

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCH 2012 SESSION**

Third Day

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Claims – Schar Boyd

Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve claims dated March 7, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

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FUND 01	AGAINST GENERAL FUND		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 249,022.24	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 247,535.69	
Total February FICA		\$ 35,912.58	
Total February Benefits		\$ 136,308.92	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 269,260.65</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 938,040.08
FUND 02	AGAINST ROAD & BRIDGE		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 25,369.79	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 25,200.60	
Total February FICA		\$ 3,569.04	
Total February Benefits		\$ 15,094.12	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 102,325.18</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 171,558.73
FUND 03	AGAINST ELECTION CONSOLIDATION		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ -	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ -	
Total February FICA		\$ -	
Total February Benefits		\$ -	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ -</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ -
FUND 06	AGAINST DISTRICT COURT		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 1,911.00	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 1,911.00	
Total February FICA		\$ 292.38	
Total February Benefits		\$ 924.08	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 6,626.93</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 11,665.39
FUND 16	AGAINST CHARITY & INDIGENT		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 3,274.40	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 3,274.40	
Total February FICA		\$ 495.70	
Total February Benefits		\$ 1,732.77	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 10,992.18</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 19,769.45
FUND 20	AGAINST REVALUATION		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 11,055.17	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 11,055.12	
Total February FICA		\$ 1,494.73	

Total February Benefits		\$ 8,174.06	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 2,438.86</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 34,217.94
FUND 23	AGAINST SOLID WASTE		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 3,460.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 3,460.80	
Total February FICA		\$ 521.02	
Total February Benefits		\$ 2,384.89	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 6,675.55</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 16,503.06
FUND 27	AGAINST NOXIOUS WEEDS		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 3,542.40	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 3,542.40	
Total February FICA		\$ 495.50	
Total February Benefits		\$ 2,279.05	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 2,803.17</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 12,662.52
FUND 04	AGAINST AMBULANCE		
Total February Bills		\$ 172,370.12	\$ 172,370.12
FUND 07	AGAINST COUNTY FAIR		
Total February Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 11	AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH		
Total February Bills		\$ 20,555.67	\$ 20,555.67
FUND 12	AGAINST HISTORICAL SOC. & MUSEUM		
Total February Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 17	AGAINST JR. COLLEGE TUITION		
Total February Bills		\$ 10,300.00	\$ 10,300.00
FUND 31	AGAINST PSF BOND REDEMPTION		
Total February Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 35	AGAINST NURSING HOME		
Total February Bills		\$ 208,343.14	\$ 208,343.14
FUND 37	AGAINST SNOWMOBILE		
Total February Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 38	AGAINST WATERWAYS		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ -	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ -	
Total February FICA		\$ -	
Total February Benefits		\$ -	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 366.60</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 366.60
FUND 46	AGAINST E-911 EMERGENCY COMM		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 9	\$ 4,372.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 16	\$ 5,657.10	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 23	\$ 1,756.80	
Total February FICA		\$ 856.52	
Total February Benefits		\$ 1,562.91	
Total February Bills		<u>\$ 4,817.70</u>	
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 19,023.83
FUND 51	AGAINST LAND WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY		
Total February Bills		\$ 7,030.00	\$ 7,030.00
FUND 81	AGAINST LIABILITY INSURANCE		
Total February Bills		\$ 3,747.56	\$ 3,747.56
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		<u>\$1,646,154.09</u>

Sheriff's Office – Gene Ramsey

- Submitted a draft Emergency Operations Plan to the BCC.
- Jail report: 56 in custody, 24 are Idaho Department of Corrections; 8 are Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) holds. No mental transports last week.
- Incident Command System ICS-Class 300 starts today
- Sheriff appreciated the BCC's willingness to stand behind their commitment to bring employees' salaries in line with commensurate payscale.

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- New legislation allows County to do traffic school. Court costs must be paid and payment posted.
- Deadline last week for declaration of candidacy for local and state seats.
- Both County Services employees resigned last week. Director's position has been posted internally.
- Clerk complimented Blaine County GIS department, which is ahead of most Idaho counties.
- Will attend Picabo Cemetery District meeting to swear in first two Board members. They can swear in the third Board member. Cemetery District will then be properly functioning district.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Selection process for new Emergency Communications Director is in process. Three candidates will be in town for introduction, further interviews and local tour of County offices and the area.
- Voss will make presentation to Blaine County Drug Coalition on strategic planning and future project planning.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Western Records Destruction Service Agreement**..... Record #595887
Voss said it was a straightforward agreement.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Destruction Service Agreement between Blaine County and Western Records. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

