

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 2012 SESSION**

Second Day

Monday, February 13, 2012

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 Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(d) INDIGENT - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

• **Case #12-02-016**

Present were: Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter and Assistant County Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #12-02-016, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to accept notice of cancellation of hearing and final determination of denial on Case #11-10-001. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Sheriff's Office – Gene Ramsey

- Emergency organizations in Blaine County met last week and discussed updates for the Emergency Operations Plan.
- Jail population is 58, with 32 Idaho Department of Corrections inmates. There were 24 bookings last week, but no mental holds or transports.
- Idaho State Users Group will meet this week to consider updates and funding for the statewide radio system.
- Sheriff will attend a Creating High Performance Organizations one-day class next weekend.
- Sheriff's office was first responder to an emergency phone call regarding two deaths in Bellevue. Deputy secured the scene and then turned the situation over to the Hailey Police Department.
- Statewide, inmate numbers are up; reason not determined.

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- Reported on recent Idaho Association of Counties meeting.
 - While at the IAC meeting, met with Supreme Court Justices and staff. Expect major changes after retirement of long-time IT person.
 - County Recorders and Clerks discussed registration for upcoming election and party affiliation.
 - Defeated proposed legislation to move the primary election to August. Moving the date would have been beneficial to some counties, but very challenging to Blaine County.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Submitted written report to Commissioners on grader blade.
- If Blaine County acquires the Bellevue property in Southern Belle, the Owners Association will not charge association dues until the County uses the parcel for long-term storage or develops it. Southern Belle will not charge association dues if the lot is used for a short-term temporary use.
- County Road and Bridge Department is getting Memorandums of Understanding with the cities for joint chip-sealing projects.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Field trip today to South Gateway with Sun Valley Water and Sewer and Ketchum City staff.
- City of Hailey has requested additional information from the Emergency Communications Committee (ECC). McCleary said the ECC's letter offered guidance, but left room for interpretation. An ECC Commissioner expressed willingness to offer clarification if needed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **February 6, 2012 special Monday Meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2012, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District update (SISWD) – Schoen

The SISWD Board:

- Renewed the program enabling employees to receive a share of recovered scrap metal.
- Reviewed Idaho Department of Environmental Quality’s violation notices against SISWD. The notices resulted in a number of penalties against the SISWD in the past several years. SISWD was mostly in compliance with state law, but failed to report compliance by the deadline. The SISWD Board agreed to pay a reduced \$4,000 fine to avoid court challenges.
- Reviewed the E-Waste Program for recovered electronics that come into Milner Butte.
- Approved the job description for a recycling coordinator and community educator. The position will be recruited and hired in the near future.

Schoen inquired about the site plan for land acquired through the BLM Recreation and Public Purposes Act (RPP) land adjacent to the Ohio Gulch landfill. The entire parcel will be used; and the road will eventually go in, but doesn’t need to be moved right now. SISWD staff will present the plan to the BCC in the near future. There seems to be a disconnect in communication between Ohio Gulch and Blaine County, including the Board of Commissioners.

Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Mid-Winter Conference – Commissioners

- McCleary attended Health and Human Services Committee and Justice and Public Safety Committee meetings.
- Schoen attended the Environment Energy and Land Use Committee meeting.
- IAC passed by-laws to make IAC more effective and focused on its purpose.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Idaho Homeland Security Sub-Grant Award - 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant** Record #594671

Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner.

This is wrap-up of the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Blaine County didn’t spend enough to meet the matching cap, so Homeland Security is keeping \$5,000. There are other expenses that can be paid with Homeland Grant funding in the future.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Amended Bureau of Homeland Security Grant Award No. 2010-EP-EO-0056. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2012-05 Adoption and Amending of Commissioner’s Districts Boundary Lines** Record #594764
- **Resolution 2012-06 Adoption of the Flexible Benefit Cafeteria Plan** Record #594765

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to adopt the Consent Calendar for February 13, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

FY2011 BLAINE MANOR AUDIT PRESENTATION REPORT

Also present: Blaine Manor independent auditor Tom Dingus (by phone), Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia, and Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski, Blaine Manor Board President Marsha Riemann and Board members Linda Haavik and Kathy Brett.

The independent auditor’s report gives Blaine Manor an unqualified opinion. The financial papers fairly state Blaine Manor’s financial position as a result of its operations.

