

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

Second Day

Tuesday, December 8, 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, County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Commissioner Schoen was absent from today's meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Claims – Schar Boyd

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve claims dated December 2, 2015, as presented by staff, with additional claim for \$330.00 to cover expenses of staff who attended a weed conference. Motion carried 2/0.

County Administrator - Derek Voss

• Proposed Organizational Changes

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton; and Outreach Coordinator/Public Information Officer Bronwyn Nickel.

The BCC and County Administrator reviewed proposed organizational changes which will reduce staff by one full-time employee and should save about \$40,000 annually.

- Bronwyn Nickel resigned her full-time position; but will continue as communications/social media/public outreach coordinator on a short-term contract basis.
- The BCC will create an Administrative Services Department, with Henry Brown as Administrative Services Manager.
 - Under the Administrative Services Manager, Andrea Walton will have added responsibilities and become an Administrative Specialist.
 - Commissioners' Assistant Jenny Lovell will have added responsibilities and become an Administrative specialist.
 - Contract review will remain with Voss, County Attorney Tim Graves; and County Clerk JoLynn Drage.
 - Grant coordination will remain with Michele Johnson and Debbie Piper.
 - County communication will continue to be developed under Administrative Services.
 - Procurement will be more centralized under Administrative Services.

Greenberg agreed with the proposed changes, but expressed concern that county communications might suffer. He wasn't convinced the proposed organizational changes would result in a \$40,000 annual savings.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve administrative changes as presented to BCC today to create a FY2016 Administrative Services Department operational structure, effective December 13, 2015. Motion carried 2/0.

Voss and Drage will discuss budgetary impacts of these proposed changes.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration

• Agreement with Correct Care Solutions, LLC for Inmate Health Care Services

This is a long-standing agreement with minor material changes. Correct Care Solutions purchased the former provider, Correctional Healthcare Companies. Medical and professional liability clauses are acceptable to Voss.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve contract between Blaine County and Correct Care Solutions, LLC for inmate health care services at the Public Safety Facility for \$259,764. Motion carried 2/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Junior College Residency forms** for CSI Spring 2016 term: Darby Northcott and Maria Juarez.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Consent Calendar for December 8, 2015. Motion carried 2/0.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Sun Valley Economic Development (SVED) – Greenberg

Attendees at the SVED Annual Retreat requested SVED focus more on attracting and retaining business and less on analysis. Businesses emphasized the need for workforce housing and resources necessary to provide housing, such as a real estate transfer tax. Greenberg said there is always a problem with NIMBYs (“Not in My Backyard”).

Blaine County Community Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update – McCleary

- Each jurisdiction reported on their Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan projects completed in the past year, as well as ITD projects in the Master Plan. Bellevue and Carey are getting more involved in the Master Plan.
- Hailey residents expressed concern about proposed paths on or near their private property. The revised “concept” plan removes proposed connectors for the Toe of the Hill Trail in Hailey; and makes it clear that proposed paths are not approved and not funded, and would have to go through a complete approval process.

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee – McCleary

- ITD patched the Airport Way/Highway 75 intersection. More extensive maintenance will have to be budgeted and planned for.
- Hospital Bridge bids came in at least 11% over budget.
- ITD has repaired the digital wildlife crossing signs on Highway 75.
- The City of Hailey and its consultant are requesting citizen participation in analyzing Main Street improvements, especially pedestrian-friendly improvements. Ketchum is preparing to improve and construct sidewalks.

Sawtooth Vision 20/20 Steering Committee Meeting – McCleary

The Steering Committee is meeting monthly to plan a June workshop, focused on a 10-year review of Sawtooth Vision Strategic Plan for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Sawtooth Vision 20/20 Steering Committee will be requesting \$500 from Blaine County for the workshop.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **June 18, 2015 Budget Hearing**
- **November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting**
- **December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve minutes for the County Commissioner June 18, 2015 Budget Hearing and November 24 and December 1, 2015 Regular Meetings. Motion carried 2/0.

SOLAR PERMITTING PROCESS, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and County Building Official Jeff Giese.

Three components of the permit to consider:

- The current fee for a Blaine County Solar Permit is \$195, considerably more than the local jurisdictions charge for individual solar projects 13kW or less. The permit fee includes one inspection. The Building Code allows a per-hour charge for additional expenses, including inspections done on remote projects that are some distance away in Blaine County.
- The timeframe for Land Use and Building Services is currently up to 16 days. Land Use thinks the timeframe can be reduced to a maximum of eight business days.
- Engineering review and structural approval, primarily for rooftop systems.

County Building Official Jeff Giese said the \$195 fee usually covers the County’s permit process and a basic inspection or two. Local structural engineers are developing a checklist of project requirements, giving particular attention to snow sliding onto the panels, snowloads and seismic activity. Geise will ask County Attorney Tim Graves to write a disclaimer that Blaine County Building Services strongly recommends structural engineering on all rooftop-mounted solar arrays.

Contractors have expressed frustration that they have to get engineering review each time, even when they install the same system on a standard structure.

Commissioner comments:

- McCleary wanted to incentivize solar projects in Blaine County; and has received public comments from people who want to see the solar permitting process improved. She would consider lowering the County’s fee to \$75 or \$100, especially since next year may be the last year for federal tax credits.
- Greenberg would consider lowering the fee and approved of the suggested \$50 charge for additional inspection(s).

Additional review referred to on the checklist are usually in-house administrative and don’t require P&Z approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 1(d) INDIGENT - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

Present were: Blaine County Indigent Services Director Brooke Baird and Assistant Amy Rivkin.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. McCleary (aye); and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried 2/0.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to deny Case #2015-72 Medical Indigent Application for Assistance, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried 2/0.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to accept cancellation of hearing and final determination of denial in Application for Assistance #2015-55. Motion carried 2/0.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to accept cancellation of hearing and final determination of denial in Application for Assistance #2015-51. Motion carried 2/0.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 11:58 a.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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