

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JANUARY 2016 SESSION**

Second Day

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner; Sun Valley Mayor Peter Hendricks; and Bronwyn Patterson Nickel.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Claims – Schar Boyd

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

There were no new claims.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve claims for payments dated January 7, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

Voss is actively completing the Brownfield Application for the former Blaine Manor property. There appears to be interest in purchase of the building. Tours are taking place.

The Adams Gulch Bridge project continues to be a challenge, but Voss and Road and Bridge staff are actively working on it.

Voss has scheduled a meeting with Hulen Meadows Homeowners Association prior to right-of-way work. The hope is that any concerns can be addressed on the front end, prior to work beginning. Idaho Power is involved. Voss is concurrently working with County Attorney, County Engineer and County Road Manager to ensure all Blaine County needs are addressed.

Blaine County Leadership Team Meeting will take place January 13, 2016.

ESTABLISH BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS (Idaho Code 31-704)

Discussion and Consideration

County Clerk JoLynn Drage explained that Commissioner Districts were set in 2012 by Resolution 2012-05 following the 2010 Census and remain unchanged.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to keep Commissioner Districts as currently established, pursuant to authority granted to the Blaine County Commissioners under Idaho Code 31-704.

Motion carried unanimously.

ESTABLISH ELECTION PRECINCT BOUNDARIES (Idaho Code 34-301)

Discussion and Consideration

County Clerk JoLynn Drage explained that Election Precincts were set in 2012 by Resolution 2012-10 following the 2010 Census, and remain unchanged.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve election precinct boundaries as currently established, pursuant to Idaho Code 34-301. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR MARCH 8, 2016 ELECTION (Idaho Code 34-302)

County Clerk JoLynn Drage read the list of designated polling places for the March 8, 2016, Presidential Primary Election into the record.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve polling places for March 8, 2016 election, as presented for 17 precincts, pursuant to Idaho Code 34-302. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT (MEDICAL EXPENSE CAPS), Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Blaine County Indigent Services Manager Brooke Baird and Indigent Services Assistant Amy Rivkin; Blaine County Grants Manager Michele Johnson; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Andy Kerstetter.

McCleary explained that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) make determinations regarding the medical indigent program, and whether or not the County is the last resource.

The BCC discussed housing expenses and requested Indigent Services Department staff contact the Blaine County Housing Authority and work with them regarding reasonable limits.

The BCC approved allowable expenses for non-food at \$75 per month; and set the limit at the actual amount paid and documentable for utilities (electricity, gas, water and sewer).

This topic will be discussed again on January 26, 2016.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration

- **Radio IP Software Maintenance Agreement** Record #
Voss explained that this is a continuing agreement with no substantive change – just one small one-time increase for upgrade.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Software Maintenance Agreement between Blaine County and Radio IP Software, Inc., for radio IP software maintenance for \$5,775. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract for Services with Bronwyn Patterson Nickel for Social Media Services** Record #632386

Voss explained that Nickel terminated full-time employment with Blaine County, but will continue providing services as described in the contract. Administrative Services Manager Henry Brown will work with Nickel to provide up-to-date information on social media.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Contract for Services between Blaine County and Bronwyn Patterson Nickel for social media services at \$25/hour, not to exceed five hours per week. The contract expires July 7, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

- **MOU between Blaine County and Blaine County School District for the Youth Engaged in School Project** Record #632387

Blaine County Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal presented the contract, which replaces the prior Status Offender Services. Those services will now be administered by the Blaine County Diversion Officer (through increase in hours) who will work with the Blaine County School District to improve attendance and address other status offenses. Blaine County School District will pay the County \$11,000 per year for the service.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and the Blaine County School District, for the Youth Engaged in School Program, formerly known as the Status Offender Services, including the Attendance Court program. The School District will compensate Blaine County \$11,000 for the service. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract for Services with Organized Freedom LLC** Record #

County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner presented the contract with Stacy McLaughlin, representing Organized Freedom, LLC for services for website design and maintenance, and social media interaction.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Contract for Services between Blaine County and Organized Freedom LLC, for Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) website maintenance and public information, for \$35/hour, with no specified maximum, and expenses to be reimbursed by Homeland Security grants. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Also Present: Stanley City Council President Steve Botti; and Richard Fife.

