

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JUNE 2014 SESSION**

**First Day**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

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 Jacob Greenberg, Commissioner Angenie McCleary; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman Schoen called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – I.C. 63-105A (7)**

**Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene as the Board of Equalization, pursuant to Idaho code 63-105A (7). Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no BOE to discuss.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Beverage License Renewals: Bigwood Bread Café; Cornerstone Bar & Grill**
- **Resolution 2014-19 Treasurer’s Budget Adjustment ..... Record #619039**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Consent Calendar for June 3, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration**

**Clerk’s Report – JoLynn Drage**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.

- Board of Equalization appeal hearings are scheduled for Monday, June 30. If necessary, BOE hearings will continue on July 1, July 3 and July 14.
- When Mountain Rides purchased property from the County, they agreed to reduce the County’s yearly contribution by \$20,000 for two years. The County has not received an adjusted bill. Blaine County Attorney Tim Graves will review the agreement. County Administrator Derek Voss will check with Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller to see when the County may expect payment.
- The Clerk requested permission to purchase new precinct ballot tabulators within the next month out of the Contingency Fund. The State Democracy Fund will pay part of the cost and the County will match it, up to \$50,000.

**Operations Director – Char Nelson**

- Staff is working on HVAC issues in the Annex.
- Rebecca’s Private Idaho tour will be in Blaine County in August. About 500 participants are expected. The route will go through Ketchum and out Trail Creek Road. Ketchum Police and Blaine County Sheriff have no problem with the bike tour.
- The BCC reviewed options for the ceiling of the Old County Courthouse. They decided to replace the existing coffered ceilings with similar ceilings on the entire third floor for \$33,100.

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

Also present: Blaine County Outreach Coordinator/Public Information Officer Bronwyn Nickel; and Candidate for Idaho House of Representatives Don Hudson.

- Safe Haven is looking for additional documentation for the Blaine Manor building relating to financials and cost reporting for Medicaid and Medicare.
- HR has job descriptions for all Blaine County positions for BCC review.

**County Projects Update**

Current updates and discussions:

- Begin the process to transition SafeHaven out of the Blaine Manor building. The building will be appraised; and Voss will work with the County Attorney to ascertain legal requirements and contractual obligations.
- The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley has a Purchase and Sale Agreement and earnest money in place on Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation land. The County Attorney will review closing documents to be sure that proceeds from the sale are distributed in accordance with the agreement with Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation.
- County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers will include a five-year plan for capital expenditures in her upcoming budget request presentation. Her budget includes Computer Aided

Dispatch (CAD) improvements for FY2015.

The Emergency Communications FY2015 contract has a 3% increase cap. The contract doesn't include any requirement for users to participate in capital equipment funding.

- Administrator Voss will ask Road and Bridge to construct access to the County-owned gravel pit in order to use the gravel.
- The Old County Courthouse roof project is underway under a construction manager. Administrator Voss will attempt to get a scope of work and cost as soon as the construction manager is comfortable with the scope of the project.
- McCleary suggested a new project to establish impacts and determine key performance questions and performance measures of the impacts.
- Administrator Voss commended County Public Information Officer Bronwyn Nickel for her initiative and efforts to form an organization of representatives of local public organizations and officers. At the first meeting, the County's Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers presented the County's new FirstCall emergency notification system. At an upcoming meeting, Homeland Security will present training on the use of social media for public information.
- Administrator Voss will invite public defenders to make their budget request presentation to the BCC.
- The Blaine County Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan draft is almost finished and scheduled for presentation to the Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee. The draft will be given to the BCC for their review.
- Operations Director Char Nelson, the county engineer and Road and Bridge manager met with Hulen Meadows homeowners and consulting engineer J-U-B Engineering to discuss right-of-way issues as the new water line is installed in Hulen Meadows.

The BCC reviewed other projects that are on hold or not current priorities.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration**

- **Independent Contractor Agreement with Lisa Horowitz** ..... Record #619081

Also Present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; and Blaine County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson.

The Land Use department has been busy with applications this spring, and needs assistance with the comprehensive plan update process. The budget includes \$10,000 set aside for comp plan expenses.

The BCC agreed it is important to move ahead with the comprehensive plan. County Attorney Graves said this is a personal service contract not expected to exceed \$10,000, and does not require a Request for Proposals or competitive bidding.

Graves is researching a relatively simple and cost-effective policy for the County on contracts that do not require notice or competitive process. The County Administrator will work with the webmaster to be sure such contracts are made public on the County's website.

**Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County, Idaho and Lisa Horowitz for comprehensive plan assistance. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Independent Contractor Agreement with Scott Birch** ..... Record #619050

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.

Birch is a semi-retired investigator who can help in the current homicide investigation, which involves a volume of forensic evidence. The contract includes an hourly amount, lodging, and daily stipend for Birch, who is from Boise. The contract includes a renewal clause in the event Blaine County wants to continue Birch's services when this investigation is complete. Graves said the investigation is likely to cost more than \$10,000. He will work with the clerk to be sure the publication requirement is satisfied.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Scott Birch for investigative purposes. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **2013 Homeland Security Grant Program EMW-2013-SS-00149 Amendment 1**

Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner; and County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

Homeland Security requested grant funds be returned to them to upgrade their records system, but found money elsewhere and is returning money to the counties.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Homeland Security Grant Program WSS-00149 Amendment 1 return of \$899.74 funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, and the Wood River Land Trust for Establishing a Water Monitoring Network in the Big Wood River System by the U.S. Geologic Study, 2014-2015** ..... Record #619049
- **Joint Funding Agreement between Blaine County and the U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey for A Program for Evaluating the Status of Aquatic Biological Resources**

### **and Associated Habitats in the Wood River Valley, Idaho**

Also present: Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson; and The Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve Manager Dayna Gross.

