

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

Sixth Day

Wednesday, June 20, 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.

BLAINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FY2013 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Sheriff – Gene Ramsey

Also present: Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; Captain Curtis Miller, Lt. Bryan Carpita, Command Staff Assistant Holly Carter, Ketchum Police Chief Steve Harkins; Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis; Juvenile Probation Officer/MRT teacher Eric Thomas; Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; Information Technology Manager Clay Landon; and CHC Medical Contract Manager Jennifer LaFollette, R.N.

The Blaine County Sheriff thanked the BCC for their focus on County employees.

The Sheriff's department encompasses three budgets—Sheriff, jail and Ketchum Police—totaling well over \$5 million.

Projected revenues are realistic.

Last year's Sheriff's budget focused on training, and will continue this year. The Sheriff's projected outcomes are to provide sound leadership and maintain a staff of highly-trained personnel.

The FY2013 Sheriff's budget includes the following program expenses:

- Updated Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) and Emergency Operations Center.
- Hostage negotiations equipment and training.
- Reserve Deputy program, which puts trained, uniformed volunteer "reserve" deputies to work during high profile events.
- Vehicle Resource Management Plan purchases fuel-efficient vehicles instead of leasing them. Vehicles are maintained in a safe and reliable condition, and transferred after active law enforcement use to different departments.
- Evidence Management System software which will make evidence management and storage more efficient and functional. Ketchum will split overall total cost of \$14,000.
- Sheriff Ramsey – Bulk Storage Fuel Station partnership could save a lot of money. Probable partnership with Mountain Rides and cities, and perhaps others. A side benefit would be better disaster preparedness.
- Ketchum Police Chief Harkins – Ketchum's Police Department has gone from "broke" to good in three years. The community policing program includes fun and educational school field days, and bicycle education. McGruff teaches kids about stranger danger. Ketchum's bicycle patrol team puts officers in close contact with the public. TiPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) teaches responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol, especially to minors.

The jail has requested an additional deputy since 2010. The jail has a higher population, liability concerns, and increased revenues. The jail should have a central control operator at all times, and two certified detention deputies on the floor at all times to comply with federal and state mandates.

The FY2013 Detention Center budget includes the following programs:

- The Public Safety Facility continues to provide County revenue for housing inmates from Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC) and other counties.
- Medical co-pay plan for inmates who aren't indigent.
- The jail salary budget is difficult to predict, with transport expenses, medical, training, etc. There is a request to increase overtime.
- Jennifer LaFollette, R.N., explained the Nursing Practice Act. Correctional Healthcare Companies (CHC) provides an R.N. at the jail 32 hours a week. The nurse's goal is to keep people in jail, and only send someone to the hospital when necessary.
- The JAG Recovery grant, which paid for inmate programs since 2009, is ending. Over 400 inmates have benefitted from the programs. They leave the jail better educated and better suited for life outside jail. Cognitive change programs result in decreased substance abuse, violence, and social behaviors that lead to incarceration. The outcome is decreased risk to the community. Staff is researching ways to continue the programs. The out-of-county housing fee includes an extra charge to cover Blaine County's added medical and program benefits.

