

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

Second Day

Tuesday, June 2, 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; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

AMEND AGENDA

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to amend today's June 2, 2015 agenda to include consideration and discussion of reappointment of two members of the South Central Public Health District Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

The BCC strongly supports the two candidates.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, that the BCC affirm Twin Falls County Commissioners representative Terry Kramer and Gooding County Commissioners representative Tom Faulkner to both be appointed for additional terms to the Board of Health for South Central Public Health District for a term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend today's June 2, 2015 agenda to include a discussion on the now vacant Buildings and Grounds Maintenance position during today's Human Resources discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET HEARINGS WITH COMMISSIONERS

- **Snowmobile Club** - Chad Sluder
FY2016 Budget Request: \$15,000.

The Snowmobile Club estimates they will get about \$13,000 in registration fees from the State in July; and about \$40,000 in reserves. The Club and BCC agreed that \$15,000 was a reasonable FY2016 request.

- **Human Resources** - Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss
Also present: Operations Director Char Nelson and Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton; County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson; and County Buildings and Grounds Manager Patrick Boyle.

Maintenance Technician Position

When Blaine Manor closed, the Manor's Maintenance Technician Dennis Hennefer became a County employee. Hennefer is retiring; and the BCC discussed if his position should be filled, given current budget challenges. The Operations budget includes two maintenance staff and manager. The BCC was not in favor of hiring any new positions at this time, although Buildings and Grounds will probably have to subcontract out some current and planned projects.

Total Rewards Strategy

FY2016 Budget Request: \$225,685.

"Total Rewards" encompasses total compensation and benefits. Retention is key, because replacing well-trained and experienced employees are valuable, and replacing employees is expensive. The County Clerk budgeted a total of 3% for team member merit pool and market increase. The County's health insurance broker is currently calculating potential ways to decrease the County's 2016 premium.

- **Southern Idaho Solid Waste District** - Executive Director Josh Bartlomé.
FY2016 Budget Request: \$1,686,285.

SISWD's FY2016 budget is based on a 5% salary increase, possible changes in healthcare premium and other benefits, liability insurance, etc. Budgeted capital purchases include a security system for Blaine County. Bartlomé said solid waste from Blaine County continues to increase, even with substantial recycling diversion. SISWD continues to look for environmental protection liability insurance.

FOREST SERVICE/BLM UPDATE

BLM Twin Falls District Manager Michael C. Courtney
BLM Craters of the Moon Monument Manager Holly Crawford
BLM Shoshone Field Manager Codie Martin
USFS Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Kit Mullen
USFS Sawtooth National Forest Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson
USFS Sawtooth National Recreation Area Deputy Ranger Barbara Garcia

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Greg Moore.

Projects in the BLM Shoshone Field Office:

- Ketchum's BLM Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act whitewater project is on hold until a geomorphic assessment is done on the affected stretch of the Big Wood River.
- Blaine County needs to modify an existing BLM R&PP at Ohio Gulch Transfer Station. Due to a mapping error, a road was cut into a steep hillside in violation of County ordinance, which the County would like to restore; and create a new road over an existing inert materials pit site as it is filled. Shoshone Field Manager Codie Martin will follow up.
- Craters of the Moon plat amendment litigation continues to delay progress on other local BLM projects; but the plat amendment will allow the BLM to incorporate a new sage grouse plan.
- BLM is reviewing the King to Ketchum Idaho Power redundant electric transmission line to upgrade it to higher capacity, but the sage grouse plan amendment may impact it.
- Some trails closed for the Beaver Creek fire may be open soon.
- The BLM hopes to restart its Travel Plan this winter.

U.S. Forest Service Sawtooth National Forest projects:

- Propose raising the Christmas tree permit fee from \$10 to \$15.
- The USFS is partnering with the BLM on a sage grouse joint Environmental Impact Statement.

U.S. Forest Service Ketchum District project updates:

- Helitack base at Friedman Memorial Airport has been moved while the airport is under construction.
- Trails are being renovated in preparation for the summer season, including the 11-mile Osberg Ridge trail that was obliterated by mudslides shortly after it was originally completed.
- Diseased trees on Bald Mountain are being treated with matched funding from Sun Valley Company.
- Warm Springs Road improvements (part of the seven-year maintenance contract with the County) should be completed this summer.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area project updates:

- Moving forward with the Archeological Field Review for the Wood River Travel Plan.
- Working with Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD) on winter and summer projects, including getting the Durrance bike trail put into the trail system and implementing a safer parking plan at Galena Lodge.
- Will meet with Smiley Creek community regarding winter parking problems that sometimes compromise access for local landowners and could interfere with the Smiley Creek solid waste collection site.
- Trailwork in White Clouds and Sawtooth mountains.
- Redfish road realignment continues, and damaged docks are being replaced.
- Recovery Plan efforts for Sockeye, Chinook and Steelhead.
- SNRA is working with outfitters and guide services on tracking use and maintaining mountain bike trails.

McCleary asked the Forest Service to look for a long-term solution to a local individual who wanted to change dog rules on trails and caused some serious safety concerns the last two years.

BREAK

AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend today's June 2, 2015 agenda to move review of Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) project proposals to this afternoon so the BCC can send a letter to the Forest Service acknowledging them. Motion carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET HEARINGS WITH COMMISSIONERS

- **Probation** – Blaine County Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal
FY2016 Budget Request: \$436,636.

Probation wants to make a special effort to partner with other components of the juvenile justice system to make the system more effective in keeping juveniles out of the system, helping victims, improve community safety, and save money over the long term.

Blaine County and the School District have each been contributing \$10,900 to the Status Offender program. The County will ask the School District to continue funding the program and a Blaine County Probation officer will provide the service.

- **Coroner** – Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel
FY2016 Budget Request: \$139,402

Also present: Blaine County Treasurer John David Davidson.

The Chief Coroner's hours are increased to 40 hours a week to avoid overtime pay and having the deputy always on call.

- **Assessment/Revaluation** - Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace
FY2016 Budget Request: Assessor \$386,392, and Revaluation \$458,126, for a total of \$844,518.

Also present: Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; and County Treasurer John David Davidson.

The Assessor has rewritten job descriptions and reconfigured the department to stay within current budget and avoid overtime.

- **Capital Improvements** - County Administrator Derek Voss and Operations Director Char Nelson
FY2016 Budget Request: \$532,000.

Also present: Blaine County Treasurer John David Davidson; Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace and Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; and County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson.

The County hasn't been able to implement a Capital Improvement Plan in the last few financially-difficult years; so Operations Director Nelson submitted capital improvements necessary or advisable to maintain County assets.

RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) GRANTS PRIORITIZATION

The BCC discussed RAC grant projects and indicated their individual priorities. Greenberg will draft a letter acknowledging the projects to the Forest Service, with the following project priorities:

- Vault toilet vent screens
- Noxious weed control
- Warm Springs Road improvements
- Deer Creek Trails reconstruction project
- Sawtooth Avalanche Center remote weather stations
- Entry sign base replacement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 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 67-2345 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 deny Cases #2015-21 and 2015-29 Medical Indigent Applications for Assistance, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:53 p.m., with no more business before them, the Blaine County Commissioners adjourned.

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