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

**Seventh Day – Regular Day Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 17, 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.

**AMEND AGENDA**

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to amend today’s agenda to include Deliberations on the Tentative Budget at 1:45 pm, continued from the July 16, 2012 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**RESOLUTION 2012-25 – TRANSFER OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO SUN VALLEY WATER/SEWER DISTRICT**

Also present: Sun Valley Water Sewer District General Manager Pat McMahon.

This is a remnant piece of county-owned property that has no value for Blaine County. The property is contiguous to the Sun Valley Water-Sewer District, which wants to expand their facility in the future. The land transfer is therefore in the public interest.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Blaine County Resolution #2012-25, which declares the transfer of Blaine County Parcel #RP04N180190040 to be in the public interest. Motion carried unanimously. .... Record #599283**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(d) INDIGENT** - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

Present were: Indigent Services Manager Brooke Roberson and Indigent Services Assistant Amy Rivkin.

**• Case #12-04-103**

**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 #12-04-103, with a \$25 monthly reimbursement once employment is secure, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Sheriff’s Office** – Gene Ramsey

- The Sheriff commended the BCC on its FY2013 outcome-based budget process.

- 1 • The current Idaho Department of Homeland Security Director Brig. General Bill Shawver is  
2 retiring. Blaine County has a good relationship with DHS, and hopes that will continue.
- 3 • The Blaine County Jail has 53 inmates, 31 from Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC) and five  
4 from Jerome.
- 5 • Idaho, Jerome and Twin Falls are requesting the use of beds in the Blaine County Jail. The  
6 Sheriff's Department is discussing how to handle the requests.
- 7 • A Blaine County Sheriff's deputy sustained serious injuries when a person fell off a roof at a recent  
8 concert in Ketchum and landed on top of the deputy. The deputy's recovery is promising. The  
9 Sheriff will discuss the incident and its ramifications with the City of Ketchum.

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11 **Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage**

- 12 • Attended District IV Elected Officials meeting.
- 13 • The Pioneer Title Digital Imaging and Indexing contract is ready for the Commissioners' approval.  
14 Voss concurred. A team consisting of the County Clerk, County Attorney, County Administrator, IT  
15 and GIS departments all approved the contract.

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17 **County Administrator – Derek Voss**

18 **South Gateway Project**

19 Also present: Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto.

20 Commissioner Schoen, Blaine County Administrator Voss, Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin and  
21 Senior Planner Kathy Grotto met with Ketchum Community and Economic Director Lisa Horowitz, Sun  
22 Valley Water and Sewer District Pat McMahon, and project consultant (by phone) to discuss the  
23 scope of project, and roles and responsibilities of staff and contractor. The consultant will update the  
24 scope of work, and include some funding opportunities. The County can assist with maps and other  
25 GIS information.

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27 **Planned Unit Development-Community Housing Ordinance (South Gateway)**

28 Senior Planner Kathy Grotto said text amendments proposed for the PUD-CH Ordinance were  
29 presented to the Blaine County Planning & Zoning Commission at four recent P&Z meetings. Several  
30 South Gateway neighbors were present at the most recent P&Z meeting, and voiced concerns about  
31 the increased density and traffic, and the potential to ruin the bikepath experience.

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33 Following public comment, the P&Z Commissioners questioned the South Gateway as the right place  
34 for community housing. If there is a need for community housing, it should be in the cities. P&Z felt  
35 they should wait until the South Gateway Water and Sewer Study is complete, and the County's  
36 Comprehensive Plan is rewritten, then start over with public workshops. P&Z voted unanimously to  
37 not make a recommendation on the text amendments.

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39 Schoen said community housing in that area is County policy, developed over a period of years and at  
40 considerable expense. The P&Z Commissioners are not elected officials and do not have authority to  
41 set County policy.

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43 The BCC directed the P&Z to meet again and to make a reasonable recommendation to the BCC on  
44 the proposed text amendments. Schoen will attend the P&Z meeting since he was the facilitator for  
45 the South Gateway public workshops.

