho Code 63-105A (7)

There were no BOE items to consider at this time.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Noxious Weeds Protest Hearing - John Cenarrusa

• **Hanggi Appeal**

Also present: Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa; and Weed Department Outreach Coordinator/Public Information Officer Bronwyn Nickel.

The property owner is disputing the approximate \$100 enforcement fee. A notice letter was sent to the property owner at the address on file, but the property was for sale and the County did not have up-to-date address information.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to uphold the enforcement fee at a reduced amount of \$50, plus cost of spraying. In discussion, the BCC said the fee was reduced due to confusion over the mailing address, resulting in the property owner not being properly notified. **Motion carried unanimously.**

County Grants Manager - Michele Johnson

• **Report on recent Grant Professionals Association Conference**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

Blaine County Grants Manager Michele Johnson thanked the BCC for sending her to the grant professionals conference. Over 600 people attended, and several presenters experienced in all aspects of grant management offered their personal assistance to newcomers. Johnson was especially interested in compliance with Federal grant regulations, including pass-through grants. She encouraged the BCC to only pursue grants for projects they are committed to.

County Administrator - Derek Voss

• **County Projects Update**

Also present: Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; and County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson.

Voss is working on:

- Updating the Blaine County Code, making it concise and consistent and relatively easy for most people to follow.
- Making Right-of-Way Management Plan part of County Code.

Additional BCC project updates:

- Ownership of Elkhorn-Ketchum properties, in cooperation with County Assessor Valdi Pace and County Attorney Tim Graves.
- Sun Valley Economic Development supports Idaho Power's redundant power lines, but hasn't decided what funding mechanism they support.
- Blaine County and City of Hailey representatives are discussing local fuel coop locations with St. Luke's, Wood River Fire & Rescue, and the airport. The City of Carey is interested, provided their current supplier is part of the fuel distribution network.
- Zinc Spur homeowners are concerned about screening the house on the Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) lot. The house has not been lowered into place yet, and is sitting quite high and obvious on the property. Land Use has determined where the Scenic Highway Overlay District intersects the property, which restricts the type of landscaping that can be placed on the property. ARCH and BCHA have a designer working on a preliminary landscape plan.
- At the Clerk's request, the BCC will discuss ways to improve the indigent process in a future BCC meeting.

- The BCC discussed Health and Welfare and indigent alternatives. Greenberg is urging Idaho Association of Counties to encourage the Legislature to address Medicaid Redesign, even though it's an election year.
- The BCC will discuss Water Conservation Strategy at a future BCC meeting.
- Blaine County Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan is currently being updated.
- ITD has been reminded to erect the alternative wildlife crossing signs they committed to.
- Bergin is working on a Bellevue Area of City Impact Agreement.
- Smiley Creek recycling bins have been ordered and are being modified.
- Schoen and County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton will review proposed changes submitted by Recycling Education and Outreach Committee members.
- City of Hailey is actively promoting the Blaine Manor property online auction to hotel groups.
- There are three new public defenders who will start taking cases in January. Greenberg would like to sit in on their first cases.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration

- **Idaho Transportation Department State / Local Agreement (Design and Construction) Hospital Drive Sidewalk**

Also present: Blaine County Grants Manager Michele Johnson and County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto.

Developers of recent Land Use applications on Hospital Drive are required to provide sidewalks on their properties. This grant will enable the County to complete the sidewalk on the East side of Hospital Drive. The County's match for the ITD Local Agreement grant can include in-kind work done by County Grants Manager Michele Johnson and Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Idaho Transportation Department State / Local Agreement for Design and Construction on Project #A018(689) Hospital Drive sidewalk in Blaine County, Key #18689, to accept grant moneys from ITD for \$110,265 for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Junior College Residency forms**

College of Southern Idaho, Fall 2015-Spring 2016 term: Sarah Patterson.

College of Southern Idaho, Spring 2016 term: Stacey Boyd, Ruby Garcia; and Daniel Owens.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Consent Calendar for December 1, 2015, as read into the record. Motion carried unanimously

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Region V Behavioral Health Board Meeting – McCleary

Region V and South Central Public Health District are submitting a joint grant proposal to Health and Welfare for a "Quick Care Behavioral Health" crisis center. Blaine County supports the facility in our region, but its Twin Falls location probably won't directly benefit Blaine County, so the BCC doesn't anticipate funding it. Schoen said it's important to have a management plan for sustaining the crisis center after initial grant funding ends.

Community Food Assessment – McCleary

The Assessment's four topics were Food Waste and Recovery, Production, Consumption, and Food Security. The Hunger Coalition, which initiated the Assessment, expected to take the lead in Food Security, and hoped the County could help address Food Waste and Recovery.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration, CONTINUED

- **Annual Financial Report for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal.

The Probation Department gets about half its funds from the Department of Juvenile Corrections to pay for juvenile programming and a portion of the salary of a juvenile probation officer. Each year, the Probation department is required to submit information on the funding received and how it was spent. Probation also gets tobacco tax funding for juvenile programming; and lottery tax money specifically for things not covered by tobacco tax funds.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, that the BCC has reviewed and approves the Annual Financial Report for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, and authorizes the Chairman to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.

CAREY CITY PARK - COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TRANSFER REQUEST

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Carey Mayor Randy Patterson; Carey P&Z Administrator Brandi Hennefer; Carey Public Works Director Bob Simpson; Carey Building Inspector Joe Dilworth; Carey City Clerk Tess Cenarrusa; Blaine County Fair Board President Morgan Drage; and Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) Executive Director Jim Keating.

