

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

**Fifth Day**

**Monday, March 14, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**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: Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter, and Blaine County Assistant Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

- **Case #11-03-034**

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

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to deny Case #11-03-034, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.**

The FEMA program that provided County Services with a small annual grant to assist people with small non-medical emergencies has been dissolved.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS and DISCUSSION**

**Claims** – Schar Boyd (Chairman McCleary review)

Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Feb-2011**

<b>FUND 01</b>	<b>AGAINST GENERAL FUND</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	254,811.48
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	265,215.87
Total February FICA		\$	37,283.71
Total February Benefits		\$	152,504.50
Total February Bills		\$	<u>452,704.05</u>
Combined Total February Expense			\$1,162,519.61
<b>FUND 02</b>	<b>AGAINST ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	21,936.29
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	21,936.29
Total February FICA		\$	3,097.44
Total February Benefits		\$	14,073.46
Total February Bills		\$	<u>68,932.87</u>
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 129,976.35
<b>FUND 03</b>	<b>AGAINST ELECTION CONSOLIDATION</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	-
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	1,021.30
Total February FICA		\$	78.13
Total February Benefits		\$	106.11
Total February Bills		\$	<u>69.00</u>
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 1,274.54
<b>FUND 06</b>	<b>AGAINST DISTRICT COURT</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	1,892.31
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	1,892.31
Total February FICA		\$	264.86
Total February Benefits		\$	1,232.00
Total February Bills		\$	<u>5,972.26</u>
Combined Total February Expense			\$ 11,253.74
<b>FUND 16</b>	<b>AGAINST CHARITY &amp; INDIGENT</b>		

Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	3,453.89	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	3,453.89	
Total February FICA		\$	523.16	
Total February Benefits		\$	1,865.48	
Total February Bills		\$	<u>56,668.64</u>	
Combined Total February Expense				\$ 65,965.06
<b>FUND 20</b>	<b>AGAINST REVALUATION</b>			
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	12,420.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	12,420.81	
Total February FICA		\$	1,683.38	
Total February Benefits		\$	9,500.10	
Total February Bills		\$	<u>5,410.60</u>	
Combined Total February Expense				\$ 41,435.69
<b>FUND 23</b>	<b>AGAINST SOLID WASTE</b>			
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	3,149.60	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	3,149.60	
Total February FICA		\$	472.00	
Total February Benefits		\$	1,868.74	
Total February Bills		\$	<u>13,088.13</u>	
Combined Total February Expense				\$ 21,728.07
<b>FUND 27</b>	<b>AGAINST NOXIOUS WEEDS</b>			
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	3,507.56	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	3,507.56	
Total February FICA		\$	484.48	
Total February Benefits		\$	2,437.90	
Total February Bills		\$	<u>16,953.20</u>	
Combined Total February Expense				\$ 26,890.70
<b>FUND 04</b>	<b>AGAINST AMBULANCE</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	163,880.75	\$ 163,880.75
<b>FUND 07</b>	<b>AGAINST COUNTY FAIR</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	-	\$ -
<b>FUND 11</b>	<b>AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	21,859.00	\$ 21,859.00
<b>FUND 12</b>	<b>AGAINST HISTORICAL SOC. &amp; MUSEUM</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	-	\$ -
<b>FUND 17</b>	<b>AGAINST JR. COLLEGE TUITION</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	-	\$ -
<b>FUND 31</b>	<b>AGAINST PSF BOND REDEMPTION</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	-	\$ -
<b>FUND 35</b>	<b>AGAINST NURSING HOME</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	198,722.67	\$ 198,722.67
<b>FUND 37</b>	<b>AGAINST SNOWMOBILE</b>			
Total February Bills		\$	-	\$ -
<b>FUND 38</b>	<b>AGAINST WATERWAYS</b>			
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	-	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	-	
Total February FICA		\$	-	
Total February Benefits		\$	-	
Total February Bills		\$	<u>1,269.11</u>	
Combined Total February Expense				\$ 1,269.11
<b>FUND 46</b>	<b>AGAINST E-911 EMERGENCY COMM</b>			
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 10	\$	4,136.00	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries February 24	\$	4,136.00	
Total February FICA		\$	628.00	
Total February Benefits		\$	1,427.57	
Total February Bills		\$	<u>29,056.04</u>	
Combined Total February Expense				\$ 39,383.61

	<b>AGAINST LAND WATER &amp; WILDLIFE LEVY</b>		
<b>FUND 51</b>			
Total February Bills		\$ 2,660.00	\$ 2,660.00
<b>FUND 81</b>	<b>AGAINST LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>		
Total February Bills		\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b><u>\$1,888,818.90</u></b>

**Schoen moved to approve claims dated March 9, 2011, plus a late-submitted bill from Amsterdam for \$109. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Clerk’s Report** – JoLynn Drage

- The Chief Deputy County Clerk and County Elections Clerk recently attended training for consolidated elections.
- Attended recent National Association of Counties (NACo) conference, including workshops on the new ADA laws and healthcare.
- Attended recent National Association of County Recorders and Clerks (NACRC) conference.

