

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

Sixth Day

Tuesday, June 23, 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-Chair Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend today's June 23, 2015 agenda to include budget discussions at 3:00 pm for the County Auditor, County Commissioners and the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioners McCleary and Schoen previously interviewed Rob Santa for a position on the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to appoint Rob Santa to the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board, to complete the term of the vacant position. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Claims - Schar Boyd

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve claims dated June 17, 2015 with the addition of utility claims submitted separately by email: Blaine Manor \$686.24; Public Safety Facility \$3,751.08; Picabo Butte Repeater \$144.45; Look Out Comm. \$134.21; and CenturyLink E-911 long distance \$29.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Director - Char Nelson

Also present: Blaine County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton and Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

- The County Clerk is moving from her temporary office in the Judicial Building back into the Old County Courthouse.
- The landscaping company sprayed weeds in the lawn, which burned parts of the new sod.
- There have been complaints about Colorado and Quigley Gulch roads. The County cannot afford to put down road mix on the road bed, but the County's Road and Bridge department did a good job with limited resources. Nelson will ask the County Engineer to review the work done before responding to the resident.
- Weeds Department received two weed complaints. Residents within a city jurisdiction are referred to the city, which inspects the suspect property and sends a letter to the resident. If no action is taken on the offending property, the city notifies the county which notifies the landowner for enforcement. County staff tried to contact another landowner several times before leaving a phone message. They will try to work with the landowner.
A third complaint was about weeds on Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) property in Hailey. The Weeds Department notified BCRD, ITD and the City of Hailey, all of which would have jurisdiction. County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa inspected the property and only found a small area of noxious weeds among other weeds, which the County would not normally treat, and notified the complainant of this.
- County Buildings and Grounds Manager Patrick Boyle hired a seasonal employee to help him with a short-term Courthouse remodel project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Beverage License Transfer** from RRR, LLC dba The Kneadery to Leadville Grill, LLC dba The Kneadery.
- **Beverage License Renewals** for Evergreen Restaurant; Mountain View Grocery Express; Sun Valley Lodge; Sun Valley Inn; River Run Lodge; Dollar Cabin; Fox Creek Wines; Splash & Dash; Wonderful House; Perry's Restaurant; and Beaver Creek Store.
- **Catering Permit** for Higher Ground SV Inc. for fund raising event at Golden Eagle.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar for June 23, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Sawtooth Vision 20/20 Annual Workshop – McCleary

Attendees discussed accomplishments of the different Sawtooth Vision 20/20 topics: Economic and Community Development; Fish and Wildlife; Recreation, Historic Pastoral and Scenic; and Natural Sustainable Ecosystems.

- They discussed the Wood River Land Trust Valley Creek Preserve project in Stanley.
- The Forest Service talked about Sawtooth Fire Collaborative efforts to thin trees, some of which are along roads. Thinning serves to increase line of sight of wildlife, among other benefits. Prescribed burns thin out vegetation and clear out debris.
- Residents request recycling be included in the 20/20 Plan. Schoen said the County doesn't provide the service, and suggested the Sawtooth Association work with Clear Creek Disposal, which does service the area, to provide recycling bin(s).

McCleary noted that some of these projects are located outside Blaine County, but preventing forest fires and smoky air helps the whole area.

BLM Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) – Schoen

The BCC would like to be represented on the BLM RAC. The first appointments of RAC members is past, but there may still be positions available. Greenberg noted that members of the BLM RAC cannot be members of the Forest Service RAC.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

- **Land Use and Building Services – Tom Bergin**
FY2016 Budget Request: \$700,576.

Also present: Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; and County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson.

The budget request is conservative, as it has been for several years.

- The County has an interim building official. Building permits are being issued in four to six weeks.
- Blaine County continues to rank high in health and environmental factors; and very high in livability.
- Senior Planner Kathy Grotto's responsibility has grown in the last few years, and will continue to grow. Land Use needs to compensate team members adequately so the County doesn't lose good people.
- Future concepts to be addressed include geothermal resources and construction waste diversion.
- Land Use needs a new copier.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 1(d) INDIGENT - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

Present were: Blaine County Indigent Services Director Brooke Baird and Assistant Amy Rivkin.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), McCleary (aye); and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to accept Cancellation of Hearing and Final Determination of Denial in Application for Assistance #2015-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny Cases #2015-32 and 2015-36 Medical Indigent Applications for Assistance, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- **June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve minutes for Blaine County Commissioner meetings of May 19 and June 9, 2015, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Comprehensive Plan Update, Chapter 2, Housing Section, CONTINUED.**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant Lisa Horowitz; Blaine County Housing Authority Executive Director David Patrie; Comprehensive Plan Committee Housing liaisons Len Harlig and Linda Thorson; and Comp Plan Housing Committee member John Flattery.

Grotto read notice. This item was continued on the record, but was beyond the 30 days limit and was renoticed.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, that notice was adequate. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff presented the latest edits to the Housing Section. Blaine County Housing Authority Executive Director David Patrie suggested some updates. The BCC discussed alternative home types, super small to very large houses, vacant vacation houses, and a real estate transfer tax incentive.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve in concept the Housing chapter of the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan, as amended today, subject to final fact checking, and request staff bring it back with associated resolution for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration

• **Solar Application Process Update**

County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin said staff was working to facilitate the solar application process and get it online.

• **Brunker Building Permit Refund Request**

Also present: Mike Brunker

Brunker paid a building permit final inspection deposit of \$500 in March of 2005. After a period of time, funds in the building permit trust account were transferred into general funds. The Certificate of Occupancy was issued last spring 2015, and Mr. Brunker requested a refund of his deposit. Staff recommends a partial refund of \$300, due to their earlier efforts in trying to finalize the permit and close the account.

Mike Brunker said he didn't realize there was a timeline, and thinks he should get a full refund, but understands if that isn't normal procedure. The BCC felt staff's recommendation was balanced.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to authorize a refund to Mike Brunker of \$300 of his \$500 building final inspection deposit; and directed the Land Use & Building Services Administrator to issue the refund. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Idaho's American Planning Association Award Nomination**

Grotto asked permission to nominate Blaine County's Land, Water and Wildlife program for an Idaho American Planning Association Planning Tool and Implementation Award. The BCC supported the nomination.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Land, Water and Wildlife Program Budget - Clare Swanger

FY2016 Budget Request: \$1,050,500.

Also present: Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Chairman Ben Sinnamon.

Swanger presented a map of diverse projects completed with levy funds. The LAB has worked with 12 non-governmental organization partners and disbursed \$1.4 million in grant money, averaging 46% of the cost of all projects to date. There are several pending applications.

A University of Idaho law professor and students are compiling a master document of funding sources for conservation available in Idaho for the Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts. The LWW program will be listed as a funding mechanism and key participant.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET HEARINGS WITH COMMISSIONERS

• **Auditor Budget Hearing – JoLynn Drage**

FY2016 Budget Request \$1,154,618.

Financial stability, sustainability and transparency are the Auditor's outcomes while complying with all laws. The BCC related their perception of the different functions of the auditor's office, from payroll to budget.

• **Commissioners – Chairman Jacob Greenberg and Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss**

FY2016 Budget Request: \$576,577.

Also present: Commissioners' Assistant Jenny Lovell.

The Commissioners each presented their priorities and asked the other Commissioners to support related conferences and meetings. Voss asked the BCC to share what local, state and national outcomes and impacts they hoped to achieve.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 5:10p.m., with no more business before them, the BCC adjourned the meeting.

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