The City of Carey is requesting the County consider transferring ownership of a County-owned lot to the City of Carey.

Mayor Patterson said the City of Carey would like to take ownership of several adjoining parcels in Carey that are currently owned by Blaine County and the Blaine County Fair Board. The parcels have been used for years as a park, picnic and children's play area and volleyball court. The parcels and equipment are maintained by the BCRD, which would like to improve them, but not until ownership is clear and preferably one entity. Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss expressed concern over liability on the lot, and supported the BCC transferring ownership to the City of Carey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- BCRD Executive Director Jim Keating said a lot of Carey residents volunteer to maintain the park areas; and park use is increasing. Because BCRD staff are not located in Carey, it would be easier to maximize recreation and maintenance in cooperation with local Carey staff and volunteers.
- Fair Board President Morgan Drage said the Fair Board would like to transfer title of a small sliver of their property south of West First Street to the City of Carey.

Voss will work with Blaine County GIS, the County attorney, Land Use and various owners of the property to determine property ownership and boundaries.

CAREY - REDHAWK SUBDIVISION, LOT 1 ANNEXATION

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Carey Mayor Randy Patterson; Carey P&Z Administrator Brandi Hennefer; Carey Public Works Bob Simpson; Carey Building Inspector Joe Dilworth; and Carey City Clerk Tess Cenarrusa.

Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin said Carey has a Land Use application that will go before the County P&Z next week; and the County shouldn't take any action on this today. The application proposes that Lot 1, Redhawk Subdivision, Lot #20318, bounded by Highway 26/93 and Highway 20, be annexed into the City of Carey. The property is not contiguous to the City of Carey. The section line runs down **Highway 20**, and the property is south of the Section Line in unincorporated Blaine County.

Lot 3 owner has signed an agreement to be annexed into Carey. Both lots 1 and 3 are on City water. Water and wastewater lines run through property. The other adjacent property owner is not interested in annexation.

Bergin said the road could be an issue. Blaine County and Carey have a cooperative road maintenance agreement. The north half of Griffin Loop is in the City of Carey and the south half is in Blaine County. Even if Redhawk Subdivision Lot 1 isn't annexed, the County could consider annexation or vacation of the road to the City of Carey.

FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIEW

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

Topics on tonight's Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) meeting agenda:

- Fly Sun Valley Alliance Airline Consultant / Mead & Hunt Airport Air Service Consultant Ron McNeil will attend Fly Sun Valley Alliance meeting today, and answer questions on impacts of regional jets and new markets at tonight's FMAA meeting.
- McNeil will review the Small Community Air Service Development Service grant.
- The FMAA will review and approve Chapter D of the Master Plan, including parking and expansion alternatives.
- BCC suggested revised language in the Master Plan, adding "safe and efficient" operation and replacing Wood River Valley with Blaine County.
- BCC will suggest revisions to Master Plan Chapter E to the consultant and public, and eventually vote on the language.

Airport Manager Rick Baird said the Master Plan should include a history of various proposed airport locations over the last 15 years, cost of a future airport, and how it might be financed.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration

- **Reappointment of Pat Murphy to the P&Z Commission**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; and Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to reappoint Pat Murphy to the Blaine County Planning & Zoning Commission for his next 3-year term. In discussion, the BCC said Murphy was a valuable member of the P&Z, and they were pleased to have him continue to serve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Findings of Fact: Hayward-Strand Subdivision, Lot 1 Plat Amendment**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for the application of Rockin LH LLC for a Plat Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Findings of Fact: Picabo Livestock - Silver Creek Stream Alteration Permit**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and

**Decision for Picabo Livestock for a Stream Alteration Permit on Silver Creek, as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Picabo Livestock expects to begin the project the end of this week.

• Bellevue Area of City Impact

The BCC reviewed a draft letter to go to Bellevue Mayor Koch and Bellevue Council. The letter should be copied to cities of Hailey and Carey.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration, CONTINUED

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District Regular Meeting - Schoen

- A landfill elsewhere in Idaho lost the use of its tipper and asked to temporarily rent Blaine County's spare tipper. SISWD declined the request because they may need the tipper as a back-up.
- Reviewed and approved the independent FY2015 audit.

BLM – Greenberg and Schoen

The BCC discussed a letter from the BLM about withdrawing public land identified as sagebrush focal areas for sage grouse. The map can be overlaid on airport alternative sites to see which sites might be impacted. The plan includes provision of No Surface Occupancy for liquid mineral extraction and no further development of mineral extraction, infrastructure or transportation infrastructure.

National School Choice Week - Greenberg

Greenberg shared a letter he got regarding a resolution naming National School Choice Week, to raise public awareness of all types of education options, including traditional public schools, online learning and homeschooling. He suggested the BCC not support the resolution.

Wildfires – Schoen

Dan Henry owns a number of mining claims in Blaine County, including some on land burned in the Beaver Creek Fire. Henry visited Schoen in his office and insisted that there are conspiracies across the country to expand and aggravate wildfires for the business it generates.

APPROVAL OF BCC MEETING MINUTES

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve November 17, 2015 Regular BCC Meeting minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 1 (b) Personnel

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(b), to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Schoen (aye), McCleary (aye), and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 2:32 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
 JoLynn Drage Jacob Greenberg
 County Clerk Chairman