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**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JULY 2012 SESSION**

**Fourth Day**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2012**

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; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Operations Director – Char Nelson**

- Road and Bridge crews are chip sealing for the next two weeks.
- ITD has given concept approval for Adam's Gulch Bridge. Bridge size has been expanded from original design to allow for bike/pedestrian shoulders. ITD will pay bulk of the cost of the bridge; Blaine County's share is 7.25%.
- The County currently has a 40-year heavy equipment replacement plan, which is not practical.
- Road and Bridge prefers to buy new heavy equipment with a 5-year warranty, which requires less maintenance and repair expense and time.
- A dock at Magic is causing concern. Waterways will remove the dock and try to replace it with another dock, if there is one. There are no funds for new docks.

**Claims – Schar Boyd**

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve claims dated July 9, 2012, with addition of payment to USBank for general obligation bond for \$598,028.75. Motion carried unanimously.**

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- Sustain Blaine Executive Director Harry Griffith is compiling an economic profile for the County similar to ones done for the cities. Voss suggested the profile focus on the Blaine County community instead of the County as a political subdivision.
- Working with HR on a compensation package for the upcoming BCC budget workshop. Every position in the County, including elected officials, has been analyzed.
- HR will present the BCC with several options for healthcare benefits.
- Received email from Blaine Manor Board member Stephen Pauley, who is critical of the skilled nursing survey sent to Blaine Manor Board.

**Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage**

No Clerk's report this week.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

- **Cooperating Agency MOU between Blaine County and BLM – Greater Sage Grouse Conservation EIS and Land Use Plans, Discussion and Consideration**

MOU gives agencies ability to communicate directly with each other, and enables County to gather input and expertise from citizens.

- 1 • **Independent Contractor Agreement with Alpine Enterprises**  
2 Alpine Enterprises will do an aerial survey of Ohio Gulch landfill. BCC feels risk in this situation is  
3 minimal, and does not warrant strong liability language.  
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5 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve contracts as read into the record. Motion**  
6 **carried unanimously.**  
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8 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 9 • **Beverage License name change from Roxy's to Main Street Market**  
10 • **Beverage License Renewals for Mountain View Grocery, Della Mano, West Magic Resort,**  
11 **Magic Lantern, Grumpy's, Starbucks Coffee, Carey Sport Shop, Sawtooth Club, Sun Valley**  
12 **Brewing, and Dashi.**  
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14 **Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Consent Calendar for July 10, 2012. Motion**  
15 **carried unanimously.**  
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17 **BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

18 **Sage Grouse Governor's Task Force – Schoen**

19 Governor's Task Force proposal is one of several possible management plans being considered. BCC  
20 will consider options and choose the best one, then submit comments to the BLM.  
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22 **Veterans Tribute Project, a project of the Blaine County Historical Museum – Schoen**

23 The Veterans Tribute Project committee will be a 501(c)3 project of the Blaine County Historical  
24 Museum. The project will likely incorporate, adopt by-laws, and the Museum will establish a bank  
25 account for the Tribute committee.  
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27 **Draper Preserve Pedestrian Bridge – Bowman**

28 The pedestrian bridge is scheduled for installation this week.  
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30 **Fly Sun Valley Alliance/Sun Valley Marketing Alliance meeting – Bowman**

31 A Joint Powers Agreement will outline control of local option tax revenue funds. Ballot language will  
32 indicate what the funds will be used for.  
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34 **Air Traffic Control Tower Tour - Bowman**

35 Bowman recently toured the Friedman Memorial air traffic control tower when airplanes were  
36 converging on Friedman for the Allen & Company annual conference at Sun Valley.  
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38 **River Street Senior Project - Schoen**

39 The project is well-designed, and very nice quality. The project's 20 units should be full fairly soon.  
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41 **Board Report:**

42 **Fly Sun Valley Alliance – Schoen**

43 Fly Sun Valley Alliance is proposing an additional 1% local option tax, with revenue to be used to  
44 improve local air service, marketing and minimum revenue guarantees.  
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46 **RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR**  
47 **COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

