

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

Fifth Day

Tuesday, December 20, 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; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary was absent from today's meeting.

Vice-Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Weed Department – Outreach Coordinator Malia Leonard

• **Blaine County Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) 2012 Cost-Share Application**

The 2012 CWMA application is for \$67,595. The Weed Department uses CWMA funds from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to fund projects proposed by CWMA cooperators.

The request this year includes \$20,000 for controlled goat grazing on the bikepath. The Blaine County Rec District will match the grant award with cash.

Part of the Weed Department's 2012 CWMA funding request for chemicals is for alternative natural herbicides. Citizens and all local cities want to try them, especially in public areas. Schoen requested the cities designate control areas where natural methods can be compared with traditional methods. The 2012 request also includes funds to continue Southern Idaho Bug Crew and The Wood River Land Trust programs.

The Weed Department will continue its Private Landowner Herbicide Incentive Program, which has been a huge success. Herbicides are provided to larger property owners, many of whom want to try alternative herbicides.

The Weed Department is requesting CWMA funding for an additional employee, and a Forest Service employee to be shared with other counties. Mapping and surveys have helped isolate and control weed infestations.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Weed Department's 2012 Noxious Weed Cost-Share Request to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture on behalf of Blaine County Cooperative Weed Management Weed Area, in the amount of \$67,596.45. Motion carried 2/0.

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- Submitted the Road and Bridge Annual Financial Report which goes to ITD.
- The City of Sun Valley has suggested their capital improvement bond failed because residents couldn't absentee vote at Sun Valley City Hall. Drage said absentee voting was available by mail, and that ballot requests could be made by fax or mailed.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- There are addendums to the McKinstry contract still to come. The BCC wants to see McKinstry performance guarantees; and details of the work to be done on the Annex and Recycle Center heating system. The McKinstry contract was removed from the contracts on today's agenda, and will be on a later agenda.
- Recycling Center Advisory Committee discussed finances and the Recycling Center's relationship with the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. Members are beginning to understand that recycling is a complex issue.
- Attended webinar on a new type of contracting where contractor is involved upfront during design. State of Idaho is developing protocol to teach local municipalities how to use the system and its benefits.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Leadership Team will discuss a quarterly combined evaluation for an Employee of the Quarter. Selected employees will be given to the Employee Advisory Committee. The EAC will discuss the submittals and make the final decision.
- Website framework is done. Website will be repopulated over the next couple months. County departments are encouraged to post online midyear updates for the public.
- Beginning Fiscal 2013 budgeting process. Working with HR to incorporate performance management to show relationship between employee contribution and BCC's ultimate vision for the

County. Devising key performance indicators that will show where the County is succeeding and where there is room for improvement.

- "Balanced scorecard" aligns all interests—finance, internal controls, customer and stakeholder perspective, and growth and development—with the budget process and strategic planning to provide a balanced success.
- Actively working on the South Gateway infrastructure. Land Use is drafting an ordinance and Housing Overlay District.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **2011 Homeland Security Grant Program # EMW-2011-SS-00018-S01** Record # _____
Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to authorize the Disaster Coordinator to proceed with an Application for Assistance to Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security for \$54,603.06. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Energy Services/Performance Contract Agreement with McKinstry Essention, Inc.**
The BCC discussed components of the McKinstry Energy Services Agreement. McKinstry proposes to heat the baler at the Recycling Center by insulating the building. The BCC suggested a better way to keep the baler and employees warm may be by addressing the big overhead door that is usually open. The BCC discussed reliability and accountability of the McKinstry performance contract, and their performance guarantee.

