

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

First Day

Monday, February 7, 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; 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 9:01 a.m.

AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session for Personnel, §67-2345 1(b). Motion carried unanimously.

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 #11-02-023**
- **Case #11-02-025**
- **Case #11-02-026**

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 #11-02-023, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-02-025, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-02-026, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(b) PERSONNEL

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, or staff member. Bowman (aye), Schoen (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

REPLACEMENT AIRPORT UPDATE – BCC

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.

- Bowman and Baird met with new BLM State Director Steve Ellis and Associate State Director Peter Ditton.
- Recent Replacement Airport Sustainability Workshop: Some public pessimism that the airport can actually be sustainable. Scott Boettger, executive director of the Wood River Land Trust, said the airport can't be sustainable in its currently-proposed location in the middle of wildlife habitat. Location is also adjacent to state land which doesn't have Blaine County zoning restrictions.
- As part of replacement airport community process, the BCC would like to facilitate Shoshone-Bannock tribal interests in some kind of commercial endeavor in the Wood River Valley. Also invite Sho-Ban presence in the County Historical Society.
- Graves is waiting for Hailey's comments on the latest version of the Blaine County-Hailey Joint Powers Agreement for the replacement airport.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Hailey Chamber Lease Agreement for the Blaine Manor Building.....Record #585734

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve a Lease Agreement with the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, to lease a part of the premises of the old Hailey Medical Clinic from February 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Sustain Blaine Meeting – Schoen

- New Sustain Blaine Chairman Carter Ramsay and Vice-Chairman Linda Haavik.
- Superb presentation from CSI Blaine County Campus Director Jenny Emery Davidson on CSI curricula, enrollment, facilities, and potential opportunities for higher education; and what is driving trends and the need for certain programs.
- Blaine County School District Business Manager Mike Chatterton expressed concern that the prevalence of online classes in Idaho diminished in-class time for students, and also employment opportunities.
- Blaine County School District is implementing a “knowledge and awareness program” to monitor energy use in all school buildings in an effort to improve energy efficiency in the school district.
- Presentation by Economic Development Team.
- Discussion of Business Blocker project in City of Hailey to figure out what would make Hailey more friendly to business.
- Update on Nordic Olympic Training site.
- Update on Business Retention and Expansion Survey.

Hailey, Bellevue, Wood River Fire Consolidation Report Meeting – Bowman

- Consultants presented a very objective report on consolidation, and their recommendation that Hailey and Bellevue fire departments annex into Wood River Fire and Rescue. Consultants also made suggestions on how the three entities can work together better without actually merging.
- Schoen is BCC liaison, and consented to be on the consolidation Steering Committee.

Emergency Operations Plan – Schoen

Schoen and Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner agreed on final language of the Emergency Operations Plan, and drafted an organizational chart. As part of the Plan, Turner developed a simulation demonstrating how the organizational plan might work in a real situation.

Upcoming Chamber Events – Bowman

Instead of Springfest, Hailey Chamber is considering a street festival in conjunction with the Northern Rockies Folk Festival. Event would be in downtown Hailey with local businesses instead of drawing in outside vendors. Chamber is looking into zoning and permitting.

Recycling Center – Schoen

Schoen met with Blaine County Operations Director Char Nelson, Recycling Center Manager Brett Gelskey, Southern Idaho Solid Waste District Executive Director Dave Lore, Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Manager Daniel Krenz and Clear Creek Disposal Managing Member Mike Goitiandia to discuss potential innovations to the Blaine County Recycling program.

Blaine Manor Utilities – Operations Director Char Nelson

Nelson said Blaine Manor has taken over some of the former exam rooms in the Blaine Manor building, but their Idaho Power bill doesn't reflect that. Nelson will work out with Blaine Manor.

Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse Preventions and Treatment – McCleary

Discussion on state budget shortfall, and problems paying for mental health treatment that is mandated by court. Health and Welfare is looking for better and less costly measures.

South Central Public Health Board Meeting – McCleary

The South Central Public Health District met to prioritize programs in preparation for budget cuts, but budget cuts will probably not be substantial.

Regional Mental Health Board Meeting – McCleary

Governor signed Behavioral Health Transformational Health work order. One effect will be the combination of a number of mental health-related committees.

Blaine County Mental Health Task Force Meeting – McCleary

The local Task Force is looking for solutions to inadequacies in mental health services in Blaine County that could result in significant cost savings in the county.

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee Meeting - McCleary

- ITD reported a noise wall 600 feet long x 8 ft tall will be erected along improved Highway 75 in the McHanville area. The BCC recommended to ITD that the wall not be built.
- ITD reported they have reduced the speed limit at the Timmerman Hill intersection, and also trimmed bushes to improve visibility.
- ITD is reevaluating the EIS on Highway 75 to see if the speed limit can be increased to 55mph.
- ITD will begin appraisal and acquisition of Highway 75 right-of-way in June.
- Ownership of Hospital Drive is in question—will be researched and resolved.
- Blaine County Road and Bridge update on the County's Transportation Plan.
- Mountain Rides update on the Local Mobility Plan.

Ketchum Law Enforcement Contract – McCleary

The City of Ketchum made its first payment on the law enforcement contract. Voss will meet with Ketchum representatives to resolve liability issues.

Sun Valley Consolidated Emergency Communications – McCleary

Sun Valley budgeted \$85,000 instead of the higher amount agreed upon by the Consolidated Emergency Communications Partners Advisory Committee. Voss will meet with Mayor to discuss. Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich will check on the first payment of the contract.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- **January 31, 2011 Regular Monday Meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve January 31, 2011 Regular BCC Meeting minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 10:24 a.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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