48 Also present: Blaine County Recycle Center Supervisor Lamar Waters; Recycling Advisory  
49 Committee members: Southern Idaho Solid Waste District Executive Director Josh Bartlomé, Clear  
50 Creek Disposal Managing Member Mike Goitiandia, citizen volunteers Mike Thompson and Cathy  
51 Tyson-Foster, City of Ketchum Planning Manager Joyce Allgaier, City of Hailey Sustainability  
52 Coordinator Mariel Platt, Sawtooth National Recreation Area Outreach Coordinator Carol Cole, Sun  
53 Valley Company Golf Course Manager Chris Gray; Blaine County School District teacher Claudia

1 Gaeddert; and Blaine County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson.

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3 The 15-member Recycling Advisory Committee has been meeting for nine months. The Committee  
4 researched materials recovery facilities (MRFs), handling options available, environmental impacts,  
5 and associated financial implications of the various options.  
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7 The Committee evaluated recycling options for each recyclable material. They considered the life  
8 cycle of each, and cost-benefit of recycling each product, including travel time and miles to where it  
9 ends up and the end product.

- 10 • Broken glass presents safety issues for haulers and County employees, contaminates other  
11 recyclables and has damaged Recycle Center equipment. Collection at drop-off locations, and  
12 diverting glass to a pit at the transfer station saves shipping cost to the landfill. Glass is inert and  
13 doesn't emit greenhouse gas.
- 14 • Plastics 1 through 5 are valuable recyclable material. The Committee recommends Plastics 1-5 be  
15 collected curbside. Plastic goes to China for remanufacture. Plastics 6 and 7 are contaminants.
- 16 • Metals – About 31% of all aluminum produced in the US comes from recycled materials.  
17 Remanufacturing an aluminum can into a new container saves 95% of the energy needed to  
18 produce a similar product from raw materials. Recycling tin-plated steel cans saves 74% of the  
19 energy needed to produce the same product from raw materials. Recycled metals are generally  
20 manufactured domestically. The Committee recommends metals be collected curbside.
- 21 • Fibers – Corrugated cardboard is a valuable recyclable processed at domestic paper mills. The  
22 committee recommends cardboard continue to be collected at drop-off points because of its size.  
23 The Committee recommends mixed paper, newsprint, and magazines be combined and collected  
24 curbside.

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26 There are four basic methods for curbside collection:

- 27 Resident Sort – produces highest revenue, but is least convenient for residents and haulers.
- 28 Modified Resident Sort – curbside sort into fibers, plastics, and metal/aluminum. Products maintain  
29 high quality, with minimum cross-contamination. Recycling produces fairly high revenue.
- 30 Dual Sort – Divided into fibers and all other materials. Maintains slightly lower quality products.
- 31 Single Stream – Everything goes into one bin. Product is lower value and produces lower revenue,  
32 but is convenient for the public.

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34 The Recycling Advisory Committee recommends Modified Resident Sort. Sorting is fairly easy for  
35 residents. The Committee expects recyclable quantities to increase by 30%, and revenue to drop only  
36 minimally. The Committee will spearhead advertising and marketing the new program, which will  
37 officially start October 1; and also highly recommend the first choice is to reduce and reuse. National  
38 America Recycles day is November 15.

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40 The BCC commended the committee for their extensive research on complex issues.  
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## 42 **FOREST SERVICE AND BLM QUARTERLY REPORT**

43 Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, US Forest Service District Ranger  
44 Kurt Nelson; SNRA Deputy Area Ranger Barbara Garcia; and BLM Shoshone Office Field Manager  
45 Holly Hampton.

46 Nelson reported:

- 47 • The south half of Blaine County is now in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.
- 48 • Northwest Youth Corps crew is beginning staging work on the Osberg Ridgeline Trail.
- 49 • Deer Creek Integrated Watershed Restoration Project – look at recreational needs and potential  
50 for fuels reduction.
- 51 • This is year three of the Upper Little Wood Landscape Analysis and Prescribed Fire Plan – treat  
52 about 17,000 acres with prescribed fire over a 10-year period.
- 53 • Will be doing management plans for three grazing allotments.

