

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

**Fifth Day – Day Meeting**

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Operations Director Char Nelson; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**REPLACEMENT AIRPORT UPDATE**

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

- Bowman and Baird met with SkyWest Airlines in St. George, Utah to discuss SkyWest service to Blaine County.
- FAA preliminary engineering data on the relocated airport was placed on the replacement airport website, and is available to the public.
- Schoen expressed concern that releasing the document without explaining the higher price didn't help the public's perception of a lack of communication. Baird said the information would become public at the upcoming FMAA meeting, and the consultant team wanted to release the actual document before the public heard the information.
- Existing airport site consultant feels they need another trip to Hailey in order to develop a better study, and has submitted an estimate and proposed scope of work.
- McCleary met with Steve Wynn regarding general aviation pilots' concerns.
- McCleary contacted Hailey Mayor and Councilmembers about the Amended Joint Powers Agreement for the replacement airport, which will be discussed at Hailey Council meeting.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Claims – Schar Boyd**

Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the second batch of claims dated February 23, 2011, with additional claims presented by staff. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer – Vicki Dick**

- **Request for Cancellation of Taxes**

Dick presented two requests for cancellation of personal property taxes.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to cancel personal property taxes on Parcel PP1P00000W0570 in the amount of \$4,134.80. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to cancel personal property taxes on Parcel PP1P00000W0510 in the amount of \$1,418.68. Motion carried unanimously.**

Voss suggested the Assessor's office research a system control that would send a red flag to the user if it noticed if it noticed an anomaly in assessed valuations that could lead to taxation error.

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- Human Relations position is currently being advertised.
- Half the Blaine County employees have reviewed employment policies on the ICRMP website.

**Operations Director – Char Nelson**

- Researching options for single source, dual source and after-pick-up sorting in recycling operations.
- Requested additional time to look at more options for recyclables handling. Would like to find a holistic system with a good cost-benefit ratio for the County that recycles the product in a continuing closed loop system where materials continue to be recyclable.

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS CONSIDERATION - Voss**

- **Agreement for Disposal of Used Oil** ..... Record #  
Used oil will be reused to heat Road and Bridge facility. Nelson researched concerns about tank truck accidents that spew oil pollution on roadways and into waterways. Road and Bridge trucks are now equipped with spill clean-up kits and policy procedures. Graves and Voss have reviewed the contract.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Agreement for Disposal of Used Oil between Blaine County and Sun Valley Company, and authorize chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Ketchum Law Enforcement Services Agreement** ..... Record #585662  
City of Ketchum and the Blaine County Sheriff's Office are satisfied with the contract and feel the arrangement is mutually beneficial. Ketchum is very pleased with the Police Chief and his team.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Blaine County and the City of Ketchum for law enforcement services, for the current contract year, and authorize chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Lease Agreement with the City of Bellevue** ..... Record #585585  
Bellevue has long occupied a County building in the city of Bellevue for fire services.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Lease Agreement between Blaine County and the City of Bellevue, for the lease of certain property in Bellevue for fire equipment storage, and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **State/Local Agreement (Project Development) for Adams Gulch Road and Big Wood River Bridge** ..... Record #586525  
Contract for design of the bridge has been reviewed by legal counsel. The State will eventually pay over \$1 million to complete the bridge. Funding to build the bridge will come later. Schoen said the County must exercise caution with all the obligations agreements such as this entail.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the State/Local Agreement for program development and construction, A012 (409) Federal Aid Project for Adams Gulch Road and Big Wood River Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.**

**MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Weeds Department**

Also present: Weeds Manager John Cenarrusa

Preparing for a busy season. Working on details of the controlled goat grazing project on the bike path.

Concerned about some new long-range federal and state regulations on the application of herbicides around waterways; and local initiatives to limit the use of pesticides. Concerned about whether the state or counties will be responsible for compliance with the new Federal Invasive Species Act. The BCC asked Cenarrusa to prepare a report on these concerns and how the new Invasive Species Act might impact the county.

The BCC supported the Weed Department's current outreach with the community on solving problems, particularly with non-chemical control methods when possible.

Cenarrusa and Weed Department Outreach Coordinator Malia Leonard attended the recent Pesticide Action Network (PAN) meeting with citizens, applicators, and Idaho Department of Ag and Pesticide Bureau reps. Need to be sure the noxious weed problem is addressed. McCleary will follow up with PAN Campaign Director Kathryn Goldman.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Resolution 2011-16 authorizing destruction of temporary elector ballots from 2004, 2006, and 2008**..... Record #585735

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar for February 28, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

**MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Land Use and Building Services**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Linda Haavik, *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

The Land Use and Building Services Department (formerly Planning and Zoning) mission is planning and building for a sustainable community of choice and excellence. The department is evolving as a team, and continues to evolve in being a *presponder*—getting involved early in the land use process.

