

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JANUARY 2011 SESSION
2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
AND BUILDSMART AMENDMENTS**

Seventh Day – Evening meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 5:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Planner Shana Sweitzer, Blaine County Building Official Bill Dyer; Blaine County BuildSmart Technical Advisory Committee members Don Nurge and Rick Stark; BuildSmart Committee consultant David Neiger (by phone); Ketchum City Planner (and architect) Rebecca Bundy; Hailey City Planner Mariel Platt; local architects Mark Pynn AIA, Michael Blash AIA, Knox Barclay AIA, Michael Bullis, Bernie Johnson, and Buffalo Rixon AIA; Deborah Vignes; Hermie Haavik; Linda Haavik; Gabriele Juarez; Alan Richardson; Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; local builders Dennis Kavanaugh and Tim Carter; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

* * * * *

**2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC) and
BUILDSMART AMENDMENTS – PUBLIC HEARING**

An ordinance for the Board of County Commissioners of Blaine County, Idaho, repealing Section 2(c) of Chapter One of Title Seven (the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code) and adopting the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, with amendments outlining a prescriptive and performance path for new homes 2500 square feet or smaller, sliding performance requirements for homes 2501 square feet or larger based on home size, performance and prescriptive improvements for additions 301 square feet or larger, and energy audits for remodels, addition of an appendix (Exterior Renewable Energy Mitigation Program (EREMP) and enacting Section 2(c) of Chapter One of Title Seven of the Blaine County Building Code, the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, providing for a severability clause and effective date.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The BuildSmart Technical Advisory Committee presented the BCC with a proposed ordinance to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), with BuildSmart-proposed amendments. In addition to published legal notice and display ads, the ordinance and notice of the meeting were sent to the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Sawtooth Board of Realtors, and the Wood River Contractors Association, and there were two public service announcements.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, that notice was adequate. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposed amendments to the 2009 IECC specifically relate to energy-efficient measures for new construction, remodels, and renovations on existing homes. This is not an all-inclusive “green building code”.

Consultant David Neiger, of Populus, Inc. in Boulder, Colorado, reviewed the proposed amendments, and reported the amendments were simple and straightforward, quantifiable, easily modified, and provided first steps for Blaine County to address the most inefficient practices.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of public present expressed concerns, suggestions and opinions:

- Energy efficiency is a good idea, but suggested incentivized voluntary regulations instead of a mandate.
- Suggested consistency between county and city building requirements.
- How is size determined, and are garages included?
- Be sure to recognize the real costs of the amendments.

The County had passed many innovative mandatory regulations, including ordinances restricting hillside building and requiring stream setbacks. The BCC commended the BuildSmart Committee for supporting the community’s cultural values.

The BCC asked LU&BS and the BuildSmart Committee to rethink the requirements for very large homes, but otherwise supported the amendments. They asked for a public education plan.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to continue the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and BuildSmart Amendments Public Hearing to February 15 at the Old County courthouse at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 7:12 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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