

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JULY 2013 SESSION**

Seventh Day

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Lawrence Schoen, Vice-Chairman Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Jacob Greenberg; County Administrator Derek Voss; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; KMVT-TV Reporter Andrew Reed; Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and District Assistant Chief Jeff Nevins; Assistant Ketchum Fire Chief Robert Englehart; Blaine Manor Interim Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor Board Chairman Marsha Riemann; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- The Prosecuting Attorney’s space in the Annex building is being reconfigured to allow access to the back room.
- Will meet with department heads to discuss Performance Review document to determine if it is an effective tool to drive performance. There should be a broader definition of Growth Opportunities on the Performance Review document. Everyone should have growth opportunities, not just employees who need to improve.
- BCC received dues invoice from National Forest Counties Association Secure Rural Schools for \$222. BCC approved payment.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **FY2015 Local Highway Safety Improvement Program Request to Apply for Grant for Road Safety Audit for Gannett Road** Not recorded

Also present: Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

This request to apply is for \$38,000 for a consultant to perform the road safety audit for Gannett Road. The application will note that Gannett Road right-of-way width varies from 55 to 250 feet and includes a request that the speed limit be evaluated.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to authorize Blaine County to apply for the FY2015 Local Highway Safety Improvement Program application for grant for road safety audit for Gannett Road, amended as per previous discussion, for \$38,000. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2013-30 Probation Budget Adjustment** Record #615579
- **Resolution 2013-31 Building & Grounds Budget Adjustment** Record #600580
- **Resolution 2013-32 Extension Budget Adjustment** Record #600581
- **Resolution 2013-33 Transfer Funds from Land, Water & Wildlife Fund to the General Fund** Record #600582
- **Resolution 2013-34 Salaries Budget Adjustments** Record #600583

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Consent Calendar for July 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Meeting with St. Luke’s about the Changing Health Care System and Indigent Program in Idaho – McCleary

Also present: Blaine County Indigent Services Manager Brooke Roberson and Indigent Services Assistant Amy Rivkin.

BCC received request to meet with St. Luke’s to discuss changing healthcare and how it might affect counties. McCleary met with St. Luke’s representatives. Potential legislative change may remove non-profit hospitals’ tax exempt status if they are unable to meet specific requirements. St. Luke’s Wood River is running over a half million deficit annually.

Medicaid expansion could potentially eliminate need for counties’ indigent programs and state’s Catastrophic Health Care Cost Board (CAT) fund. The Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Health and Human Services committee discussed Medicaid expansion and is mostly supportive.

St. Luke’s Wood River Medical Center Health and Human Services also discussed St. Luke’s Community Health Needs Assessment. St. Luke’s will present their Needs Assessment and Community Implementation Plan to the St. Luke’s Wood River Board, and then to the BCC.

Predator Deterrence Policy – Schoen

Schoen attended a meeting at Idaho Fish and Game, Jerome office, including representatives of state and federal organizations to discuss depredation deterrence policy. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released federal “Tester” funds to western states for compensation to livestock producers for livestock losses; half the money must go to deterrence. Idaho has written a grant application for \$350,000, \$250,000 of which would be for deterrence. In addition to status review of the state’s application for Tester funds, the group discussed individual agency goals for depredation management and the possibility for a deterrence policy and depredation deterrence funds.

The “easy” solution to depredation in many counties in Idaho is simply to kill the offending wolf. Deterrence is intended to prevent depredation before it occurs. IAC may host a workshop at their fall conference to present effective tools and their deployment.

Hailey Chamber of Commerce meeting – Greenberg

- The Sun Valley Marketing Alliance encouraged the Hailey Chamber to join and support the Marketing Alliance.
- Greenberg updated Chamber members on the Blaine County-Safe Haven agreement for Blaine Manor.
- Majority of attendees supported the Local Option Tax for Air Service to be on the Hailey ballot.

Mountain Rides – McCleary

Sarah Michael is now Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI) District Mobility Manager. The County has to appoint a replacement Mountain Rides Board member. The BCC is pleased to re-review the applicant who came in second to Michael for the Mountain Rides Board.

Circuses and Circus Animals – McCleary

The BCC received emails from a constituent requesting consideration of a Blaine County Ordinance addressing circuses and circus animals. There are no circus-type venues actually in the County.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **May 28, 2013 Regular BCC meeting**
- **May 29, 2013 Special Budget meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Blaine County Commissioner minutes of May 28, 2013 Regular Meeting and May 29, 2013 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SET TENTATIVE AMBULANCE DISTRICT FY2014 BUDGET

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to convene as the Ambulance Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present: Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and District Assistant Chief Jeff Nevins; Ketchum Assistant Fire Chief Robbie Engelhart; and *Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos presented the tentative budget for FY2014.

