

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JULY 2011 SESSION**

**Seventh Day**

**Wednesday, July 20, 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; Prosecutor Jim Thomas; Operations Director Char Nelson; Blaine County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**OUTCOME-BASED BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The BCC tempered their decisions with the fact that today's down economy could be the "new normal".

**Revenue**

BCC discussed taking the foregone amount and raising property taxes.

**Employee compensation and benefits**

The BCC reviewed their ability to fund a 1% increase to employee salaries. The BCC were asked to consider the option of including a compensation increase in the budget, but setting a revenue threshold after which the increase would be paid retroactively.

The BCC discussed the two County-funded Extension Office positions.

The BCC is likely to approve a change in health insurance carriers, which is expected to save the County approximately \$300,000.

**Annex Building HVAC System**

The HVAC system in the Annex building was not installed correctly, due to budget cuts at the time the building was built. Continued inefficient operation could force a complete HVAC reinstallation. Retrofit could fix the system, and repayment could be done through performance contracting.

**Department-specific requests – tentative decisions**

- Sheriff reorganization – approved
- ESRI enterprise license – not approved
- GIS positional accuracy – not approved
- Jail medical/mental and inmate assistance – approved
- Treasurer capital request – not approved
- Operations/Building and Grounds capital requests – approved
- IT capital requests – approved
- Fair capital request – approved
- Weeds capital request – approved
- Increase in travel for Commissioners – not approved
- 401k – not approved
- Waterways – additional funding not approved
- Increase in prosecuting attorney deputies salaries - approved
- It is being proposed that one time capital requests be funded out of cash reserves.
- The County Engineer is being used less by Land Use and more by Road and Bridge. LU is able to recoup engineer charges in many cases. Contract approved.

**Outside Service Agencies**

Schoen wanted to discontinue funding of outside service agencies, since County funding is a small part of their total budget. Bowman and McCleary preferred to fund the agencies at their FY2011 level this year, and let them know that their funding could be cut for FY2013.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 4:12 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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