

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

Eighth Day

Monday, January 31, 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; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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 #11-02-021**
- **Case #11-02-022**
- **Case #11-02-024**

Present were: County Services Director Wilma Colter and Deputy County Services 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 approve Case #11-01-024, based on staff recommendation, and request reimbursement pending determination of the amount the client can afford. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-01-021, based on staff recommendations and because he was approved Emergency Medicaid. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-01-022, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

REPLACEMENT AIRPORT UPDATE

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

Baird just returned from a workshop that focused on the reduced national budget and impacts on airports. Busy week with public and private meetings. Bowman and Baird will meet with BLM manager. Schoen and Baird will meet with Shoshone-Bannock tribal staff.

Airport program manager Scott Cary and Mead & Hunt Vice President Tom Schnetzer will provide a task matrix to the BCAAC as part of their existing scope of work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - §67-2345 1(b)

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(b) Personnel, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Roll call: Schoen (aye), Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to remove Resolution 2011-14 from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2011-14 NURSING HOME BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – Drage

Also present: Blaine Manor Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski.

Resolution 2011-14 was created to adjust the expense portion of the FY2011 Blaine County budget. Blaine Manor received an upper provider limit payment to offset a recent Medicaid cut, and is now required to pay bed tax.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to pass Blaine County Resolution #2011-14 Nursing Home Budget Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.....Record #584707

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

County Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- **TITLE III EXPENDITURES CERTIFICATION – Secure Rural Schools**
Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Title III Expenditures Certification by Blaine County, for reimbursing Emergency Services in the amount of \$525, for calendar year 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Will post Blaine County Human Resources position this week.
- Will arrange a meeting with City of Sun Valley administrator to discuss Consolidated Emergency Communications Agreement.
- Working with broker to identify costs related to a liability policy for Ketchum Law Enforcement contract. McCleary will schedule meeting with Ketchum mayor and administrator to discuss contract payments.

County Operations – Chairman McCleary

- Adams Gulch bridge improvements grant was approved. Work will be done sooner than expected.

BOARD REPORTS and DISCUSSION

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISWD) Regular Meeting - Schoen

- There are three new SISWD Board members and elected officers. New Chairperson is Paul Christensen of Cassia County.
- SISWD awarded a bid to evaluate the landfill gas system, and provide report and recommendations.
- Approved district-wide trial-basis recycling incentive program through remainder of FY2011. SISWD employees are now incentivized to recover additional recyclable materials at transfer stations, and will share increased revenues for the recyclables 50/50 with counties.

MOUNTAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE BOUNDARY DEMONSTRATION – Bowman

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley; Len Harlig; Linda Haavik; Don Nurge; and Brian Yeager.

BCC recently approved a text amendment to the Mountain Overlay District (MOD) that specified how a landowner could apply for rezone of a MOD property. Bowman asked the BCC to consider a legislative policy amendment regarding land areas that he felt shouldn't be in the MOD:

- federal lands and buildings (e.g., Sawtooth National Recreation Area administration buildings),
- land within city boundaries,
- areas not visible from reference roads,
- one small area that is in another county,
- some small isolates,
- a couple of subdivisions with unique circumstances,
- areas on the below side of county road rights-of-way, and
- areas affected by the 100-foot buffer.

Boundary changes can be trying for residents since State Code requires an applicant go through a P&Z and BCC process. Applicants who just want LU&BS administrative review still have to obtain a state-certified survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment encouraged the BCC to consider the recommendations. Suggested all lands (including federal lands) should be treated the same, regardless of ownership. Now is a good time to revise the recent text amendment, while there is little building going on.

LU&BS wants the MOD to be logical and practical. The BCC wants to avoid unnecessary burden and expense for residents if it is clearly not necessary.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROJECT PRIORITIZATION – Voss

BCC re-prioritized the updated list of programs and related projects, and made some additions. Some projects could be given to a BCC liaison. Voss will incorporate the latest BCC suggestions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **New beverage license for Sayvour LLC dba Sayvour**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for January 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- **January 24 and 25, 2011 Regular Monday and Tuesday BCC Meetings**
- **January 25, 2011 BCC Special Meeting on the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and BuildSmart Amendments**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve regular BCC meeting minutes for January 24 and 25, 2011, and special meeting minutes for January 25, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS and DISCUSSION, continued

Idaho Legislative Meeting – Bowman

Topics discussed were:

- Board of Equalization appeal process.
- Removing statute-mandated power of eminent domain of merchant transmission lines that go through Idaho.
- Indigency rates for involuntary mental health; and a statewide contract with mental hospitals.
- Allowing counties to have nuisance provisions, as cities do.
- Allowing Homestead Exemption for people actively deployed and not living in their house. Some may rent their house. BCC supported exemption for soldiers. Question is if it should be extended to homeowners who are on humanitarian or religious mission trips.
- Clean-up election consolidation work.
- Proposal from Idaho Sheriff's Association requiring anyone on the ballot be POST qualified. Questioned whether POST qualification was more important than education.
- Counties should consider what they would do if they lose Secure Rural Schools funding from the Federal Government.
- National Rifle Association legislation removing the inability to carry a concealed weapon in Idaho.

State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) Meeting – Bowman

- Working on setting up video teleconferencing so Council members can attend.

National County Government Month – Schoen

- Will check into coordinating a National County Government program honoring veterans.

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Schoen

- Received letter congratulating Blaine County on completion of an updated All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Blaine Manor Strategic Planning Workshop – McCleary

- Blaine Manor Board wants to schedule a workshop on strategic planning. BCC discussed the workshop and senior summit; and supports Voss's participation in the workshop.

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LEADERSHIP/BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

Also present: Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss, County Clerk JoLynn Drage, Treasurer Vicki Dick, Assessor Valdi Pace, Prosecutor Jim Thomas, Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Sheriff Walt Femling, Chief Deputy Sheriff Gene Ramsey, GIS Program Manager Joel Hall, and Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal.

The goal is for the BCC, elected officials and department heads to meet together regularly and facilitate proactive communication.

FY2010 Budget Discussion

County officials and department heads reviewed the outcome-based budgeting process.

FY2010 fiscal outlook ended a little better than anticipated. Expenditures were lower than budgeted, primarily due to good department management, and a couple of budgeted expenditures that didn't occur. Overall revenues were very close to projections.

The BCC developed the County's FY2011 budget based on their five strategic objectives. Each county department and outside service presented their proposed FY2011 budget in line with the County's overall strategic objectives.

Employee/Manager Handbook

Idaho Cities Risk Management Program (ICRMP) website allows all employees to indicate they have received and read the Employee/Manager Handbook. In order to get a discount on insurance, employees also have to be trained in the County's vehicle, discrimination and harassment policies.

Leadership

Some department head suggestions:

- The sheriff’s department needs to begin planning for the replacement airport.
- BCC liaisons for each department would encourage mutually supportive communication.
- Department liaisons are a beneficial practice as long as the liaisons share with their fellow Commissioners.

OUTCOME-BASED BUDGETING STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP – Voss

Everyone needs to engage in open dialogue if the process is to work well. Department head suggestions:

- Should be more interaction between the BCC and department heads during the budget process. Drage concurred. She received a lot of questions from department heads on what was happening with their individual budgets.
- Open communication on expense and revenue line items is crucial. Poor communication requires the budget officer to estimate revenues and expenditures, which may not produce the most accurate budget.
- Contingency fund is for emergency. Should the BCC consider a revenue stabilization fund?
- Interdepartmental cooperation with IT and GIS departments was very good.

BCC Project Prioritization

Department heads expressed interest and opportunity for input in the prioritization process.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:28 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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