**County Administrator** – Derek Voss

- Continue to work on and format project prioritization and liaison assignments.
- Will be reviewing applications for Human Resources position.
- State Probation and Parole will provide a probation officer to Blaine County on a weekly basis.
- County needs to provide private offices for both HR and State Probation officer; preferably in the Annex.

Department Reports continued below

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Blaine County Cooperative Weed Management Area 2011 Grant Award** ..... Record #585892

Also present: Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa, and Weed Department Outreach Coordinator Malia Leonard.

This grant didn’t include funding for controlled goat grazing on the bikepath. Weed Department is looking at other funding options.

Consent calendar continued below.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS and DISCUSSION, continued**

**Operations Director** – Char Nelson

- Attended Fire Chiefs and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting. Discussed questions about VHF and the 700MHz MOU.
- McKinstry is doing energy audits in County buildings.
- Sent out energy audit “comfort” surveys to County employees, and have received a number of responses.

**CONSENT CALENDAR, continued**

- **Award of 2011 Federal Fund Cost Share Funds** ..... Record #585892
- **Award of 2011 State General Fund Cost Share Funds** ..... Record #585891
- **ESRI Maintenance Quote for GIS Department** ..... Record #585889

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to adopt the Consent Calendar dated March 14, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Idaho Weed Conference Report** – Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa and Weed Department Outreach Coordinator Malia Leonard.

Topics of interest at the conference:

- The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) part of the Clean Water Act requires a permit to classify any kind of pesticide residue in and around water in the continental United States. Deployment of the NPDES permit requirement has been delayed until October. Staff will keep BCC updated.
- The Invasive Species Act is a mandate for the state, but not the counties’ responsibility.
- Draft legislation clarifies the County’s role in controlling weeds that are not classified as noxious.

**Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting** – Bowman

Five of six Blaine County projects were approved. Galena Summit lagoon removal was rejected.

### **Sustain Blaine Report – Bowman and Schoen**

Sustain Blaine is separating into two organizations:

- **Sustain Blaine Advisory Group** is comprised of representatives from different segments of the community, i.e., agriculture, education, etc. The Sustain Blaine Advisory Group discussed implementation of the Future Search process.
- Sun Valley Economic Development Corporation will be known locally as the **Sustain Blaine Board**

### **Fly Sun Valley Alliance Meeting – Schoen**

Should have regular BCC attendance at the Fly Sun Valley Alliance meetings.

### **National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference Report – Schoen**

- NACo developed a policy statement on the federal budget deficit. Ninety percent of the deficit is for entitlement programs plus military spending and social security obligations. Focusing cuts on domestic discretionary spending isn't going to solve the federal budget deficit; but the cuts do affect communities that have to pay for mandated programs, infrastructure, and assisting the disadvantaged.
- NACo Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee discussed the future of nuclear power. Blaine County is located in-between INL and a proposed nuclear power plant in Payette County. Schoen expressed concern over several unresolved issues related to storage of spent nuclear waste products.

### **Groundwater Measurement Informational Meeting – Schoen**

Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is hosting a meeting to discuss forming a groundwater measurement district. Schoen has proposed forming a local committee to address issues and implications of conjunctive administration.

### **Sun Valley Consolidated Emergency Communications – McCleary**

McCleary and Voss met with Sun Valley Mayor and Administrator to discuss Sun Valley's contract for consolidated emergency communications. Sun Valley does not agree with the County's funding formula, as recommended by the Partners Advisory Committee, and, to date, have not paid their share (\$115,000) for FY2011. All other partners have contracted with the County and are making payments. The County continues to provide Sun Valley with full emergency communications service. Sun Valley would like Blaine County to consider a FY2011 contract for \$85,000.

### **REGION IV DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Also present: Region IV Development/Business Lending Solutions President Joe Herring; and Blaine County Regional Planner Jeff Adams.