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee Meeting – McCleary

- McCleary gave brief history of the Committee’s make-up and purpose.
- Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is moving forward with a safety study at Timmerman Junction.
- Hospital bridge work is in process, ITD is responsive to concerns expressed by the committee.
- Snow removal is top priority with all jurisdictions. Hailey’s entire snowplow budget has been expended.
- ITD has been assisting the Wildlife Crossing Subcommittee and has non-traditional warning signs either in place or available. ITD will look at Highway 75 as a wildlife corridor and address concerns.
- Blaine County is the only applicant for a grant due January 21, and has support of the committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2016-01 Sheriff Budget Adjustment** Record #632385
- **Junior College Residency forms:** College of Southern Idaho, Spring 2016 term: Adriana Garcia, Carlos Chavez, Janice Reutlinger, and Lindsey Schofield.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Consent Calendar dated January 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

SAWTOOTH VISION 20/20 WORKSHOP FUNDING REQUEST, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Steve Botti, Stanley City Council President

Sawtooth Vision 20/20 withdrew their request for funding during Blaine County's FY2016 budget process, but is now asking for \$1,000 to fund the next phase of Sawtooth Vision 20/20. Custer County and Stanley will provide \$1,000, in addition to other funding support. Steve Botti explained that the Workshop in June will address a full review of the plan, and funds will be necessary to cover the costs of the workshop and the final document. The Sawtooth Society pledged \$1,000; and the US Forest Service will contribute in-kind only, but no cash. Schoen supports the request, but requested the group consider infrastructure concerns. The BCC is supportive.

FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIEW ATTENDEE

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird

The Hailey City Council asked why options for potential new airport sites were not being explored. When the Environmental Impact Statement was suspended, the Airport Authority, Blaine County and Hailey decided to "fast forward" on a dual path, which includes making improvements at the existing airport while also pursuing a replacement airport. The draft Airport Master Plan is the basis for subsequent decisions, but is not intended to be a site selection process. Airport Master Plan Chapter E will be discussed at tonight's Friedman Memorial Airport Authority meeting. Chapter E was meant to memorialize information gathered during the EIS and previous site selection process. The possibility of a regional airport has again become a discussion point.

The BCC discussed potential appointees to the Noise Abatement Subcommittee and agreed on Patrick Buchanan as one of three Blaine County representatives. Shaun Mahoney was suggested as another Blaine County representative. The BCC will discuss Mahoney, who is a Bellevue Alderman, with the City of Bellevue, then make a recommendation. Commissioner Greenberg will also serve as one of Blaine County's three representatives on the Noise Abatement Subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Richard Fife asked if property owners in the newly-formed South Valley Ground Water District could have opted out of the District prior to the BCC approving the boundaries. He expressed concern about the cost of opting out. The BCC directed Fife to the South Valley Ground Water District for information.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration

- **Comprehensive Plan – Chapter 3 Recreation.** Public hearing and consideration of proposed amendments to Title 8, Ch. 1, Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Chapter 3, Recreation, would replace Section 14, Recreation, of the current Plan. Recreation is a required element of a comprehensive plan per Idaho Code Section 67-6508. The chapter was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission on August 27, 2015.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant Lisa Horowitz; and Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) Executive Director Jim Keating.

Grotto provided notice.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, that notice was adequate. Motion passed unanimously.

BCRD Director Jim Keating provided charts showing recreation usage in Blaine County, then gave a brief history of how the data was collected and analyzed. A lot of data was gathered from the 900 responders to a recreation survey. Residents comprised most of the responders.

The process of developing the information was worthwhile and contained a great deal of data that can be used in many ways in the future. The Comprehensive Plan guided an effort that will provide benefits beyond the scope of this chapter.

The BCC asked questions and provided clarification to the documents provided.

Comp Plan Consultant Lisa Horowitz asked the BCC to keep in mind that a lot of decisions (land use standards and conditions, economic development, roads, public lands management, law enforcement, etc.) affect recreation in the county. Subsequent review of this chapter will focus on desired outcomes.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to continue review of the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3 Recreation, until January 26, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Solar Permitting Checklist and Structural Components

Tom Bergin stated that since this topic was addressed in December, the checklist has been revised and is being presented today for consideration and recommendations. Jeff worked cooperatively with structural engineers and staff to get to this point; contractors provided minimal input. The purpose of the solar permitting checklist is to determine whether a structural engineer is necessary in the permitting process. The BCC provided numerous comments, and thanked staff for their work and response to public request. Staff will distribute the checklist for additional review, then begin implementation.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Idaho Department of Lands Fire Risk Grants – Schoen

Grants are available, if Blaine County is willing to be the sponsor. The grants are for preparedness, not restoration. Funds can be used to revitalize the Firewise program. All projects funded must be in the Wildland Fire Protection Plan. The grant application deadline is next week; so the group decided to spend the next year developing projects and updating the Blaine County Wildland Fire Community Protection Plan and apply in January 2017. McCleary concurs with waiting to apply.

Region IV Development Association – Schoen

- Region IV Development Association met and reviewed their audit. The Association lost money, in part because two programs were discontinued and loans were not closed.
- Health insurance costs for employees were discussed. The Association adopted a recommendation that employer contribution be decreased and employee portion be increased in order to maintain benefits. Schoen expressed concern with the decision.

Forest Service is soliciting comment about Pole Creek Channel – Schoen

The BLM is looking for comments by month end regarding approval of grazing permit renewals for the Elkhorn allotment, which Wildland Defense protested.

Yew plants and elk deaths – McCleary

McCleary received correspondence from people who want an ordinance prohibiting yew plants.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:16 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____

JoLynn Drage
County Clerk

Jacob Greenberg
Chairman