The BCC agreed with ambulance service providers that the Ambulance District budget must be increased every year to be sure ambulance district needs are met and to retain valued emergency personnel. Ambulance agencies presented their proposed budgets to the BCC on June 18. The Ambulance District recently presented anticipated expenditures and revenues to the BCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Chief Lassman submitted a corrected Anticipated Expenditures and Revenues. Wood River Fire and Rescue was going to purchase a new ambulance this year, but postponed the purchase for a year since they purchased defibrillators last year. Ketchum purchased a new ambulance this year.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the FY2014 tentative budget for Ambulance District for \$2,279,892. In discussion, the BCC thanked ambulance providers for service at a level that the community wants. Motion carried unanimously.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.

SKILLED NURSING CARE TRANSITION PLANNING

Also present: Blaine Manor Interim Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor Board Chairman Marsha Riemann; and *Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

Transition team discussions:

- Service agreement is in place.
- Form 855A Medicare Enrollment Application notifying CMS of change of ownership.
- Jaskowski will submit Termination Request on behalf of Blaine Manor.
- Resolution disbanding Blaine Manor Board, with provision for ongoing services.
- Safe Haven has secured financing and Building and Demolition Permit.
- Safe Haven is evaluating Blaine Manor’s electronic medical records management system.

Jaskowski will be sure that Blaine County IT has capability to maintain Blaine Manor records as required by law.

- Blaine Manor's staff have provided outstanding service. Safe Haven's new Human Resources Director is working with them to answer questions and assist them in filling out employment applications with Safe Haven. Blaine Manor Board and staff would like to see Blaine Manor's "family" culture continue with Safe Haven.
- Safe Haven has office space in the facility and can manage the building and operations during transition period.
- Letters were sent to residents that Safe Haven would assume ownership of Blaine Manor. Residents will have to sign new admission agreements.

COUNTY ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT PLAN, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County GIS Program Manager Joel Hall; and *Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

This is the third meeting addressing encroachments on County road rights-of-way. Unsafe areas are a priority. The BCC supported a Rights-of-Way Management Plan that clearly describes policy and operations, to assure the public of consistent process and enforcement throughout Blaine County.

Commissioners' discussions:

- The BCC will review the Blaine County Management Plan to set countywide priorities within the County budget.
- In Hulen Meadows, the County can coordinate right-of-way management with installation of water lines. Hulen Meadows is a good opportunity to coordinate a community-wide landscape design project with the County engineer to work out the County's actual needs for rights-of-way.
- All Land Use applicants must be notified of adjacent rights-of-way as part of the permitting process.
- County Road and Bridge will coordinate with ITD, homeowners associations, and emergency service personnel to address encroachment management as it impacts right-of-way management.
- Clarify the legal framework of right-of-way encroachments, prescriptive easements, etc.
- Maps and definitions of roads; rights-of-way and whether they're dedicated or prescriptive; and adjoining easements should be clear and publicly accessible.
- Encourage public outreach, education and improved communications.

The BCC agreed that County-owned public rights-of-ways and their "management" is governed by law, but that a Right-of-Way Management Plan will provide a clear set of expectations and standards for all Blaine County neighborhoods.

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES – LIVESTOCK CARCASS DISPOSAL, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Southern Idaho Solid Waste District Executive Director Josh Bartlomé (by phone); *Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore; and KMVT-TV Reporter Andrew Reed.

Blaine County ranchers don't want to attract predators to areas where livestock graze. The BCC suggests the SISWD consider waiving the large animal carcass fee to encourage ranchers to remove animal carcasses. The SISWD's annual revenue from carcass and offal disposal is about \$1,000. SISWD Executive Director Josh Bartlomé suggested this would be a good one-year pilot program, starting August 1, 2013. SISWD may have to divert some carcasses to avoid odor issues of decomposing carcasses when transfers are delayed.

The BCC supported the fee waiver. The new waiver policy will be published in the paper, on the SISWD website and distributed in handouts. SISWD will provide the BCC with a history of revenues generated by large animal carcass disposal, the difference in revenue in the next year; a survey of cause of carcass disposal; and reduction in depredation.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to adopt a Blaine County pilot program to waive the fee for disposal of large animal carcasses, to begin August 1, 2013 and run through July 31, 2014. In discussion, the BCC thanked the SISWD Executive Director for being willing to try something like this. Blaine County supports its livestock producers and conservation efforts to protect wildlife that come into conflict with humans. The BCC will review indicators at the end of the program to evaluate if it is successful. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN

At the hour of 11:56 a.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage
County Clerk
Lawrence Schoen
Chairman