

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

Third Day

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

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 Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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 #11-02-35

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

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-02-35, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOLLOW-UP

- Voss received email from Blaine County Housing Authority Executive Director Kathy Grotto requesting letter of support to IHFA. Schoen will draft requested letter for BCHA.
- Voss and McCleary discussed liability insurance with Ketchum City officials. Voss has amended law enforcement contract accordingly. There is enough money in the existing Ketchum law enforcement contract reserve fund to cover the cost of insurance for FY2011.
- McCleary will schedule evening meeting to interview candidates for Sheriff's office.

CREATING A VISION FOR A VIBRANT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Ketchum Community Development Corporation Visioning Project leaders Dale Bates and Jon Duval; and Linda Haavik.

The Ketchum Community Development Corporation (KCDC) recently held a 20-hour Visioning Workshop that brought together many community leaders.

The KCDC hired facilitators and used the Future Search process to bring people together, enable them to find common ground and spur them to action. The process takes 2½ days and the overnights are considered important processing time. The first evening, participants focused on identifying their common past; and then looking at trends from the past. The next day, each stakeholder group identified their own individual trends, and divided into groups. At the end of the day, the participants—64 diverse individuals, with a required 100% consensus—joined together to define nine common ground statements for the future. The last day was spent forming action groups.

The next workshop will be a community café, with everyone invited. Attendees will be divided into table groups, each with a facilitator. Action groups will be formed; which the CDC may choose to coordinate, facilitate, or support. This is grassroots action started at ground level. The participants want to make Blaine County the best possible place to live, which will make it a place more people will want to visit, and many will want to make it their home.

Some groups already being formed are a local food action group, Sun Valley Local—a young professionals network, a private government group looking at the barriers to higher-speed broadband, a group focused on sustainable energy, etc.

The first workshop attendees were 70% “old white guys,” but the visioning team wants to attract a diversity of age, culture and lifestyle to mirror the diverse population in the community. Councilmembers from Hailey, Sun Valley and Ketchum were present, and shared a newfound level of trust with each other.

There was some talk about the airport, but it focused more on regional transportation to and from the airport. Some people didn't know the difference between the Fly Sun Valley Alliance and the Friedman

Memorial Airport Authority.

Blaine County Regional Planner Jeff Adams attended the Visioning process, and was pleased with its goals and outcome.

MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Also present: Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos.

- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department**

Also present: Blaine County GIS Program Manager Joel Hall; and Operations Director Char Nelson.

The GIS Department supported the County's FY2011 strategic goals by working closely and successfully with almost every other county department, and with the planning departments of other jurisdictions as well. GIS held training classes for county employees and public organizations, and was complimented on their community outreach. The GIS Program Manager was constantly alert to be sure the GIS department remained within ethical boundaries.

In the future, GIS will be looking at integrating the many County department databases; and may play a role in standardizing the county-wide permitting process among jurisdictions.

- **Emergency Communications Department**

Also present: Blaine County Emergency Communications Director Beth English, Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and Assistant Chief Jeff Nevins.

The Emergency Communications Department current projects:

- revised the policy and procedures manual, and a standardized training manual that will be kept up-to-date;
- getting the whole department together and focused;
- installing a new recording system that allows the department to pull data reports as requested;
- a new hiring policy, in line with Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST); and establishing a career path plan in communications;
- getting the recertification training program caught up;
- establishing call standards for operators; and monthly 911 training using actual recorded 911 calls; and
- outreach and education program to schools and civic groups.

Dispatch department is getting familiar with gen-ex 911, which allows emergency callers to text, send videos and pictures that can be forwarded to responders.

- **Information Technology (IT) Department**

Also present: Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon, and Spencer Gorringer.

The IT department wants to provide excellent customer service for staff and citizens, while maintaining and protecting systems in a fiscally responsible computing environment. IT is actively inventorying all the County's facilities and equipment; and working with emergency service agencies to upgrade the radio IP backbone hardware and software. IT wants to set up a tier system to provide 24/7 tech service for all the county's systems.

Two current requests for the IT department:

- Install private and public access wireless at the Public Safety Facility to provide jail training for inmates and access to visiting law enforcement services; and
- Scan all archived paper documents in all departments. The Old County Courthouse may undergo a complete seismic retrofit within a few years, requiring all offices to move to a temporary location.