Region IV Development Association has five different loan programs for private businesses and non-profits. They are currently opening an office in Boise to open up new financing opportunities, which will provide more capital for local projects. Future community development and community action block grants may be largely cut or eliminated by Congress.

### **MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

#### • **Sheriff's Department**

Also present: Blaine County Sheriff Gene Ramsey, Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller, Jail Administrator Lt. Jay Davis, and Ketchum Police Chief Steve Harkins.

Department's major goal this year was training, within budget constraints. Additional projects underway in the department:

Sheriff's Office:

- Providing a new Drug Take-Back service to the community, in cooperation with the Community Drug Coalition. The Sheriff's office will take unused drugs and dispose of them.
- Civil Department is busy with a lot of federal foreclosures; and second and third party claims.
- Bellevue law enforcement has been a unique challenge. Sheriff will meet with the City of Bellevue to discuss contract and liability issues. Bellevue officers do marine and snowmobile patrol when not needed in town.
- Collaboration with Magic Valley Sheriffs Association to house their inmate overload has provided additional income, as planned when the facility was built.
- In preparing for next year's budget, Department will take a hard look at workforce stability, overall sustainability of the department, and fuel expense.

Detention Center:

- Additional staff at the Detention Center are being hired and trained, alleviating some staff concerns. Still working to control overtime, which has been caused by attrition and transports.
- Implementing a drug co-pay program for inmates.
- Jail revenues are ahead this year over last year.

City of Ketchum:

- No turnover. Great department teamwork.
- Increase in DUI enforcement and arrests. Officers do bar walk-throughs, and are visible throughout the night.
- Updated community policing programs. Officers are in the schools with canines, Police Field Days, Bicycle Rodeos, crosswalk safety, and community programs.
- Initiating business community outreach programs.

Office Administration:

- In preparation for a catastrophic event, working with staff, the IT department to be sure equipment is set up and working properly, and Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) tactics training.
- Looking for solution to the monitoring system, which is still glitchy.
- Hiring new staff, but with some difficulty.

**BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION, continued**

**National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference Report, continued – Schoen**

- NACo County Government Works program shows county governments how to better communicate with their constituency. Blaine County needs to improve communications ability.
- Rural Action Caucus reported that 44% of rural counties in the US lost population.
- National Association of State Budget Officers discussed Recession's budgetary effects on states. Idaho is about in the middle.
- BLM Order 3310 referring to federal designation of wild lands was controversial.

**La Alianza Multicultural Center Meeting – McCleary**

La Alianza currently has funding for two months, and has reduced office hours and staffing. Number of clients and programs has continued to increase. Board is focused on fund-raising. Schoen said he told Sustain Blaine that La Alianza was one way to meet their goal of supporting diversity.

**Health and Welfare Meeting – McCleary**

Discussed effects of closure of H&W's office in Blaine County last year. Community members shared their mental health and child protection concerns. It's questionable whether H&W is providing adequate services. Mental Health Task Force reported on how they hope to fill some of the gaps.

**APPROVAL OF BCC MEETING MINUTES**

- **March 8, 2011 Regular Tuesday Meeting**

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve March 8, 2011 Regular BCC Meeting minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPLACEMENT AIRPORT UPDATE**

- **Amended Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) concerning airport authority governance**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Friedman Memorial Airport Authority Attorney Barry Luboviski; Hailey City Attorney Ned Williamson and Hailey City Councilwoman Martha Burke; Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; and Dick Fenton.

Blaine County and City of Hailey share goals for the existing and replacement airports, but don't necessarily have the same priorities. The amended JPA directs the transfer of all assets to the Airport Authority, which will, in the future, direct decisions regarding closing the old airport and opening the new airport.

Schoen said the County represented the entire community. He didn't want to assign authority to another agency. The financial decisions, including associated risks and income, needed to be borne by the replacement airport governance representing the entire County.

Bowman said the JPA made it clear that Hailey wasn't interested in making any decision on the replacement airport. The JPA gives full responsibility for the replacement airport to the County.

Graves recommended the language be revised to allow the County Commissioners to make appointments to sit on the airport authority board in their place. Williamson reiterated that the BCC should have full responsibility for the replacement airport, including composition of the new airport board.

Other concerns:

- Existing MOUs still in effect after the JPA is signed.
- Language concerning the successor of the FMAA is probably not necessary.
- Conditions of termination of the JPA must be very clear.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dick Fenton said the FMAA would be null and void when the JPA is terminated. He questioned who the FAA would recognize as the legal sponsor at that time and who would be responsible for grant assurances.