NACo report – Schoen

- Attended National Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference. Representatives of NACo national steering committees finalize resolutions to present to the Annual Conference. NACo policy is only changed at the Annual Conference. Attended Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee and Rural Action Steering Committee meetings.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development may have funds available for rural airport facilities. The BCC needs to approach the State Director of Rural Development.
- Discussion on federal regulations and a complaint that they were choking economic life in rural counties. NACo policy is to be sure federal legislation is clear on how federal funds are to be used so states don't misdirect the money.
- Transportation omnibus bill components:
 - Off-system bridge program pays for small rural County-owned bridges.
 - Secure Rural Schools funding passed this week.
- Attended education block on How Federal Land Use Decisions Affect Local Economies. Three County Commissioners discussed federal set-asides, coal mining, and the Roadless Rule in Idaho.
- Attended education block on Opportunities in Affordable Care Act to Strengthen the Local Health System. Federal legislators are concerned that non-profit health systems are acting like for-profits, and don't merit federal tax exemption. Non-profits are now required to conduct community needs health assessments and implementation strategies in rural counties. Indigent medical care is an issue in Blaine County, so non-profit St. Luke's Hospital must assist in addressing local needs or risk losing non-profit status. St. Luke's will have to cooperate with the regional Public Health office on mental health and indigent health issues; and Blaine County will have to be involved.
- Attended education block on Fracking. Number of wells is exploding all over the country, so far without big environmental problems. The EPA is in the process of a multi-year study released in 2014. There is no evidence yet that fracking affects ground water supplies.
- Attended education block on Federal Budget and Appropriations Process. Conversation between Republican House and Democratic Senate chief policy advisors and a budget office policy expert was disappointing. Congress is locked in a mindset that budget issues need to be resolved by voters. They expect the 2012 Election to settle the debate and resolve budget issues.

Wood River Wolf Project update – Schoen

- Attended series of meetings on Capitol Hill on behalf of the Wood River Wolf project. Lot of support for delisting wolves in Idaho. Federal funding authorized for wolf management assistance in Idaho is not yet being used for non-lethal deterrence, and some state wildlife management departments are ambivalent about non-lethal deterrence. The BCC's support of non-lethal deterrence is appreciated in Washington; and, with better communication and collaboration, Idaho could get more support and grant funding.

BLAINE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Operations Director Char Nelson, Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma; Blaine County Housing Authority Executive

Administrator David Patrie; and Mickey Garcia.

Land Use staff listed all Blaine County-owned properties. The BCC wants to develop a comprehensive policy for property disposition, acquisition and disposal. Individual properties will be prioritized and scored, with the highest score for properties that are useful for county government. There needs to be a definition of "public benefit". Graves said the County had flexibility in its options to dispose of properties, especially tax deed properties that are not sold at public auction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mickey Garcia said properties owned by the county should be traded or used for affordable housing.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **February 14, 2012 and March 6, 2012 Regular Tuesday Meetings**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 14 and March 6, 2012, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ST. LUKE'S WOOD RIVER MEDICAL CENTER CEO CODY LANGBEHN

Langbehn has operational and regional management experience in non-profit rural area hospitals and clinics, including a triple-access hospital that included a nursing home, assisted living and ambulance service. His personal focus is on wellness. St. Luke's is currently recruiting a psychiatrist and staff for outpatient mental health services.

SENIOR CARE OPTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Operations Director Char Nelson; Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia and Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski, Blaine Manor Board member Marsha Riemann, Blaine Manor representatives Linda Haavik and Lois Jean Heagle; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Executive Director Kathleen Eder; Campaign Chairman Anita McCann, CCRF representatives Greg Cappel, Lyman Drake, Jim McLaughlin, Patsy Nickum, and Kathryn Gardner; Blaine County Senior Connection representatives Dale Ewersen and Ed Siegel; St. Luke's Director of Community Relations Tanya Keim and Patient Care Quality and Safety Manager Suzanne Miller; BRP Health Management Services CFO Rob Deloach and COO Lewis Chandler; The Cottages representative Anita Northwood; Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee; Alan Stevenson; Pam Ritzau; Mickey Garcia; Linda Van Der Meulen; Paul Kenny; and Vonnie Olsen.

The BCC is reviewing senior care options. A public-private partnership could be the best option, but is the least understood.

The County transferred assets to St. Luke's in 1996, on an advisory vote, and intended to be out of the skilled nursing business. The BCC continued to support Blaine Manor; and pledged support to Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation, which intended to replace Blaine Manor with a free-standing skilled nursing facility. The BCC didn't intend to play an active governance role in CCR or continue funding it.

The BCC is committed to availability of senior/skilled nursing care and quality of skilled nursing care.

Schoen thinks that Blaine Manor could reduce expenses and increase revenue if it had to operate without the County's subsidy. McCleary did not agree that Blaine Manor was not operating efficiently.

Blaine County owns a facilities license to operate a nursing home. This license could be transferred to another operator that met Blaine County's high standards of quality care. Any new operator would need an operating history to get a license to receive government Medicaid and Medicare funding.

Bowman does not want County taxpayers to continue to support a nursing home.

