

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

**Ninth Day**

**Monday, July 25, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Claims – Schar Boyd**

Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve claims dated July 21, 2011, and Batch #3 dated July 25, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- Voss complimented the BCC on working as a team during last week's budget process. The BCC was thoughtful and mindful of all issues in making good decisions for the future of Blaine County. The BCC thanked the Administrator and department heads for their part in the budget process.
- The Bellevue City Council voted to contract with the Hailey Police Department instead of the Blaine County Sheriff for law enforcement. Voss will meet with County HR and staff to discuss County personnel implications.

**County Clerk – JoLynn Drage**

- Drage will remove line items from the FY2012 County budget relating to the Blaine County Sheriff's law enforcement contract with Bellevue.

**BCC REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Board Meeting Update – McCleary**

- CCRF Board is reevaluating general economic assumptions in its current business plan.
- CCRF recently received a large contribution.

**Behavioral Health Interagency Cooperative Update – McCleary**

- State is reviewing mental health and substance abuse issues statewide. The state wants to delegate more responsibility for mental health care to the counties, but funding is an issue.

**BLAINE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT CONVENES**

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

- **Blaine County Collectors Agreement for Collection Services** ..... Record #589262  
When the Ambulance District billing agency is unable to collect an account, they turn it over to a collection agency.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Agreement for Collection Services between Blaine County Ambulance District and Blaine County Collectors for collecting amounts written off by Wittman Enterprises, and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECONVENES**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Beverage License renewals for Carey Sport Shop; Adamson's; Valley Club; Headwaters; Lago Azul Mexican Restaurant; and Johnny G's Subshack.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for July 25, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **APPROVAL OF BCC MEETING MINUTES**

- **Special BCC Budget meetings of May 26, May 31, June 1, and June 2, 2011**
- **July 11, 2011 Board of Equalization meeting**
- **June 27, 2011 Monday and July 12, 2011 Tuesday Regular BCC meetings**
- **Reconsideration of July 5, 2011 minutes**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve minutes of Special BCC Budget meetings of May 26, May 31, June 1 and June 2, 2011, as amended; minutes of July 11, 2011 Board of Equalization meeting as presented; and minutes of June 27 and July 12, 2011 Regular BCC meetings, as amended. Schoen also made revisions on the July 5, 2011 minutes which were previously approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **AMEND AGENDA JULY 26, 2011**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to amend the agenda of Tuesday, July 26, 2011, to include a new agenda item at 10:30 a.m. to discuss and consider staffing in the University of Idaho County Extension office. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FLY SUN VALLEY ALLIANCE UPDATE**

Also present: Fly Sun Valley Alliance President Eric Seder and Fly Sun Valley Alliance Executive director Carol Waller.

Fly Sun Valley Alliance (FSVA) quarterly report:

- Air service to Blaine County is a key economic driver.
- Visitors are a large part of Blaine County's economy, and second home property owners pay a large percentage of property tax.
- Progress is being made to improve quality and quantity of hotels in Blaine County. Marketing efforts are underway to develop and promote the Sun Valley brand. More needs to be done to improve transportation to Sun Valley.
- Ground transportation to Sun Valley is improving; however, more improvement is needed.
- Surveys show visitors' main concern is better non-stop transportation to Sun Valley. Non-stop flights are provided by Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) programs. Sun Valley Company is the primary funder of MRGs in Blaine County.
- FSVA, comprised of citizen volunteers and representatives of local jurisdictions and organizations, is funded by sales of transferable ski passes and Access Sun Valley cards.
- FSVA reserve account was depleted this year by Horizon's early start of non-stop service, an added fuel surcharge by Horizon, and bussing guests to Sun Valley when weather prohibited flights into Hailey.
- A new airline is interested in adding service to Sun Valley, but will require costly MRG.
- Fly Sun Valley Access Card is successful, but FSVA needs more ways to fund MRG program.
- Horizon's new corporate management is very profit motivated, making MRGs even more important.
- FSVA is trying to find ways to fill empty seats in all seasons. Possibilities are reduced prices, large promotions, journalists, etc.
- FSVA will work with Sun Valley Marketing Alliance to develop goals and metrics to measure success.

## **FOREST SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE GRANTS**

Also present: Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson; U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Kurt Nelson; and Sawtooth National Recreation Area Ranger Sara Baldwin.

The South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is currently accepting proposals for 2012 RAC grants. Proposals are initially presented to the respective counties. Bowman is the Counties' representative on the Resource Advisory Committee.

Ketchum Ranger District RAC grant proposals:

- Fund three-person temporary seasonal crew members for noxious weed control on Ketchum Ranger District land in Blaine County.
- Hire four 12-week Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns to work with local youth organizations to provide educational and recreational day trips and overnight pack trips to destinations in the Sawtooth National Forest.
- Hire local youths to do trail construction/maintenance and recreation facility maintenance in the Ketchum Ranger District.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) proposals:

- Noxious weed management on the SNRA (fund an additional three people, in partnership with the Ketchum Ranger District).
- Continue Youth Conservation Core program, where youth work with Forest Service employees in the National Forests and are paid for their work.
- Improve trailhead signs in Blaine County to be more informational and consistent.

- Partner with the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historic Association to improve the website for the SNRA and Ketchum Ranger District.

Voss said the County Operations Department surveyed Warm Springs residents regarding shared road maintenance on Warm Springs Road. Deteriorating road conditions may be a potential RAC grant project.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 12:23 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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