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

Eighth Day

Tuesday, July 24, 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 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

ROAD SCHOLAR CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Also present: Blaine County Operations Administrative Assistant Lynn Timm; Idaho Technology Transfer (T2) Center Head Instructor Bruce Drewes; Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy, Road and Bridge foreman Doug Swaner, Road and Bridge leadman Barry Pond, Road and Bridge operators Joel Hutchinson, Craig Vaughn, Steve Thompson, Bill Kyes, and Alex Alberdi.

Road and Bridge crew took the two-year Road Scholar courses, which cover transportation and safety training; basic knowledge of road materials and standards for building and maintaining roads. Staff said the classes gave them the ability to communicate with the public about what road crews were doing and why, and also gave them the opportunity to interact and share with other road crews around the state.

Drewes awarded Road Scholar hats, Leatherman tools and award plaques to Road and Bridge department staff Alex Alberdi, Tom Duffy, Joel Hutchinson, Bill Kyes, Barry Pond, Doug Swaner, Steve Thompson, and Craig Vaughn.

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 #12-05-116**
- **Case #12-06-117**

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

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

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Case #12-06-117, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #12-05-116, based on staff recommendations, because the County is not the resource of last resort. Motion carried unanimously.

1 **COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

2 **Claims – Schar Boyd**

- 3 • Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

4 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve claims dated July 18, 2012 with additional**
5 **claims for Idaho Power for \$3,150.26 and the Treasurer’s filing fee of \$88.00, as presented by**
6 **staff. Motion carried unanimously.**

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8 **Sheriff’s Office – Gene Ramsey**

- 9 • Deputy who was recently injured at a Ketchum event is home and doing okay.
10 • The jail has 57 inmates, 39 of which are Idaho Department of Corrections.
11 • Sheriff is reviewing all department fees, mostly to clarify exactly what they are for.
12 • Sheriff’s department will work with the Secret Service in the next few weeks when U.S.
13 presidential candidates are in town.
14 • Sheriff is pleased to announce the new Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Director is Col.
15 William B. Richy.

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17 **Clerk’s Report – JoLynn Drage**

18 No Clerk’s report this week.

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20 **County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- 21 • Will meet with South Gateway engineer consultant this week to review the revised scope of work.
22 • County Human Resources so far has recruited six of nine members for the Compensation
23 Evaluation Committee.
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25 • **Interoperability Responsibilities and Costs – Robin Stellers;**
26 Stellers proposed an interim solution to cover increased costs of the system version upgrade.
27 State and counties have to devise a way to budget and pay for the system in the future. The BCC
28 felt the system should be funded by system users. Chairman McCleary volunteered to work with
29 the Partners Advisory Committee to address interoperability on a long-term basis.

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31 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 32 • **Beverage License renewals for KBs, Dollar Cabin, River Run Lodge, Sun Valley Inn, Sun**
33 **Valley Lodge, La Cabanita and La Cabanita #2, Video West, McClain’s Pizzeria, Johnny G’s**
34 **Subshack, Albertson’s #130, DiVine, Java on Fourth, Shelley’s Deli, and East Side Magic**
35 **LLC.**
36 • **New beverage license for Cava Cava.**
37 • **Resolution 2012-27 Road & Bridge Budget Adjustment Record #599460**

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39 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for July 24, 2012.**
40 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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42 **BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

43 **Wood River Wolf Project – Schoen**

44 A wolf pack has been photographed in Warm Springs, and another pack with pups has been sighted
45 in Trail Creek drainage.

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47 State policy is to keep wolves off the Endangered Species List by maintaining a threshold number of
48 breeding pairs. In doing so, it can be said that the State seeks to manage wolf numbers responsibly.
49 Idaho Department of Fish and Game will notify local livestock producers that deterrence efforts are
50 available through the Wood River Wolf Project. Idaho will be receiving federal money, half of which is
51 to be used for deterrence. Blaine County may get some of the funds now that two wolf packs are
52 located here, if these breed successfully.