The BCC's priorities:

- The BCC asked that "high quality" care in Guiding Principles be changed to "safe and compassionate care".
- Market options are preferred.
- Blaine County needs accessible skilled nursing care within the community.
- The BCC needs to gather information through a Request for Information (RFI) process. The BCC can then draft a Request for Proposals. The BCC set April 23 as a deadline for RFI proposals.
- Should the BCC consider a temporary levy for the November general ballot?
- Voss suggested the BCC hire a key advisor to lead them in the research and RFI/RFP process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Linda Haavik – Blaine Manor will contribute to the RFI process. The ultimate goal is to provide skilled nursing for all socio-economic groups and all ages in Blaine County.
- Dale Ewersen – Works in the insurance industry. Many insurance companies are exiting long-term care insurance. They've underestimated the cost and number of claims; and life expectancy is increasing. As the number of private-pay individuals decreases, Medicaid beds are going to

- increase. The Senior Connection home-care will be a more significant caregiver.
- Kathleen Eder – Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation has asked Greystone to rework the CCRF business plan to fit into the County's Request for Information process.
- Imperative to maintain national commitment to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other gap-filling government programs.
- Mickey Garcia – Common sense is that Blaine Manor has to remain open and viable until a new facility exists.
- Several citizens questioned motives of for-profits. The BCC must thoroughly review all for-profit proposals.
- Alan Stevenson agreed that an independent outside consultant is critical.
- Alan Stevenson, with 30 years of experience in healthcare, said Blaine Manor is *extremely* well run, and has received seven consecutive awards.

Voss will develop a business plan that can be converted to a Request for Qualifications.

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AMEND AGENDA

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(a) personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

Mountain Overlay District Map Amendment Refinements, continued

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, Senior Planner Kathy Grotto, Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley, Sheila Liermann representing the Animal Shelter; Tracy Dunlap representing Engl property; Len Harlig; Garth McClure representing Wells Fargo Bank; Crystal Thurston; David Hennessy representing Quigley Canyon; Julie Cord representing Gardner-Drashner property; Jim Phillips representing Deer Creek Ranch; Jo Lowe; Linda Haavik; and Deborah Vignes.

Cooley said no new notice was required. New materials have been given to the BCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sheila Liermann presented a revised map of the Animal Shelter, created by Bruce Smith, that shows the revised MOD boundary line around the upper end of the lot just purchased.
- Len Harlig exhorted the BCC to be consistent with the County's land use legislation. He cautioned the BCC to make no decision that would open the County and community to challenges to the MOD in the future.
- Garth McClure, representing Wells Fargo Bank, showed the BCC a map of Spring Canyon Ranch in Democrat Gulch, with some proposed revisions.
- Linda Haavik submitted topographic information on the Zell property that supports their proposed revisions to the boundary line.
- Linda Haavik asked the BCC to consider the text definition of the MOD, and the whole picture on the Gardner-Drashner property. The MOD shouldn't be considered a no-development zone, but any development should be regulated by overlays that address environmental concerns.
- Sheila Liermann said the Animal Shelter has no immediate plans to build in Warburg Gulch.

Proposed MOD boundary lines legend:

White line - existing MOD location

Yellow line - P&Z Commission recommended line

Red - Landowner's proposed alternative

Green - additional component that affects the MOD boundary line.

The BCC went through additional proposed MOD Map revisions.

The BCC set April 10 for a new public hearing on the Mountain Overlay District Map Amendment Refinements.

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

• Comprehensive Plan update

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, Senior Planner Kathy Grotto, and Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley.

Grotto proposed a revised schedule for the BCC to review the Comprehensive Plan update. The BCC suggested they be allowed to establish guiding principles for the different Comp Plan topics before the committees begin work on them.

• Silver Creek Stream Alteration discussion

Also present: Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley.

GeoEngineers is in the preliminary stages of working with the Nature Conservancy on a Stream Alteration project to reduce water temperatures on Silver Creek.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER / BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PLASTICS RECYCLING

Also present: Blaine County Operations (Recycle Center) Director Char Nelson, County Operations Administrative Assistant Lynn Ternes; Environmental Resource Center (ERC) Education Director Lisa Huttinger; and Hemingway Elementary School Technology Teacher Scott Slonim.

The ERC has been conducting a series of waste management workshops for grade school students. Hemingway Elementary 4th grade Technology class students use what they learn to create commercials. This year, the ERC suggested the commercials be used as Public Service Announcements in the Wood River Valley to educate the public . The PSAs will be shown at the Sun Valley Film Festival, for two months at Hailey’s Bigwood 4 Cinema, and potentially other venues. The ERC is requesting \$200 to place the commercials at Bigwood 4 Cinema. Credits will list everyone involved in the project. There is money in the Recycling budget. The final commercials will promote recycling of plastics 1-5.

The two rough cut PSAs were played for the BCC.

Schoen appreciated the students’ efforts but felt the ERC was moving ahead of the Recycling Advisory Committee. Bowman said there is benefit in encouraging kids to be lifelong participating members of the community.

McCleary and Bowman supported giving the ERC/Blaine County School \$200 for their Public Service Announcement on Plastics Recycling project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to go into Executive Session for Personnel, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(a), to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and to evaluate the respective qualities of individuals to fill the vacancy or need; and for Pending Litigation, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(f), to discuss with legal counsel the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Bowman (aye), Schoen (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:30 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary
County Clerk Chairman