

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

**Second Day**

**Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Lawrence Schoen, Vice Chairman Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Tom Bowman; County Administrator Derek Voss; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Operations Director Char Nelson; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Clerk's Report** – Leslie Londos

- Received invoice for the ECS system, due January 15. Payment is not budgeted. Will check the grace period. Voss will follow up to research ramifications of not appropriating for that amount.
- Computer Arts software representatives are in the office today for indigent training.

**County Administrator** – Derek Voss

- Received letter from Idaho Transportation Department confirming bridge closure in Muldoon area, Carey. Bridge is in bad disrepair and has been signed as CLOSED. Bridge will be repaired before reopening in the spring.
- Discussed replacement airport Joint Powers Agreement with Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.
- New Employee/Manager Handbook will be ready today for Commissioners' review. Provides clarity for both managers and employees on what is expected of them and what they can expect of each other. Handbook is designed to be used online, with links to chapter content. Voss will offer employee worksessions on how to use the manual in the near future.

**Land Use and Building Services Director** – Tom Bergin

Also present: Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma.

- Ice dam in the river south of Chocolate Gulch bridge has been broken up and is no longer a concern.
- Blaine County Engineer Jim Koonce will check the culvert in the Hiawatha area for ice problems.
- Everyone needs to be alert to problems in waterways as a result of extended cold weather.
- Open House to hear BLM proposal for land exchange and Recreation and Public Purposes (RPP) Act. McCleary has been attending meetings with City of Ketchum, Wood River Land Trust and other stakeholders to consider recreational uses for the area.

**Operations Director** – Char Nelson

- While on vacation, toured Tacoma Recycling, which receives single-stream recyclables from Western Recycling in Boise and other recycling centers throughout the West.

**BOARD REPORTS & DISCUSSION** (not intended for public comment)

**Replacement Airport, including discussion of draft amended Joint Powers Agreement**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee member Len Harlig; Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Hailey City Attorney Ned Williamson; and Dick Fenton.

Graves integrated changes proposed by Commissioners and other stakeholders. New revisions raise additional issues. Graves suggested additional changes now need to be made throughout the contract.

Bowman said the City of Hailey could appoint representatives to the airport authority, and asked if County Commissioners could also appoint representatives, particularly if a Commissioner wasn't able to attend meetings. McCleary understood the request, but felt the community wanted their County Commissioners on the airport authority.

**Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISWD)** – Chairman Schoen

- The SISWD has received proposals from bidders to evaluate and recommend enhancements to the landfill methane gas program. Bids are now being evaluated by SISWD Director Dave Lore.

**Sustain Blaine** – Commissioner Bowman

- As requested by Sustain Blaine and Cox Communications, Bowman and State Representative Wendy Jaquet are meeting with county utilities to establish a Utility Coordinating Council (UCC) that would meet monthly to discuss opportunities for sharing trenches.

**Old Hailey Medical Clinic** – Commissioner Bowman and Operations Director Nelson

- The Hailey Chamber of Commerce is considering using the old Hailey Medical Clinic building as their future temporary home.

**Designated Examiners** – Commissioner McCleary

The BCC recently withheld payment of a claim from a designated examiner (DE) due to the number of hours on the claim. The prosecutor's office is investigating the DE process, and may recommend contracts and/or more precise compensation protocol for designated examiners.

**BLAINE COUNTY BOARD and COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Blaine Manor Board of Trustees** – Commissioner McCleary

Also present: Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia and Blaine Manor Board member Marsha Riemann.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Bowman, to appoint Marsha Riemann to the Blaine Manor Board of Trustees for a one-year term. Motion carried unanimously.**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Bowman, to appoint Peter Van Der Meulen to the Blaine Manor Board of Trustees for a two-year term. Motion carried unanimously**

**Blaine County Fair Board** – Chairman Schoen

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to appoint Amy Federko, Laurie Fiscus and Sara Mecham to the Blaine County Fair Board, for two year terms, beginning January, 2011.** In discussion, Schoen said the Fair Board members were very pleased with the dynamics on the current Fair Board, and were excited and looking forward to the upcoming fair year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee** – Chairman Schoen

Also present: Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee member Len Harlig.