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2 Schoen expressed concern that lethal control is the first response to predator problems. Leghold traps  
3 are a special concern on public lands where recreationists are present.  
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5 Barbara Garcia reported on Forest Service projects in Blaine County:

- 6 • Improved management of the Pole Creek drainage – Motorized use has caused significant  
7 watershed issues.
- 8 • Cabin Creek reconstruction and realignment – The connecting road is in wetlands and habitat  
9 area, and has caused problems for years.
- 10 • Currently working on Galena trails; then will begin planning trail from Redfish Lake to Stanley.
- 11 • Susan James is new Sawtooth National Recreation Area head of recreation.
- 12 • Forest Service intercepted a water craft at Redfish Lake that was contaminated with invasive non-  
13 native species. The Forest Service is concerned about sales of infested boats in Nevada/Utah.  
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15 Holly Hampton reported on BLM projects:

- 16 • Reviewing Ketchum land exchange decision package at local office before sending to Washington  
17 office.
- 18 • Ketchum Recreation and Public Purposes Act application is on hold, waiting for Master Plan and  
19 Scope of Work from Ketchum’s consultant.
- 20 • Gimlet survey – Received title claim to acquire public land that was encroached upon by private  
21 development.
- 22 • Processing three reciprocal right-of-way actions in Blaine County under Grassland Reserve  
23 Program.
- 24 • Working with Blaine County Recreation District and Forest Service to update sheep grazing  
25 locations. Issued permits for 15 trailing events in Blaine County.
- 26 • Fires are concern this summer. Already two fires on the Shoshone allotment.
- 27 • Crews gathering inventory data to draft a Plan Amendment to remedy violations in Craters of the  
28 Moon.
- 29 • North Highway 20 Travel Plan moving forward, but slowly due to restrictive interim measures for  
30 sage grouse.
- 31 • Continue to lay out and design trails with T21 Travel Plan funds
- 32 • There are about 450,000 acres of preliminary priority sage grouse habitat on public land in Blaine  
33 County, which is significant. There are about 65,000 acres of preliminary general habitat. Blaine  
34 County now has Cooperating Agency Status with the BLM.
- 35 • There have been past issues with private citizens getting involved in fighting wildland fires. The  
36 BLM State Office has written a letter for permittees to give private citizens. When the BLM/Forest  
37 Service command team arrives on the scene, they will ask private citizens to leave.  
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### 39 **APPROVAL OF BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES**

- 40 • **June 12, 2012 Regular Tuesday Meeting**  
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42 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting**  
43 **Minutes of June 12, 2012, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**  
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45 **BREAK**  
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### 47 **LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES DISCUSSIONS AND CONSIDERATION**

- 48 • **Extension request by Jack & Sharon Parker**

49 Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley,  
50 Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma; and Jim Phillips, representing the Parkers.

51 The application is for a two-lot proposal on Broadford Road. The BCC granted a one-year extension  
52 to March, 2012. The Code was changed in May 2012 to extend the original period of approval from  
53 one to three years, and still allows for a one-year extension.

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2 Jim Phillips, representing the applicant, requested a three-year extension from the date of approval of  
3 the new ordinance, which would extend the approval period to May 2015.  
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5 **Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve an additional one-year short plat extension**  
6 **to March 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.**  
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8 • **Richard Nelson request for Fee Reimbursement**

9 Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and Linda Haavik, representing  
10 Richard Nelson.