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

- 48 • **Agreement to Digitally Image and Index Non-Electronic County Records and  
49 Reciprocal Agreement for the Production of Electronic County Records ..... Record #599278**

50 Also present: Pioneer Title Senior Vice President Mike Goddard and General Counsel Jesse  
51 Hamilton.

52 Pioneer Title wants to open and operate a title company business in Blaine County, and needs an

1 easily-accessible database of all county recorded documents. Pioneer Title is going to considerable  
2 expense to image and index the documents, and requests the County not sell the resulting digital  
3 records for a period of time. Pioneer Title will place imaging equipment in the County's buildings for a  
4 limited time, which the County can use at its discretion to image County historical documents.

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6 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve an agreement with Pioneer Title Company  
7 of Ada County to image and index digitally non-electronic County records, and also agrees for  
8 the production of electronic county records. Motion carried unanimously,**

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10 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 11 • **Beverage License renewals for Casino Club, South Valley Pizzeria, Clarion Inn of Sun  
12 Valley, Galena Lodge, La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant, Muleshoe Tavern, Stinker Store #111,  
13 The Ranch Clubhouse, Lefty's Bar & Grill, Valley Club, Thai Cuisine, Rasberry's in  
14 Ketchum, Rasberry's in Hailey, Perry's Restaurant, Mahoney's Bar & Grill, A Taste of Thai-  
15 Hailey, A Taste of Thai-Ketchum, KBs, Silver Dollar Saloon, Shorty's, Ketchum Grill, Silver  
16 Creek Convenience Store, Wonderful House, Wise Guy Pizza Pie-Ketchum, Wise Guy Pizza  
17 Pie-Hailey, and Wicked Spud.**
- 18 • **New beverage license for Ciro.**

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20 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar of July 17, 2012.  
21 Motion carried unanimously.**

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23 **BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

24 **Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee meeting – McCleary**

25 McCleary will distribute minutes of the Transportation meeting, in order to bring Commissioners up to  
26 date.

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28 **Blaine Manor Building – McCleary**

29 Health and Welfare comes to Blaine County to counsel adult mental health patients, but can't provide  
30 medication management in their current location. The BCC supported drafting a lease with Health and  
31 Welfare for a room in Blaine Manor.

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33 **Sage Grouse – Bowman**

34 Bowman will make comments on sage grouse management in Blaine County's Great Basin sub-  
35 region this week. Fire and invasive species are primary threats to sage grouse.

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37 **Veterans Tribute update – Schoen**

38 The Blaine County Historical Museum has enthusiastically adopted the Veterans Tribute as a  
39 Historical Society sub-organization. A local attorney is drafting by-laws and legal paperwork.

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41 **SKILLED NURSING OPTIONS EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION**

42 Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Blaine Manor Board  
43 members Marsha Riemann and Linda Haavik; Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia and Finance  
44 Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor advocates Sandra Christiansen, Lois Jean Heagle, and  
45 Rick Baird; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Executive Director Kathleen Eder, Board  
46 President Jeanne Cassell, Campaign Chairman Anita McCann; CCRF advocates Anne Jeffery and  
47 Lyman Drake; Senior Connection representative Dale Ewersen; Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee; and  
48 Peter Candy.

49 The BCC asked Blaine Manor Board members to lend their experience and suggestions to help the  
50 BCC make their decisions on skilled nursing care. Blaine Manor Board members Linda Haavik and  
51 Marsha Riemann were present at the meeting in an advisory role.

1 McCleary disclosed that she is on the Blaine Manor Board, but was acting strictly in the capacity of  
2 Blaine County Commission Chairman at this meeting.

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4 County Administrator Voss sent the BCC and Blaine Manor Board members a 12-question survey,  
5 based on the BCC's guiding principles. Research and survey results revealed that:  
6 • The responses of Blaine Manor Board members closely aligned with those of the BCC.  
7 • Mid- and long-term goals were nearly identical to each other.  
8 • The BCC is serious about funding Blaine Manor up to and including the transition period.  
9 • There are more for-profit skilled nursing facilities in Idaho than non-profits, and for-profit and non-  
10 profit facilities have received proportionately about the same number of Schoonover Awards in the  
11 last three years. Government entities have received disproportionately more Schoonover awards  
12 because government subsidizes better care.  
13 • The BCC needs to develop quantifiable measures for determining what is "safe and  
14 compassionate care".  
15 • Medicare needs better measurements for rating quality of care.

