

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JUNE 2011 SESSION**

Fourth Day

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

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; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Jason Kaufmann; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOLLOW-UP

Wood River Wolf Project – Schoen

The Wood River Wolf Project plans to host a public event later in the summer to demonstrate their non-lethal wolf control field methodology and tools. The Wolf Project has been a demonstration model and now wants to move into actual practice on a response team approach in an area to be determined. Wolves were reintroduced as a national public policy, and the BCC questioned whether government grants and funding have a role in mitigating impacts.

FUNDING REQUEST:

Blaine County Schools Resource Worker FY2012 Funding Request

Present: Blaine County Schools Resource Worker Jeanette McIlhenny.

The Resource Worker is funded jointly through Idaho Health and Welfare, the Blaine County School District and Blaine County. The Resource Worker works to alleviate family stress and parental problems facing families, which ultimately affects children. This year saw a lot of homeless cases; and a notable increase in unemployed middle-aged white males who have depleted their savings and need emergency assistance.

Resource worker programs include:

- School Buddies who come to school and have lunch and recess with the kids a couple times a week;
- Prevention Life Skills Program in Hailey Elementary School which addresses smoking, drug and alcohol use, and peer pressure;
- Emergency Assistance provides help to alleviate homelessness, pay rent, car repair and other things that stress families and impact kids.
- Stabilize families with chronic health problems and no health insurance by getting them on Medicaid.
- Provide resources to find work and help parents get back on their feet.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Lease Agreement between the Hunger Coalition and Blaine County** Record #588192

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the lease agreement between Blaine County and the Blaine County Hunger Coalition for use of County property adjacent to the Old County Courthouse for a community garden, subject to changes made by the County Administrator, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- **MOU between Blaine County and the City of Ketchum for Cooperative Road Maintenance** Record #589138

This is a cooperative agreement with Ketchum that gives staff permission to share County resources.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and the City of Ketchum for Cooperative Road Maintenance, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Lease Agreement between Blaine County, Blaine County Fair Board and Carson and Barnes Circus, Inc.** Cancelled by Fair Board, not recorded

The proposed County Lease Agreement terms were unacceptable to the circus. The circus is now working with the Rodeo Association and is being proposed for the Carey Rodeo Grounds.

- **Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement with Bank of the West** Not approved, not recorded

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller; and Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.

The Sheriff's Department has leased vehicles as a way to keep the fleet current without a big upfront

cost. This lease with Bank of the West is for three vehicles, facilitated through Ascente Financial. The BCC decided the County should consider outright purchase. The Budget Officer will review the Contingency Fund and FY2012 and 2013 budgets.

- **EECBG Contract Amendment #4** Record #588191
Also present: Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

This amendment moves money from one line item to another line item in the grant. The County is drafting a contract with the New Energy Cities project and the Environmental Resource Center to do research and develop a strategic energy plan, since staff is no longer available to do it.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Amendment #4 to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant contract CON00033, with Attachment C, and authorize chair to sign. In Discussion, the amount of the grant doesn't change. **Motion carried unanimously.**

REPLACEMENT AIRPORT DISCUSSION

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager (FMAA) Rick Baird, FMAA member Susan McBryant; Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; and Jim Phillips.

The BCC feels they need to take a strong leadership role in the replacement airport project. It's time to determine impacts and desired economic and environmental outcomes for the entire community and make decisions based on those outcomes. Most important is communication in order to unite the community behind the project.

Topics to address:

- The BCC and City of Hailey need to work out terms of the Replacement Airport Joint Powers Agreement. The JPA contains internal contradictions. In the current draft JPA, Hailey remains involved in replacement airport decisions until the last parcel of Friedman land is sold.
- Financial feasibility of the replacement airport. FAA seems to expect the local community to afford half the cost of the airport, which has now escalated to an excess of \$300 million.
- Review and, if necessary, re-establish the community's goals for the replacement airport.
- Review and, if necessary, re-establish a clear mission statement for the Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee.
- Airport consultant Gallatin is not meeting expectations for public relations. Gallatin is aware they need a better local presence in order to better understand their role in the community

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens expressed frustration over unanswered questions. Blaine County needs a clear understanding of the accurate cost of the replacement airport in order to make future decisions.

FUNDING REQUEST:

- **Levy Advisory Board Funding Presentation**

Also present: Levy Advisory Board Project Chairman Alan Reynolds, LAB members Ben Sinnamon, Trent Stumph and Mary Austin Crofts, LAB Coordinator Clare Swanger; and Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

The LAB has been meeting twice a month for over two years, and has a number of projects in process. The LAB is linked into state and national conservation networks, providing an open and collaborative information exchange.

There is no funding request. Most of the levy revenue will be collected this month, and interest will pay legal fees and administrative expenses, although interest rates are low in today's economy.

It is important to deal with applicants and applications on a timely basis. Legal advice is necessary to keep the program solid and without legal complications. The LAB is developing a grant agreement to clarify the relationship between land owners and the County, and define terms and conditions under which the County will fund projects.

PESTICIDE ACTION NETWORK UPDATE

- **Review of Integrated Pest Management Policy for Blaine County**

Also present: Pesticide Action Network of Blaine County Campaign Director Kathryn Goldman; and Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Mapping and Noxious Weed Specialist David O'Donnell.