According to the BCAAC bylaws, two seats are up for reappointment this month: Vanessa Fry and Len Harlig. The BCC will contact the two members to see if they want to continue to serve.

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS CONSIDERATION**

**Amendment #1 to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Phase II**

The EECBG contract expired on December 31. Work on the Public Safety Facility was completed on December 23, and all final bills were submitted. To be sure everything is in order, the Idaho Office of Energy Resources suggested the contract be amended to allow for a one-month extension.

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Contract Amendment #1, with provision that the contract be extended to January 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. .... Record #584065**

**BROADFORD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – GRANT APPLICATION DISCUSSION**

**Public Comment Welcome**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Segments of Broadford Road that need improvements are located in Blaine County and the cities of Hailey and Bellevue. Bellevue is applying for a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) urban grant, and Blaine County has submitted a letter of support. Hailey may also apply for a STIP urban grant, but not at this time. Blaine County is considering applying for a STIP rural grant for their 3.9 mile segment of Broadford Road.

Vehicle counts on Broadford Road, done in July-August 2010, counted over 10,000 vehicles. Broadford Road would be the only through road from Bellevue to Hailey if Highway 75 were closed. The STIP grant, if awarded to Blaine County, would begin design work in early spring 2012. The BCC is very interested in how Broadford Road residents feel about the proposed improvements, and would hold public hearings at that time.

**HARDSHIP TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST – Idaho Code 63-711**

**Sue Jacobsen Parcel RPK00000410020**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos, County Treasurer Vicki Dick; County Assessor Valdi Pace, and Appraiser Tammy Robison; appellants Sue and Karen Jacobsen.

The property is a duplex building, but is not platted as a duplex. The house is divided about 70/30%, with Ms. Jacobsen living in one side, and renting out the smaller side of the house. Both the house and the property are in two categories, since the property owner cannot be given a Homeowners Exemption

for the part of the property that is rented. Two years ago, part of the land was omitted from the tax rolls, and the landowner has only been charged for half the value of the land since then. The parcel has now been equalized in value with neighboring land.

The landowner has paid the first half of her property taxes, and is not currently in arrears.

Ms. Jacobsen presented her argument that the property was reappraised to be in line with the value of neighboring property, which is now in bankruptcy. Her land is included in the Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency district, which costs her additional taxes. She also argued that this is a financial hardship since her only income is Social Security and the rental of part of her duplex.

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny the hardship request of Sue Jacobsen and Karen Jacobsen for tax cancellation of 531 E. River Street, with provision that the BCC review the situation in the future. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Resolution 2011-01 authorizing transfer of funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve to the Ketchum Police Department Trust Account ..... Record #583911
- Transfer of beverage license for 5BBQ LLC dba 5BBQ to 5BBQ LLC dba Woodsmoke BBQ.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar of January 4, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- October 19, 2010 Blaine County Commissioners Tuesday meeting
- November 15 and 16, 2010 Blaine County Commissioners meetings
- November 30, 2010 Blaine County Commissioners Tuesday meeting
- December 27, 2010 Blaine County Commissioners Monday meeting

**McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Board meeting minutes of October 19, November 15, November 16, November 30, and December 27, 2010. Motion carried 2/0.**

**BREAK**

**LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES ISSUES**

**Septic System/Acreage Requirements Discussion**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley, Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma; and Linda Haavik.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hear this issue on January 27. The Land Use and Building Services (LU&BS) Department asked if the BCC has any input or recommendations that the P&Z Commission should hear. Specific questions relate to:

- Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units on parcels less than one or two acres.
- Basing septic system requirements on percentage of lot covered or on the total number of bedrooms.

**Army Corps of Engineers Visit**

LU&BS plans to have representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers to speak to the P&Z Commission regarding various water rights and water quality.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 2:07 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_

JoLynn Drage  
County Clerk

Lawrence Schoen  
Chairman