BREAK

BLAINE MANOR AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Also present: Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia, and Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor Board Members Linda Haavik and Marsha Riemann; and Blaine Manor Auditor Tom Dingus, CPA.

Tom Dingus, CPA, presented the annual audit of Blaine Manor. Dingus also prepares the Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for Blaine Manor. The Independent Auditor's Report states that Blaine Manor Financial Statements are fairly stated, and the financial statements fairly represent the results of operations and the financial position of Blaine Manor. Blaine Manor's financial statements combine books and records for both Blaine Manor and the Blaine County Nursing Home fund, with individual balances. The audit was done in accordance with government auditing standards as required for governmental organizations in the State of Idaho; and the auditor has issued an unqualified opinion. The audit also contains a second independent auditor's report, in compliance with government auditing standards.

The daily Medicaid per-patient reimbursement rate is down, but the State's per-patient payments have increased.

Dingus explained some confusion in the financial documents caused when the State of Idaho converted to a new payment processing system and, in order to continue cash flow to healthcare providers, made estimated lump sum payments for awhile.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to accept Blaine Manor Audit and Independent Auditor's Report through September 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE AND BUILDSMART AMENDMENTS.
continued

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin and Planner Shana Sweitzer; Blaine County Building Official Bill Dyer; BuildSmart Technical Advisory Committee members Tim Carter, Brian Poster, Don Nurge, Bruce Tidwell, Joe Marx, and Alan Richardson; Sue Woodyard; Architects Mark Pynn, Mat Hall, Janet Jarvis, and Jay Cone; Plumber Ted Higginbotham; Kim Baker; Roofers Brad Baker and Riley O'Grady; General Contractors Dennis Kavanaugh and David Wilson; Nikki Donnelley; Deborah Vignes; Rick Stark; City of Hailey Planner Mariel Platt; City of Ketchum Planner Rebecca Bundy; Tom Harned; Builders Chris Edwards, Scott Miley, and John Lee; Idaho Power Community Relations Representative Dan Olmstead; Brandon Crego; Kevin Rust; and Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

This is a continuation of a prior public hearing. No notice was legally required. There is some new public comment, which has been given to BCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several local builders said it would be very expensive to achieve a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) score lower than 50, which was tough in this difficult economy; and the expense of documenting HERS scores would discourage people from building or remodeling. Architects/builders asked if they could self-certify. A couple builders on the BuildSmart Technical Advisory Committee (BSTAC) said they had already built homes with low HERS scores at a reasonable cost, and would submit actual costs for public review.

Bill Dyer said the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) required certain tests in order to get a building permit, which an energy audit would provide. Rick Stark found that independent auditors often suggested better energy-saving ideas, which he welcomed. The BCC was aware of instances where HVAC units/ductwork were the wrong size, and agreed that requiring an independent objective energy audit was advisable.

Local architects/builders and BSTAC members said most builders in Blaine County were already meeting or exceeding the BuildSmart amendments; and the certification paperwork is probably the most burdensome aspect of the amendments. Approving the amendments now would give the building community time to understand the requirements before the active building season began.

Ted Higginbotham installed a ground source heat pump at Bellevue Elementary School, and will install one at Wood River High School. The heat pumps cost about 30% more than traditional heating systems, but will receive a 30% rebate.

McCleary said the community has a lot of larger homes, and favored an approach where larger homes did not use more energy than an average size 4,500sf home. The BCC asked Land Use staff to figure out an equitable HERS score for a larger house.

Otherwise, the BCC was comfortable with the amendments, since most builders are already meeting them, and in making the BuildSmart amendments mandatory. Blaine County has passed a number of ordinances with mandatory land use restrictions in the past, and the BCC felt that voluntary suggestions would not have resulted in the desired outcome.

Dan Olmstead offered assistance on ground source heat pumps and photovoltaic, which he said could add substantial cost to building a home.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to continue the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code and BuildSmart Amendments, to February 22, 2011 at 1:30 pm., Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to go into Executive Session for Personnel, pursuant to I.C. §67-2345 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. McCleary (aye), Bowman (aye), and Schoen (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:42 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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