The Pesticide Action Network (PAN) has 450 members including local jurisdictions, businesses and citizens who are concerned about public health. PAN hosted a community-wide meeting of local landscaping professionals, city staff and property managers to draft a community-wide public policy on pesticide use. The meeting was attended by Idaho Department of Agriculture representatives from Boise and Twin Falls, who reviewed the draft and understand its goals. City of Ketchum passed a city property self-regulation policy, and PAN will also be meeting with Bellevue, Hailey and Sun Valley. PAN

is working with the Blaine County Recreation District to assure the bikepath is safe for families.

In Idaho, counties have responsibility for weed management, including within city jurisdictions. PAN will work with the County Attorney to devise best practice policies to provide for the safety of County residents while fulfilling its statutory requirement to control noxious weeds.

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CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS, cont.

- **Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement with Bank of the West, cont.** ... Not approved or recorded

Drage said the Contingency Plan contained enough money to purchase three vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to authorize the County Clerk to take funds from the Contingency Account to help fund purchase of three new Sheriff vehicles, in lieu of a lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Gordon Lower Board Ranch Extension Request** – by Alpine Enterprises to extend the deadline for filing the plat to resubdivide Lot 85, Board's Lower ranch

Also present: Blaine County Building Official Bill Dyer, and Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley.

This is for a six-month extension for an application originally approved in May 2009, to subdivide one lot into three lots. A one-year extension was granted in 2010. Code does not currently allow for an additional extension, but an ordinance addressing this section of the Code is scheduled for P&Z review later this month. Since this request could be affected by the P&Z decision, staff suggests the BCC not make a decision on the extension request, and allow the applicant to file for final plat approval. BCC agreed to take no action.

- **Quigley Annex to Wood River Fire District** – Request by the Quigley Green LLC to annex 1109 acres of the Quigley Canyon Ranch into the Fire District's jurisdiction

Also present: Blaine County Building Official Bill Dyer, and Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley.

A portion of Quigley Canyon residential area is currently not covered by fire protection. Staff asked if the BCC objects to Blaine County Land Use expressing an opinion to the Fire Commission that annexation should be contingent upon Blaine County Subdivision approval. The BCC took no action.

- **Building Fee Resolution** to amend Blaine County Building Code Fee Table by adding a new credit for Energy Code compliance costs to be incurred by Building Permit applicants.

McCleary said Blaine County was experiencing economic hardship, and building permit fees are an important source of county revenue. She didn't think a building permit credit would incentivize more people to submit for building permits at this time.

2012 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUNDING DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine County GIS Specialist Chris Corwin; Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich and Police Chief Cam Daggett; Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and Asst. Chief Jeff Nevins; Hailey City Administrator Heather Dawson, Police Chief Jeff Gunter, and Councilwoman Carol Brown.

The Emergency Communications Partners Advisory Committee (PAC) discussed the two preferred models: the Address Parcel Data model, currently in use in Blaine County; and Calls For Service model. The PAC established definitions for both models, with assistance from the Emergency Communications Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The PAC did not reach a consensus decision for one model or the other, primarily because Calls for Service data is not proven to be accurate. Sun Valley, Ketchum, Ketchum Rural Fire District and Wood River Fire and Rescue prefer the Calls for Service model. Hailey and Bellevue want to retain the Address Parcel Data model. Emergency service communications is crucial to the community, and the PAC needs to work out a service model agreeable to everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Sun Valley suggests a five-year transition plan and is willing to subsidize the system moving toward a Call for Service model.

The Hailey Police Chief questioned the accuracy of Calls for Service data, since records showed Hailey generated a large number of animal-related calls and other types of calls that they don't respond to. Voss said the County's site location is in Hailey, and the system was unsure about which agency responded.

Other topics for discussion:

- Whether Dispatch Center base level funding was based on calls for service or based on number of dispatchers in the system; and the threshold for staffing.
- A third model proposed by Wood River Fire Protection District Asst. Chief Jeff Nevins.
- Population-based model is misleading due to high number of part-time residents in north valley.
- Calculating accurate data from the current Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) database is a manual, time-consuming and expensive process.
- Multi-agency response calls.

Voss said Blaine County has a unique population. Calls for Service is probably the best solution, but not until data can be accurately collected and evaluated. A new CAD system costs \$500,000; so the County needs to figure out how to sort current data. Voss recommended the County stay with Address Parcel Data through FY2012 and consider alternatives for FY2013. The BCC agreed to stay with the Address Parcel Data model, and look for a way to get accurate data.

The County will pay the system base rate. Partners will split the difference between the base rate and total budget based on a per parcel basis in their jurisdiction. Funds left over from the budget will be put into a reserve for this account. The Administrator will research alternate funding sources and a new CAD system.

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

• **Case #11-02-023**

Also present: Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter, Assistant Welfare Director Connie Kacalek, and Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.

Vice-Chairman Bowman was absent for this Executive Session.

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), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried 2/0.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

BCC directed staff to draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Case #11-02-023.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:00 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____

JoLynn Drage
County Clerk

Angenie McCleary
Chairman