

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 2015 SESSION**

First Day

Thursday, February 5, 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; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY SURVEY, Discussion and Consideration

- **Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Barry Zepowitz & Associates**

Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary was present by phone for this discussion.

Also present: County Operations Director Char Nelson; Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

The BCC noted that Zepowitz & Associates, the firm chosen to do the Road and Bridge Levy public survey, has done other work in the county and is well regarded.

The BCC were at the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Legislative Conference earlier this week. Discussion at the conference indicated the Legislature will consider and may well pass statewide transportation funding this year. Blaine County leadership and voters have said road and bridge funding should be user-based. The Republican caucus will be meeting this week to discuss statewide transportation funding.

Schoen felt it would be premature to survey voters at a time when the Legislature may actually pass transportation funding legislation. He suggested postponing the public survey until later in the year and the levy ballot until November, even though it would mean cutting the County's R&B budget for 2016 and strain County resources

McCleary was optimistic that there may be statewide transportation funding, but thought polling at this time could lend valuable information on whether voters would support a levy ballot in May or prefer to wait until November. The County could later decide to not collect levy revenue if it is not necessary.

Greenberg said state transportation funding seemed fairly positive, but the amount of revenue the County would receive and when it would be received are not known. Meanwhile, Blaine County roads continue to deteriorate.

Schoen felt a survey done at this time could be skewed by the potential of future legislative action. Greenberg and McCleary felt a survey done at this time could poll citizens on how they feel about County roads, funding, and a levy in addition to potential state funding.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Barry Zepowitz & Associates, for a public survey to provide data and analysis on a Road and Bridge levy, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 plus expenses. Schoen opposed. Motion carried 2/1.

McCleary hung up and left the meeting at this time.

OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Wright Brothers Old County Courthouse Project Manager Tom Andrews; Wright Brothers Courthouse project Superintendent Brandon Hammer; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

- **Change Orders**

Flashing is needed to protect exposed wood.

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to authorize Change Order 015-Wright for Wright Brothers Construction in the amount of \$1,841 for fabrication and installation of four reconstructed entablature returns at the roofline, as flashing, per architect's supplemental instruction #14. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Courthouse Construction Update**
- Roofing inspection is expected later this week.
- Water heater is being fixed.
- Crews are still working on fascia and soffit at the roofline.

- Wright Brothers is waiting for exterior painting directions from architect Steve Trout. Communication from the architect is held up by an open claim with Wright Brothers.
- Blaine County maintenance staff have been trained on roof heat mat operation.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 9:38 p.m., with no more business before them, the BCC adjourned.

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