- **Contract for Services with Blaine County Drug Coalition** Record #593177
- **Contract for Services with Wood River Wolf Project** Record #593179
- **Contract for Services with The Hunger Coalition** Record #593178
- **Contract for Services with Sawtooth Vision 20/20** Record #593175
- **Contract for Services with the Blaine County Historical Museum** Record #593176
- **Lease Agreement with the Hailey Chamber of Commerce** Record #593180
- **ITD Local Professional Services Agreement #7970-Adams Gulch Bridge- With Keller Associates** Record #593545

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the following contracts: Contract for Services with Blaine County Drug Coalition; Contract for Services with Wood River Wolf Project; Contract for Services with The Hunger Coalition; Contract for Services with Sawtooth Vision 20/20; Contract for Services with the Blaine County Historical Museum; Lease Agreement with the Hailey Chamber of Commerce; and ITD Local Professional Services Agreement #7970-Adams Gulch Bridge. Motion carried 2/0.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Bellevue – Airport Issues – Schoen

Schoen attended a recent Bellevue City Council meeting. Bellevue Alderman Janet Duffy attended the last FMAA meeting. Bellevue Council has asked legal counsel to advise if they should formally request a seat on the current FMAA. In response to a direct question from Council, Schoen responded that he was unaware of any FMAA consideration of acquisition of Flying Hat Ranch.

Sustain Blaine Board Meeting – Bowman

Board received project updates, including:

- Proposed Olympic Nordic Training Center. US Olympic Committee representatives will tour Blaine County the middle of January.
- City of Ketchum, Sustain Blaine and other local municipalities are assembling a consortium to purchase handheld polling devices for use by local organizations and cities on a check-out basis.

Capital for a Day – Schoen

The BCC discussed potential agenda for Blaine County portion of the day.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District – Bowman

- Bowman questioned some of the round-trip solid waste haul charges
- Ohio Gulch accepts septage waste from local cities into EPA-constructed drying pits. Cities are not charged for dumping. There is no service agreement with the cities. Voss said pollution-related issues have bankrupted communities. He will investigate risk management issues.

APPROVAL OF BCC MEETING MINUTES

- **December 6, 2011 Regular Tuesday meeting**
- **December 13, 2011 Regular Tuesday meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve December 6, 2011 and December 13, 2011 Regular BCC Meeting minutes, as amended. Motion carried 2/0.

ITD LAND EXCHANGE WITH ST. LUKE’S DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, County Planner Kathy Grotto, ITD Project Manager Mike Scott, and Len Harlig.

Scott related the history of the 1999 road agreement between Blaine County and ITD. The agreement included County purchase of right-of-way from private property owners as a trade for the old railroad right-of-way, which is now Hospital Drive. Title work during the Timber Way project revealed ownership of the railroad right-of-way/Hospital Drive was never transferred to the County.

ITD drafted a 2011 amendment to the 1999 road agreement that allowed ITD to survey the area and negotiate trades for properties that front Hospital Drive and State Highway 75. St. Luke's is receptive to a property trade.

The BCC discussed sidewalks in the area, and maintenance responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harlig said he remembered the County Commissioners discussed deeding of Hospital Drive, but a title search clearly showed it had not taken place.

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; and Len Harlig.

Baird will meet with Horizon this week to get their opinion on whether reliability at Friedman can be improved. Sky West thinks reliability can be improved with ground-based equipment.

Commercial airlines have withdrawn from some Idaho regional airports; Boise has lost seats. Blaine County will ask state officials and the Department of Tourism to support commercial air service to Idaho, which is vital to a good economy. Tourist revenue is significant in Idaho. Local governments would like to see enabling "home rule" legislation to allow them to request taxpayer approval to use local funds for minimum revenue guarantees (MRGs).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harlig said MRGs through diversion of FAA funds is a federal discussion; but the ability of municipalities within a jurisdiction to fund MRGs is a problem in the Idaho Constitution.

Ketchum has indicated interest in a joint meeting with the FMAA in January. Hailey would like to tour the airport. The BCC directed Baird to invite other city officials to tour the airport. The Hailey Mayor-Elect is interested in holding a Council meeting in January solely to discuss the airport.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

ADJOURN

At the hour of 11:13 a.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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