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2 **Blaine Regional Leadership Council meeting** – McCleary
3 Four of five Blaine County cities attended the third quarterly 2012 BRLC meeting. Elected officials
4 value the opportunity to connect and discuss common issues and share information.

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6 **Snake River Juvenile Detention Center Joint Powers Advisory Board meeting** – McCleary
7 Blaine County's user days are down, after being up for some time.

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9 **Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation Board meeting** – McCleary
10 The CCRF is in a state of transition. The CCRF Board is exploring possibilities for the future, and will
11 meet with the BCC when they have a proposal.

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13 **SkyWest Operations Specifications Environmental Assessment** – Bowman
14 Reviewed the draft EA for the Ops Specs for Sky West to begin operating CRJ 700 jets at Friedman
15 Airport. The Assessment shows there is a slight decrease in the average daily noise level due to
16 fewer flights.

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18 **FMAA By-Laws** – McCleary
19 McCleary met with FMAA Board Member Susan McBryant and FMAA attorney Barry Luboviski to
20 begin drafting revised FMAA bylaws to be consistent with the JPA.

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22 **LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR AIR SERVICE INITIATIVE DISCUSSION**

23 Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Fly Sun Valley Alliance President Eric
24 Seder, FSVA Executive Director Carol Waller, FSVA Board members Rick Baird and Dick Fenton,
25 Sun Valley Director of Marketing and PR Jack Sibbach; and Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government
26 Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

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28 **Yes to Air! campaign**
29 The Idaho Attorney General delivered an opinion early 2012 that public funds can be used for
30 minimum revenue guarantees (MRGs) if properly structured. The best way to adhere to the AG's
31 opinion is for one or both airport owners—City of Hailey and Blaine County—to be part of the Yes to
32 Air! JPA. Blaine County's participation in the Yes to Air! JPA is important since Hailey's participation
33 depends on a positive vote to the initiative in Hailey.

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35 Yes to Air! Is a five-year trial campaign. Local option tax is a regional approach to economic
36 development. If all three cities pass a dedicated 1% local option tax, the LOT would generate about
37 \$2 million annually. JPA partners will establish the budget Funds would be used mostly for marketing
38 and MRGs. Sun Valley Company would be a 50% MRG funding partner.

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40 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

41 Rick Baird said airlines base their route decisions on risk, not demand. FMAA is doing a study on air
42 fares and leakage to determine the number of passengers who drive to other airports to save money
43 on flights.

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45 The BCC suggested Fly Sun Valley Alliance give the JPA draft to the County Attorney for review.

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47 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District.**
48 **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- 51 • **Resolution 2012-26 amending emergency medical services user fees for emergency**
52 **medical services in Blaine County** Record #599459

1 Also present: Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman; and Ketchum Fire Chief Mike
2 Elle.

3 The proposed fee increases exceed 5%. This is the second public hearing, noticed as required by
4 statute.

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6 Wood River Fire and Rescue found that local ambulance fees were less than rates for comparable
7 service in and out of state. The BCC asked ambulance providers to keep pace with reasonable rates
8 and cost of running the service in the future.

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10 PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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12 **Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2012-26, a**
13 **resolution of the Blaine County Board of Commissioners amending Blaine County Ambulance**
14 **Board emergency medical services user fees charged to patients for emergency medical**
15 **services in Blaine County, Idaho. Motion carried unanimously.**

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17 The new ambulance charges are effective today, upon passage of Resolution 2012-26.

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19 **Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to reconvene as the Blaine County Board of County**
20 **Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.**

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22 **PUBLIC HEARING: SET TENTATIVE BUDGET**

23 Also present: Blaine County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; Sheriff Gene Ramsey,
24 Sheriff Command Staff Assistant Holly Carter; Building Official Bill Dyer; and Rick Baird.

25 Chairman McCleary thanked department heads and elected officials for taking the time and effort to
26 carefully align their budget requests with the BCC's strategic objectives. The departments' efforts
27 enabled the BCC to make prudent decisions in the use of County taxpayer resources.