The USGS is installing a water monitoring network on the Big Wood River that includes eight sites from north of Ketchum down to Stanton Crossing. Conservation groups will contribute \$12,000 toward the project, which will be matched by USGS. Blaine County has an accounting system in place to provide for invoicing and 3% administrative fee in the pass-through payment process.

The conservation groups will adopt a site or sites for long-term monitoring of temperature, water quality, insects, etc.

**Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, and the Wood River Land Trust for establishing a water monitoring network in the Big Wood River system by the U.S. Geologic Study; and Joint Funding Agreement between Blaine County and the U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey to fund it.** In discussion, the BCC is pleased to cooperate with agencies and non-profits in this effort to monitor the long-term health of the Big Wood River and associated ecosystems. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration**

#### **• Okeon Subdivision Plat Amendment, Reconsideration**

Also present: Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto.

Chairman Schoen said the applicants were not ready for this hearing on reconsideration of their subdivision plat amendment. Grotto said the BCC would normally adopt Findings from their prior approval. Okeon intends to submit a new plat, at which time Land Use will provide full notice of the application to eliminate the irrigation easement on the plat.

**Greenberg moved, McCleary seconded, to reconsider approval of the application by Rocky and Terri Sherbine, for a plat amendment to modify the building envelope of Lot 1, Okeon Subdivision, in order to allow for a revised amended plat to be submitted for a future hearing and to extend the time limit for declaring Findings on the original approval until July 15, 2014.** In discussion, McCleary noted that she was not present for the original hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

Also Present: Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) Executive Director David Patrie and BCHA Program Administrator Bobi Bellows.

#### **Employment and market conditions**

- Population and total employment in Blaine County are slightly up, and appear to be stabilizing.
- Blaine County has the highest Area Median Income (AMI) in Idaho, but average wages are only slightly above average in Idaho.
- Community housing weathered the Recession much better than the open market. Community homeowners did not pay inflated prices, and did not lose much of the value of their homes. Eighteen community homes were sold in the last 18 months.
- 3,600 households in Blaine County at 80% AMI or less can't afford to buy a home in Blaine County.
- BCHA is working with developers to increase its rental inventory. Local rental market prices are up 7% and supply is down 22%.
- BCHA is working to develop community housing in lower income categories.
- The majority of BCHA applicants work in Ketchum and would prefer to live in Ketchum.

### **AIRPORT PROJECTS, Update and Discussion**

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

Main topics at tonight's Friedman Memorial Airport Authority meeting:

- FY2015 Budget.
- Project 1 will be substantially complete on deadline; and is on budget.
- Project 2 to relocate taxiway B and nearby operations facilities is on schedule and on budget.
- The airport will be open to incoming aircraft on schedule on June 22. Construction at the airport will stop until the beginning of Project 5 to rebuild the terminal.

Fee estimates from Mead & Hunt are above budget. Friedman staff will negotiate the contract and get prices on separate components for FMAA review in July. Staff will also present a detailed capital budget and proposal for the FMAA to review. FMAA will spend about \$4 million of its \$5 million in operational reserves, but there are options to repay the Reserves.

Baird said Friedman has a great air service "team"—Fly Sun Valley Alliance, the Marketing Alliance, Sun Valley Company, Realtors for Air, the Blaine County Commissioners and now the taxpayers—working on its behalf.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(d) Indigent** - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

Also Present: Indigent Services Assistant Amy Rivkin.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Greenberg (aye); McCleary (aye); and Schoen (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to deny Medical Indigent Application for Assistance Cases #2014-28 and 2014-25, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration**

**Beaver Creek Fire Update – Greenberg**

Commissioner Greenberg, County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner and a *Mountain Express* photographer visited Deer Creek. Some stream channels have spontaneously relocated, and others have relocated due to beaver dams.

A Deer Creek landowner balked at installation of a monitoring gauge on Deer Creek on her property, but later agreed to work with USGS to find a good place to locate the gauge.

**Idaho Association of District Boards of Health Conference – McCleary**

McCleary said the conference was excellent. Topics included:

- The Business Meeting gives each district the opportunity to determine what resolutions they support. Resolutions supported the prevention of prescription drug abuse; insurance coverage for low income Idahoans, Medicaid redesign in Idaho, purchasing more nutritious food through the Idaho Supplemental Nutrition Assistance and food stamps programs, and opposition to recreational use of marijuana in Idaho. There was also discussion about whether to present a resolution supporting research on the benefits of medical marijuana.
- Discussion about food establishment licensing. Licensing costs more than the license fees collected.
- An educational presentation on wellness in the workplace.
- Panel discussion on Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Idaho has a good chance of getting a \$50 million grant.
- Discussion of legislation that combines the Regional Substance Abuse Board and Regional Mental Health Board and possible partnership of this new Behavioral Health Board with the Public Health board.
- Presentation on the National Health and Nutrition Examination survey. Twin Falls has been randomly selected for the survey next year.
- Presentation on the Health Exchange. A high rate of people who applied for the Exchange are from Idaho, so a high rate of statistics relate to Idahoans.
- Idaho Association of Counties and public health organizations will most likely support whatever medical legislation has the best chance of providing coverage for low income Idahoans.

**Boulder-White Clouds National Monument proposal update – Schoen**

Schoen sent letters inviting federal officials to visit the Boulder-White Clouds this year to meet with local leaders and the public to discuss national monument designation.

**Hailey Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Greenberg**

The Chamber discussed upcoming events.

**Exotic Animal Update – Schoen**

The county attorney has submitted recommendations on restrictions on exotic animals in traveling circuses in Blaine county. The BCC will schedule a discussion on an upcoming agenda.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 12:14 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
 JoLynn Drage  
 County Clerk  
 Lawrence Schoen  
 Chairman