- Closed out FY2010 within all budgets.
- Revenue so far this fiscal year is below projections. Beginning to see some interest in land use projects and applications, and hope this season will generate more revenue than last season.
- LU&BS has partnered and collaborated with BuildSmart committee and Land Advisory Board. Solicited public input on the Comprehensive Plan update, with excellent response. Setting up a data share system with the Blaine County Housing Authority.
- Cooperating with cities on permitting process, and with Sun Valley on the Area of City Impact.
- Staff evaluation is in process right now. Will establish measurements with the new county Human Resources director.

- Grants Administrator Michele Johnson will add some consistency to the County's grant process.
- Working on being more interactive with customers. Initiating surveys to evaluate and assess customer services.
- Website has been updated with fillable forms, Dashboard feedback capability, and a quarterly "Shout Out" to recognize employees who are especially cooperative.
- Will be updating the BCC on public policy priorities, including energy programs and the Energy Building Code; hosting public classes on the new Energy Code; water quality; and wastewater management with the input of South Central Public Health District Environmental Health Specialist Bob Erickson.
- Completed 2010 priorities: the Scenic Highway Overlay and ITD changes, outdoor lighting, and floodplain management zoning and model text.

The BCC complimented Land Use on its team approach. Schoen expressed concern over the potential financial/job impacts that code compliance would have on the building community, and asked the department to consider offering incentives in the form of reduced building permit fees, particularly for smaller projects, to stimulate economic growth.

### **MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Operations**

Also present: Operations Director Char Nelson.

- Currently eight grants in process. Grants are time-consuming, but allow the department to do projects the County couldn't otherwise afford.
- Waiting to hear about the \$4 million FEMA pre-disaster grant for a seismic retrofit of the Old County Courthouse.
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for solar hot water is installed at the Public Safety Building.
- Waiting for grant funding to develop a County Transportation Plan. Citizen advisory committee will be formed (have list of willing individuals) to develop the plan.
- BE<sup>3</sup>ST Committee reviewed savings related to the four-day workweek; and implemented battery recycling and old phonebook collection.
- Working on implementing statewide 700MHz, but concerned about sustainability of the system.
- Updated and maintained HVAC and security system on the Judicial building. Still trying to work out problems in the Annex.
- Road and Bridge has new iWORq software to keep better maintenance records online.
- Road and Bridge staff are taking classes to be certified as Road Scholar and Road Master, which is a requirement for a number of grants.
- Developed a team approach with the County Engineer and Road and Bridge Manager.
- Recycling Center is now under control of County Operations. Staff and accounts have been transitioned to the County. Need to research recycling options for cost-ratio and sustainability of single-stream, dual-stream and multi-stream recycling.
- Waterways Department is also now under County Operations. Department currently operates with grant funding. BCC will decide how Waterways will operate and be funded in the future.
- Need to address aging docks. One option is grant funding, which requires matching funds.
- Nelson complimented her staff, and said they'd spent the year heading off problems.

Operations Department Upcoming Requests in FY2012:

- Could use staff support position(s) for Road and Bridge/Recycling, and Operations Director.
- Develop a capital equipment plan. Replacement of extremely old equipment is going to reduce department reserves account.

The BCC expressed appreciation for the Operations Director's organization, and thanked her for dealing with tough issues and grant obligations.

### **BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Meeting – Bowman**

Report on recent Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Meeting, including legislation on Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), Urban Renewal Agencies, Local Land Use Planning Act, Involuntary Mental Health payments, and Tribal Law Enforcement.

**Solid Waste District Meeting – Schoen**

Board appointed an interim director, and has begun the process to find a new executive director. The Board needs to address communication lapses between the staff and Board.

Solid waste tonnage down for January, after being slightly up the previous few months. Blaine County is by far the biggest recycler in the District.

**Public Health District Meeting - McCleary**

Cuts at the state level will most likely be greater than anticipated. The current plan to adjust for those cuts is to use reserve funds, not fill vacated positions, and cut programs.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(a) PERSONNEL, to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. McCleary (aye), Bowman (aye), and Schoen (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**SHERIFF SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE**

Also present: Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos, Probation Officer Teresa Espedal.

Voss notified the BCC that, by state law, the selection process for the replacement of an elected official could not include an executive session. The BCC revised its proposed format for the selection process meeting.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 3:14 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary  
County Clerk Chairman