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29 Bowman felt County employees and elected officials, including County Commissioners, were
30 deserving of merit recognition, but didn't think the public was ready to grant salary increases. Bowman
31 supported the new jail position, and salary increase in the Clerk's office for cross-trained employees
32 who could better serve the public. He supported funding salary increases for employees who are out
33 of grade and not in step with the County's Salary Schedule.

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35 Schoen said he had not property tax or salary increases for three years. This year, he does support
36 taking the additional 3% property tax and new construction to cover the cost of running a professional
37 and efficient organization. Schoen supported the 1½% cost-of-living employee salary increase, the
38 1% salary increase for clerk's office employees, and a merit pool to reward exemplary employees. He
39 supported paying elected officials for full-time jobs, if the Elected Officials Compensation Committee
40 so directs. Schoen felt the County had to begin to catch up with facilities/
41 road maintenance and repairs that have been deferred for years, and, in some cases, decades.

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43 McCleary said the Blaine County Commissioners have recently made significant improvements in
44 their budget process. The Blaine County organization is making every effort to focus on customer
45 service. Serving the public requires well-trained employees who do their jobs and use public
46 resources efficiently and effectively. In the past few years, County department heads and elected
47 officials have evaluated every County position and eliminated positions where appropriate.

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49 To maintain internal equity, the BCC has directed Human Resources to form an Elected Officials
50 Compensation Committee to evaluate and recommend compensation for elected officials and County
51 Commissioners. County Commissioners are paid a part-time salary, although they have been full-time
52 for years. McCleary supports a line item in the tentative budget in the event the citizens committee

1 recommends increased compensation for elected officials.

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3 PUBLIC COMMENT:

4 Rick Baird said the availability of safe and compassionate skilled nursing and senior care in Blaine
5 County for all socioeconomic groups should be more important than doing it without taxpayer support.

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7 • **Assessor's Office Request**

8 The Assessor asked the BCC to reconsider two budget requests she had presented earlier that were
9 denied by the BCC. The BCC hasn't seen adequate justification to fund the expenses; but invited the
10 Assessor to re-present her requests prior to the final budget decision.

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12 **Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the tentative budget for Blaine County for
13 FY2013 in the amount of \$26,782,707, an amount that will not be exceeded in setting the final
14 budget, but may be reduced.** In discussion, Bowman supports the budget overall, but cannot
15 approve the market rate compensation adjustment, merit adjustment or increases for elected officials.
16 **Bowman opposed. Motion carried 2/1.**

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18 **BREAK**

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20 **LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS**

21 • **Rotarun Ski Club Review:** A public hearing for a review on an extension request approved November 1, 2011 for
22 the **Rotarun Master Plan** which was originally approved June 17, 2008. In the Master Plan Rotarun Ski Club Inc.
23 proposed to install a seven (7) tower chairlift, snowmaking, and to use the day lodge building. The subject property is
24 owned by Blaine County and leased to the Rotarun Ski Club Inc., a nonprofit community organization. The ski area,
25 approximately 30 acres, is zoned Recreational Development District (RD) with areas of Mountain Overlay District and is
26 located approximately 2.5 miles west of Hailey in Croy Canyon. The property is adjacent to BLM land on Parcels B & D
27 of the Sage Springs Subdivision, within Sections 17, 19, & 24, T2N, R17E, BM, Blaine County, Idaho.

28 Also present: Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; Rotarun Ski Club President Jeff Smith;
29 Rotarun Board members Joan Davies and Jesse Foster; Sage Spring Homeowners Association
30 members Lance Meller, Eric Wesley, Scott Wesley, and Larry E. Smith; paraglider/Ketchum resident
31 Matt Beechinor; and John Davies.

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33 Grotto said notice wasn't required for this extension request, but notice had been given to neighbors.

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35 The Rotarun Master Plan was approved in June 2008. In November 2011, the Rotarun Ski Club
36 requested an extension to complete their master plan. The BCC granted an extension, and asked
37 Rotarun to present their master plan for BCC review in five months. Rotarun has been in
38 communication with Blaine County Land Use department since May 2012.