Blaine Manor’s financial statements comprise two sets of books: records of operations kept by Blaine Manor; and the County’s books related to the tax levy and tax receipts, and some transactions with Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation.

Blaine Manor’s occupancy days are down, resulting in decreased revenue. Residents Accounts Receivable represents 20 days of collections, which is good. Most current liabilities and operating expenses are about the same as in previous years.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to accept Blaine Manor Independent Auditor Report for FY2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (BCHA) UPDATE

Also present: Blaine County Housing Authority Executive Administrator David Patrie.

The housing market remained about the same in 2011. Both home values and household income were

down. The average home in Blaine County remains above the affordability of many Blaine County residents.

Even though the foreclosure rate in Blaine county is fairly high, only one community home has been foreclosed. Eight were sold or resold, almost all at the calculated maximum value. None sold at a loss.

The BCHA applicant list is increasing in Categories 1 and 2 (50-60% Average Median Income), and includes a large number of unemployed applicants. The BCHA's overall focus is on Categories 1-4, with an income 80% AMI and under. The median household income, adjusted for inflation, declined over \$5,000 from 2000 to 2009. Applicants would prefer to live in Ketchum and Hailey. There appears to be more jobs in Hailey than in Ketchum, but it's possible the employers are located in the south valley and the employees actually work in the north valley.

The BCHA developed a Five-Year Strategic Direction, with three overall topics:

- Commitment to its mission, part of which is to insure long-term affordability of community housing.
- Commitment to financial security, performance and accountability, part of which is to create a "funding tool kit" to include federal, state and local grants and public-private partnerships. The BCHA is researching the potential of managing low-income tax credit housing partnerships. etc.
- Commitment to operational excellence. Staff participates in training opportunities put on by HUD, IHFA, etc., and is working to implement best practices management tools.

In addition, the BCHA:

- Wants to activate a Citizens Advisory Board to augment its Board of Directors and staff.
- Is working to promote legislative change at the state level to allow local jurisdictions to fund affordable housing programs.
- Has affiliated with Cornerstone Partnership, which provided a \$20,000 grant for the recent countywide housing planning session.
- The BCHA is looking for a Board member from Hailey.

The new 2011 BCHA Needs Assessment is updatable as market conditions change and homes become available. The current need is for 480 units in the county, mostly for lower income and mostly in the north valley. More rentals are needed. Hispanics are now 20% of the total County population.

The BCHA is independently audited every two years. The 2010-11 audit showed no abnormalities.

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AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Friedman Memorial Airport Operations Chief Pete Kramer; Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) Attorney Barry Luboviski; FMAA Grant Administrator Lisa Emerick; FMAA Communications Officer Candice Pate; Hailey Mayor Fritz Haemmerle, Hailey City Administrator Heather Dawson, and Hailey City Councilman Don Keirn; and Donna Serrano.

Visit to congressional delegation in D.C.

FMAA delegation recently visited with congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.

City of Ketchum meeting with Sun Valley Mayor and Councilmembers in attendance

McCleary and Schoen attended the Ketchum City Council meeting. Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird presented an update on the airport project.

City of Hailey meeting

Bowman attended the Hailey City Council meeting. Hailey councilmembers stressed they want a seamless communication with their FMAA Board appointees.

Airport Project Guiding Principles and Strategic Plan

The BCC wants their Strategic Plan to clearly state what they want to accomplish, and the specific steps needed to accomplish it. The BCC directed Voss to merge the guiding principles and desired outcomes into a precise comprehensive planning directive to the FMAA that would clearly reflect the BCC's goals and be coherent to the entire community.

Transfer of airport property to FMAA

Both the 1994 and recently amended FMAA Joint Powers Agreement stated that Hailey and Blaine County property would be transferred to the FMAA and held by the FMAA for purposes related to the airport. The BCC will consider a resolution indicating that such land transfer is in the public interest.

BLAINE COUNTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO ITD COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROJECT #A012 (907) FOR WOODSIDE BLVD. AND SH 75 TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Also present: Hailey City Administrator Heather Dawson.

In response to public request, the City of Hailey is requesting a federal grant to install a traffic light at

Woodside Blvd. and Highway 75. Part of the intersection is in Blaine County. The BCC supports Hailey's request.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to acknowledge the Cooperative Agreement Project #A012(907) for Woodside Blvd. and SH 75 Traffic Signal. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 2:23 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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