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17 The BCC's consensus of mid- and long-term "musts" for skilled nursing care are to:

- 18 1. Ensure safe and compassionate skilled nursing care.
- 19 2. Make skilled nursing care available to all socio-economic groups.
- 20 3. Use a market-based solution, without taxpayer subsidies.
- 21 4. Deliver services efficiently and exhibit long-term financial stability.

22 Inherent in these musts is that skilled nursing care must remain within Blaine County.

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24 PUBLIC COMMENT:

25 Rick Baird said he felt Blaine County residents were willing to pay for good care for people who  
26 couldn't care for themselves.

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28 The BCC directed the County Administrator and Attorney to recommend a Request for Qualifications  
29 or Request for Proposal, complete with selective criteria.

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### 31 **SUSTAIN BLAINE UPDATE**

32 Also present: Sustain Blaine Executive Director Harry Griffith.

33 Current Sustain Blaine projects include:

- 34 • Final contract for the Nordic Olympic Training site has been submitted to the U.S. Olympic  
35 Committee.
  - 36 • Boise State University is considering locating an offsite Human Performance Laboratory in Blaine  
37 County to study sports science. The lab would bring high performance athletes for studies on  
38 everything from orthopedics to sports medicine, psychology and nutrition to biomechanical  
39 research.
  - 40 • Compiling a STATS profile on Blaine County similar to the Statistics profiles done for local cities.  
41 The completed profiles will be reformatted into brochures for companies that are considering  
42 relocating to Blaine County. The BCC suggested including Blaine County health rankings,  
43 recreation amenities, public lands access and what causes people to move here after visiting.  
44 Voss said tax information is very important to businesses.
  - 45 • College of Southern Idaho is developing a business plan for a culinary institute in Blaine County.  
46 CSI has committed an instructional dean, who is very excited and already has a working model.
  - 47 • Events have a direct/indirect impact of about \$60 million on the local economy. Sustain Blaine is  
48 working on developing shoulder season events.
  - 49 • At a one-day economic summit in early October, Sustain Blaine will present an Events Analysis  
50 and quarterly update on the state of the economy. The summit will feature well-known speakers  
51 and representatives from departments of Commerce and Labor.
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1 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District.**  
2 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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4 **AMBULANCE DISTRICT RATES AND CHARGES PUBLIC HEARING**

5 Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Wood River Fire Protection  
6 District Chief Bart Lassman and Asst. Chief Jeff Nevins; Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle; and Blaine  
7 County Emergency Medical Director Keith Sivertson.

8 The BCC thanked Wood River Fire and Rescue and ambulance providers for developing the new rate  
9 schedule. Rates are reasonable, and will promote a superb service to Blaine County.

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11 PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

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13 There will be a second public hearing on Resolution 2012-26 to increase the Ambulance District  
14 Rates at next week's BCC meeting.

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16 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to reconvene as Blaine County Commissioners. Motion**  
17 **carried unanimously.**

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19 **DELIBERATIONS ON TENTATIVE BUDGET**, continued from Monday

20 Also present: Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos.

21 Blaine Manor Board would like to see their Blaine Manor staff treated the same as Blaine County  
22 employees. The Blaine Manor Board suggested their staff receive a 2½% increase in FY2013,  
23 commensurate with the 2½% increase initially proposed for Blaine County employees.

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25 The BCC supported a 2½% increase for Blaine Manor staff. McCleary, who is also on the Blaine  
26 Manor Board, and Schoen thought Blaine Manor staff size should decrease if the Blaine Manor  
27 population decreases, which could cover the expense of the increase. Bowman wanted Blaine Manor  
28 management and staff to feel valued during this time of uncertainty and transition, and also supported  
29 the 2½% increase with no conditions.

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31 **EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(b) PERSONNEL**

32 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to go into Executive Session for Personnel, pursuant**  
33 **to Idaho code §67-2345 1(a), to evaluate the respective qualities of an individual. Bowman**  
34 **(aye), Schoen (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

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36 **ADJOURN**

37 At the hour of 3:00 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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41 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
42 JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary  
43 County Clerk Chairman