

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

**Fourth Day**

**Tuesday, December 22, 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, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen (by phone); Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Commissioner McCleary was absent from today's meeting.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner.

- Hailey resident Sunny Grant said current local weather conditions with snow, wind and forecast very cold temperatures reminded her of the 2009 Christmas Day power outage. She asked if the two feeder power lines into the Wood River Valley that had failed in 2009 had been significantly upgraded. County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner agreed that weather conditions were the same as Christmas 2009, but Idaho Power has improved the two feeder lines.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Claims** – Schar Boyd

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

There were no new claims.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve claims for payments dated December 16, 2015. Motion carried 2/0.**

**LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration**

- **Findings of Fact: Watson, Sundance Subdivision Plat Amendment**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in the application of Thomas and Sheri Watson to amend plat of Sundance Subdivision. Motion carried 2/0.**

- **Invitation Letter regarding Bellevue Area of City Impact**

Also present: Bellevue Mayor Chris Koch.

In 2014, the City of Bellevue indicated it was considering annexing the Eccles Ranch north of Bellevue, which is in Bellevue's Area of City Impact (ACI). Blaine County previously negotiated an ACI Agreement with Bellevue, but the agreement was never executed. Attorneys for Blaine County, the City of Bellevue, and the Eccles family disagree on whether it is necessary to have an ACI agreement for annexation. Blaine County wants to send a letter to the City of Bellevue inviting them to meet and negotiate a new ACI.

Ketchum Mayor Chris Koch welcomed conversation with Blaine County. Bellevue is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan, is in the process of hiring a new Planning Director, and considering annexation in an area adjacent to Bellevue.

Commissioner Schoen and Mayor Koch will meet to discuss next steps.

**AMEND AGENDA**

**Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to amend today's December 22, 2015 agenda to add Schoen's Board Report of the December 21, 2015 Bellevue City Council. Motion carried 2/0.**

**Bellevue City Council Meeting – Airport Issues** – Schoen

Commissioner Schoen and Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird attended last night's Bellevue City Council meeting, which included several agenda items related to Friedman Memorial Airport.

- Report to Council of the December Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) meeting.
- Discussion of who will represent Bellevue City Council at the next FMAA meeting.
- Discussion of who will serve as Bellevue's appointee to the airport's newly-forming Noise Abatement Committee.
- Bellevue Alderman Wolfrom sent a Freedom of Information letter to the FAA requesting FAA and FMAA documents and correspondence dating back to 2011 regarding air quality, noise, the Airport Relocation Environmental Impact Study suspended by the FAA in 2011, etc. When Wolfrom realized his request might be subject to fees, he asked the City of Bellevue to make the request, along with a request to waive the fees. The FAA said this request would take months to assemble and entail thousands of pages, and they may or may not waive the fees. The Bellevue City Council voted 3 to 3 on whether to send the request letter. Mayor Koch received the letter just before the meeting, and wanted to consult with counsel before he voted to break the tie.

Chairman Greenberg said the FMAA makes decisions based on analysis and reports of expert consultants. The community needs Friedman Memorial Airport to be safe and meet local needs for the next 20 years. Greenberg says pilots' main concern is that the airport be safe for everyone.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration**

- **Blaine County Weed Department, 2016 Federal and State General Fund Cost Share Grant, request to apply**

Also present: Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa; Blaine County Grants Manager Michele Johnson; and Weeds Department Outreach Coordinator Bronwyn Nickel.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to authorize the Blaine County Weed Department to make a request for 2016 Cooperative Weed Management Area Costshare Program in the amount of \$20,475. Motion carried 2/0.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Annual Road and Street Financial Report**

**Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Consent Calendar for December 22, 2015, as read into the record. Motion carried 2/0.**

**BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration**

**Boise State Economic Development Report – Greenberg**

The new head of Boise State Division of Research and Economic Development met with members of Sun Valley Economic Development and local organizations to get familiar with Blaine County and develop strategic concepts for entrepreneurial endeavors.

**Local Fuel Cooperative Update – Greenberg**

Local jurisdictions can piggyback on Mountain Rides' fuel contract with United Oil, which will save fuel cooperative participants 10-15¢ on Commercial Fuel Network (CFN) purchases at locations throughout Blaine County. Mountain Rides will distribute a synopsis of the agreement, including fee structure, for coop participants to review.

**Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Preview Webinar – Schoen**

- The Webinar reviewed issues the BCC is familiar with.
- The Legislative Committee voted to support moving the Solar Facilities Tax from personal property tax to a revenue-based formula.

**NACo Western Interstate Region Conference Call Report – Schoen**

- The BCC is familiar with topics discussed.

**Blaine Soil Conservation District Legislative Luncheon – Schoen**

Main topics addressed:

- Soil conservation districts presented projects they've been working on throughout year to let legislators better understand what they do.
- Extensive presentation on sage grouse by the BLM Statewide Coordinator.
- Discussion by Wood River Water Collaborative about its efforts on various water issues.

Schoen added that airport consultants will report on the sage grouse record of decision and how it affects airport planning.

**Workforce Housing Initiative – Greenberg**

- Blaine County Housing Authority Executive Director David Patrie and Sun Valley Economic Development Executive Director Harry Griffith are making plans with the City of Sun Valley to meet with local jurisdictions and look for ways to fund workforce housing.

**LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration**

- **Fee Resolution 2015-56 Solar Permit Fee Decrease ..... Record #632082**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

The BCC discussed fees and minor revisions to the resolution. The BCC asked Land Use staff to research a special permit fee for roof-mounted panels in overlay districts.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2015-56, a resolution pursuant to zoning regulations, amending Resolution 2014-17 Blaine County Land Use fee, by updating references and fees related to Blaine County solar permitting. Motion carried 2/0.**

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 10:11 a.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage County Clerk Jacob Greenberg Chairman