11 The BCC heard Nelson's appeal in May. Nelson has requested reimbursement for fees paid to the  
12 County for a Home Occupation CUP and appeal of the hearing examiner's decision to the BCC.  
13 Staff's recommendation is to not grant the reimbursement. The application was processed through to  
14 the appeal, and incurred costs and notice expenses, staff time, the hearing examiner hearing, and  
15 BCC appeal.  
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17 Linda Haavik said the applicant expended a lot of money and time on the permitting process, and then  
18 discovered the permit wasn't necessary. The applicant would appreciate refund of application fees.  
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20 Schoen was sympathetic to Nelson's application, but felt a refund was inappropriate since all actions  
21 by staff were prudent and rational. The decision against the applicant was very close; and a refund  
22 would set precedent. Bowman felt the Code was ambiguous, and the BCC had not directed staff to  
23 correct the Code. McCleary felt a home occupation permit was required, and that a permit could have  
24 been granted with sufficient conditions placed on the applicant. She did not support the refund. The  
25 BCC directed staff to look at ambiguities in the Code.  
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27 **Bowman moved to refund Mr. Nelson a total of \$1,344.41 that was paid for a hearing examiner**  
28 **and appeal on a home occupation permit. Motion failed for lack of a second.**  
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30 **Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny the request for refund of fees paid to Blaine**  
31 **County. Bowman opposed. Motion carried 2/1.**  
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33 • **Timing of potential Land, Water and Wildlife Levy projects that may require County permits**

34 Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and Blaine County Land, Water and  
35 Wildlife Levy Advisory Board (LAB) consultant Clare Swanger.

36 Staff requested BCC review timing policy for applications for funds from the Land, Water and Wildlife  
37 program and permits that may be necessary:

- 38 • At pre-application stage, the project coordinator will make applicants aware there may be permits  
39 and additional permit cost required. Staff is available to assist applicants in the permitting process.  
40 Applicants receive feedback from LAB about the likelihood of the project receiving funding.
- 41 • Applicants are encouraged to begin the permit process.
- 42 • Applicants will likely be required to apply for permits prior to LAB consideration of the full  
43 application. Staff wants to avoid getting too far into the process prior to permit approval.
- 44 • Generally, all required permits must be approved prior to BCC's final approval.  
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46 Schoen said the technical nature of the permitting process can identify issues that should be part of  
47 the BCC's consideration. The LAB's review is likely as intense as federal and state permitting  
48 agencies. The BCC agreed that they shouldn't approve a project until all permits are in place and all  
49 conditions met.  
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51 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2012-06 AGRICULTURAL TEXT AMENDMENTS**  
52 **AND FINDINGS OF FACT**

1 • **Findings of Fact for Ordinance 2012-06 Agricultural Text Amendment**

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3 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law**  
4 **and Decision on Blaine County Ordinance 2012-06, Agricultural Text Amendments; and to**  
5 **adopt Blaine County Ordinance 2012-06, an Amendment of Blaine County Code pertaining to**  
6 **Title 9 Zoning Regulations, Chapters 2, 5, 5A, 8 through 11, 15 and 16. Motion carried**  
7 **unanimously.**

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9 • **Three Creeks Ranch Pond – Bergin**  
10 Stelma spent time pulling out details of the pond location, and how it’s expanding; as well as  
11 information in the permits and some of the conditions required in the IDWR permit. There is no  
12 floodplain, and no County jurisdiction or ordinance to require a County permit.

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14 **Request for Emergency Drought Declaration – Schoen**  
15 Schoen has submitted request for Emergency Drought Declaration to IDWR.

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17 **2012-13 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

18 Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner.  
19 Turner submitted the fully revised 2012 Emergency Operations Plan to the BCC for signature.  
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21 The EOP is a work in progress. The BCC commended Turner for a complete revision resulting in a  
22 cohesive document.

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24 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to accept Blaine County Emergency Operations Plan of**  
25 **June 2012, and authorize it to be the official plan of Blaine County’s intergovernmental**  
26 **emergency operations, pursuant to Title 46, Chapter 10 of Idaho Code, and also that this plan**  
27 **shall supersede all previous operations plans of Blaine County.** In discussion: the BCC said the  
28 document will go to participating agencies for their acceptance after it is signed by the BCC. **Motion**  
29 **carried unanimously.**

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31 **ADJOURN**

32 At the hour of 2:49 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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36 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
37 JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary  
38 County Clerk Chairman