

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JUNE 2015 SESSION**

Fourth Day

Monday, June 22, 2015

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice-Chairman Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET HEARINGS WITH COMMISSIONERS

- **Auditor/Recorder** - Blaine County Auditor/Recorder JoLynn Drage
FY2016 Budget Request: \$1,154,618, including a \$25,000 increase for overtime or part-time help if Recorder office hours are extended; and purchase of a new plat scanner.

Drage outlined the duties of Blaine County recorder staff, emphasizing the need for absolute accuracy and consistency.

- **Blaine County Commissioners** - Chairman Jacob Greenberg
FY2016 Budget Request: \$576,577.

Greenberg said the Blaine County Commissioners' main outcome is a balanced budget.

- **5th District Judicial Court** - Court Supervisor Andrea Logan, Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage,
FY2016 Budget Request: \$262,182, including \$7,000 for potential increased benefits for a new law clerk; \$3,500 for temporary help to staff the counter while court clerks are trained in new software; \$2,000 for anticipated additional interpreter expense.

Also present: Fifth District Judge G. Richard Bevin; and Fifth District Trial Court Administrator Linda Wright.

Logan described the Judicial Court's office staff and their job duties, one by one, and how they serve the public, the community and the judges. The Judicial Building was recently renovated, with much of the work done by staff without using taxpayer funds.

- **Elections** - Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage
FY2016 Budget Request: \$107,336.

Also present: Blaine County Election Clerk Amy Rivkin.

Elections staff ran their first groundwater district organization election this year. Groundwater district elections have different rules than standard elections. There was also a primary election in March.

- **Public Defenders** - Chairman Jacob Greenberg and County Administrator Derek Voss
FY2016 Budget Request: \$367,755. Public defenders have requested an increase in their contract amount.

Also present: Blaine County Public Defenders Doug Nelson, Keith Roark, and Cheri Hicks.

The ACLU is challenging public defense in Idaho.

- **Liability Insurance Fund** - Chairman Jacob Greenberg and County Administrator Derek Voss
FY2016 Budget Request: \$191,477.

The insurance amount may decrease if the Blaine Manor building is sold.

BREAK

- **Geographic Information Services (GIS)** - GIS Senior Analyst Sam Young
FY2016 Budget Request: \$335,926, including an increase of \$25,000 to reinstate Travel and Education.

Also present: Blaine County GIS Program Manager Joel Hall, GIS Analyst Chris Corwin, and GIS Specialist Sam Young; County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, and County Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston.

The County's GIS website is used by all County departments, local municipalities and the public at large. GIS is conducting a customer survey and collecting questions from GIS training sessions. The GIS Program Manager has indicated he will retire in late 2015. Voss didn't think the County could afford to increase GIS staff in FY2016, but certainly did not want to reduce staff.

- **Treasurer** - Blaine County Treasurer John David Davidson
FY2016 Budget Request: \$298,093, including \$3,000 for a part-time employee during busy times and when staff are taking classes; \$1,000 for additional bank lockbox services; and \$4,800 to pay Masters Touch for additional postage.

Also present: Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston.

The Treasurer is looking for the best return on investments; and making changes to update the department's digital capacity will expand staff abilities, saving money and resources. The Treasurer would like to form an investment advisory committee and post the County investment policy on the County website.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:21 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage County Clerk Jacob Greenberg Chairman