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40 Joan Davies related the history of Rotarun

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42 Elements of the master plan and progress made:

- 43 • Landscaping will be complete October 15.
- 44 • Geotechnical review of pond is close to being done. There is no reason to install the pond liner
45 until snowmaking is imminent. There is currently no water in the pond, and no mosquitoes.
- 46 • Snowmaking is important for consistent snow and event scheduling. Snowmaking towers are
47 going up.
- 48 • Day lodge is painted and has a new roof. The building is aesthetically acceptable, but needs work.
- 49 • Chairlift is currently in storage; but is critical to move people quickly to the top of the mountain.
- 50 • Gate has been installed at the top of road.

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52 Last winter, Rotarun served more skiers and realized more income from events participation. It is
53 difficult to handle skiers with inadequate snow and no snowmaking. Last year's annual fund-raising

1 letter brought in almost \$15,000. Rotarun is actively looking for grants and corporate sponsorships.

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3 Future development potential and concerns:

- 4 • Cross-country skiing and a X-C ski race. There is a long Nordic track and it's a safe place for kids.
- 5 • Fun family events like a car push up the ski hill.
- 6 • Modular temporary building for office space and to provide a safe private area for ski patrol.
- 7 • Parking lot for hikers, cyclists and other summer recreationists who park up and down Croy
- 8 Canyon; and for snowshoers and other winter recreationists. Parking is a legal use on County
- 9 roads. Would homeowners prefer people park in a Rotarun parking lot or on County road?
- 10 • Nadya's trail is busiest trailhead in the south valley where it connects with 12 other trails.
- 11 • Paragliding training and launch site. Micrometeorology and landscape are uniquely perfect.
- 12 • Paragliders need to discuss liability concerns on County-owned property.
- 13 • Motorized access from the top of Rotarun to Parcel C is not allowed. Areas need rehabilitation.
- 14 BLM might have other restrictions on their adjoining land.
- 15 • Water rights for snowmaking. Rotarun has 2.2" water and received a grant specifically for water
- 16 rights.

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18 Schoen suggested County Land Use revise the overall Rotarun application process to remove
19 deadlines, and instead just require Rotarun be clean and well-maintained, and operated safely.
20 Rotarun can present projects when it has ability and finances to do them, instead of requesting
21 extensions to the master plan. Bowman agreed, but wanted to be sure Sage Spring homeowners are
22 comfortable with condition and progress of Rotarun. Bowman suggested deeding County land to
23 Rotarun with a reversionary clause, as long as Rotarun complies with all zoning codes.

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25 PUBLIC COMMENT:

26 There was discussion about the parking lot at the trailhead; and recreational uses on Parcel C. BLM
27 works with Blaine County Recreation District to monitor and maintain the Croy Creek trail system.

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29 BCC discussed removing master plan timelines, and instead require the applicant to present specific
30 components of the master plan when they are ready and have the financing to complete them.

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32 **Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to extend the deadline for completion for all actions**
33 **contemplated today, without stipulation of new deadlines, on the condition that all actions**
34 **taken by Rotarun Ski Club at the Rotarun site be in compliance with all Blaine County**
35 **Ordinances, that the site be maintained and operated in a safe, clean condition, that all**
36 **landscaping be maintained in healthy condition, that any future improvements to the site are**
37 **subject to BCC review, at such time as funding is in place for full project completion, as well**
38 **as comply with the Rotarun Master Plan, plat restrictions, deed restrictions, and homeowners**
39 **association rules and regulations.** In discussion, the BCC agreed that a modular office unit and
40 other improvements are not permitted until approved by the BCC, and, where necessary, the Master
41 Plan is amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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43 **EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(a) PERSONNEL**

44 **At 3:06 p.m., Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to go into Executive Session for**
45 **Personnel, pursuant to Idaho code §67-2345 1(a), to evaluate the respective qualities of an**
46 **individual. Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried 2/0.**

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48 **ADJOURN**

49 The BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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1 Attest: _____ Approved _____
2 JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary
3 County Clerk Chairman