

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

**Sixth Day**

**Tuesday, March 15, 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; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Also present: Hailey Community Development Director Beth Robrahn.

Robrahn updated the BCC on the status of the Friedman Memorial Airport land master planning process. FMAA is funding the project. Four of the nine elements in the scope of work approved by the FAA are complete. Another public meeting will be scheduled for the consultants to present their recommended land use strategy, including implementation options and phasing.

Consultants are currently test marketing the existing airport site. They will facilitate development of the site, and marketing and brokering the land sale.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOLLOW-UP**

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) – McCleary**

The EECBG includes funding for education and creation of a coordinated community plan to address energy consumption. There's a non-profit company that writes this kind of plan and can do so as part of the community process. The Block Grant would pay the fee. McCleary would prefer to not use County staff time to write the plan.

The BCC expressed concern about creating a plan that the County may not have the money to implement. McCleary proposed using a portion of grant education money funding to pay for the community plan, and the rest to fund the Environmental Resource Center Energy Summit. McCleary will provide follow-up information at a future meeting.

**Meeting on the Formation of Ground Water Measurement District – Schoen**

There were about 70 attendees, including people from neighboring counties. The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) would like to form a groundwater measurement district, and convened this hearing as a necessary step to its formation.

Schoen will work in parallel with IDWR to form a committee to explore issues related to conjunctive administration and possibly draft recommendations for water rights administration by the Water Master. The proposed groundwater measuring district data will be very useful for conjunctive management of the two water sources.

**MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**County Prosecutor's Office**

Also present: Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas.

Prosecutor's budget is on track with current expenditures, with the exception of mental commitment holds, which, to date, are almost double. Some proposed designated exams may take longer, but save the County the charge for sending a detainee to a holding facility just to cool off. St. Luke's is trying to put together some kind of proactive protocol.

- Prosecutor's office is researching if Fifth District Judges would accept a teleconference designated exam (DE) with a senior designated examiner. The upfront cost is considerably more, but eliminates the need for a follow-up DE.
- BCC considered a temporary holding facility in Gooding, but the transport time is cost prohibitive.
- Civil case load is a challenge. Airport legal work is taking a lot of time. May need an additional deputy attorney. Might be advisable to send airport legal work to an airport expert.
- Criminal caseload is about the same, but cases are more complicated and time-intensive.
- Schools report child abuse is becoming epidemic, and request the Child Abuse Response Team be reinstated. Abuse includes general and educational neglect, as well as sex abuse. By code, Health and Welfare can be proactive with home visits; whereas the prosecutor's office can only react afterward.
- Need to consolidate prosecutor's office physical space. Current configuration in two buildings affects the County's statutory responsibility to provide client services.
- Expect to get an opinion on the motion for a new trial in the Sarah Johnson case.

- Thomas is co-hosting the National District Attorneys Association meeting in Sun Valley in July.
- Prosecutor's Office has addressed the increased need for interpreters by hiring a Spanish-speaking assistant, who is working toward certification as an in-court interpreter.
- Retaining good people goes with preparedness and merit increases.

**County Coroner Mid-Year Update**

Also present: Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel.

The morgue, coroner, and funeral home are currently all together, which is efficient and saves the County money, but the BCC needs to think about a different arrangement in the future. Mikel will provide an outline of the type of facility needed and estimated cost.

- Coroner now has a part-time assistant. Working through a backlog of paperwork.
- Current budget for lab work and outside autopsies is about right. Autopsies are expensive, and only ordered when County's liability is at risk.
- Concerned about the availability of supplies if a mass casualty situation happens. Contingency plans are in place through Health and Welfare and Homeland Security; and one mass casualty trailer, shared with five counties, is available. Could use a dedicated trailer in Blaine County in case access is cut off or more than one trailer is needed. Should have a plan for storage and transport of multiple casualties.

**BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

Also present: Linda Haavik.

Voss gave each Commissioner a list of the projects for which they are Project Manager or Liaison. Each Commissioner can review the list and decide how each project aligns with the BCC's overall priorities. Projects should be prioritized to align with the County's strategic objectives, health and safety overriding principles, and economic and environmental consideration. Each Project Manager needs to identify low-hanging fruit and older projects that can be fairly easily completed.

Senior Care Summit and Croy Canyon Ranch have economic consideration because seniors are the most-rapidly expanding portion of the population.

BCC liaisons are out in the community and open to new and better ideas that can provide value and vision to the strategic objectives. The Commissioners' vision for the BCC is to be trusted leaders leading and serving the community effectively and efficiently while fulfilling their statutory responsibilities.

**BREAK**

**BOARD REPORT**

**Greenwaste Composting and Meeting with Idaho Department of Lands** – Schoen  
Need to address concerns with the County's greenwaste composting contract with Wood River Recycling.

Schoen met with Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to discuss another composting entity's plan to establish a greenwaste composting facility on state land near Ohio Gulch. IDL's focus is to maximize revenue on state lands. While authorizing the lease for transfer of state lands, they provide no management oversight or environmental monitoring.

IDL has received a request for a new longer-range firing range.

**ORDINANCE 2011-02 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE AND BUILDSMART AMENDMENTS**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin and County Planner Shana Sweitzer.

Sweitzer reviewed minor revisions in the previously adopted Ordinance 2011-02.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to adopt Ordinance 2011-02. Motion carried unanimously. ....Record #586091**

**WERTHEIMER PARK SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Hailey City Attorney Ned Williamson; and Hailey Community Development Director Beth Robrahn.

Williamson submitted a letter and development agreement to BCC that clears up title issues. Streets and alleys have been vacated and the Blaine Manor property has been rezoned. Preliminary plat is done. Once the final plat is recorded, the parcels will be quitclaimed: Lot 1 to the school, Lot 2 to the rodeo grounds, and Lot 3 to Blaine Manor.

The purpose of the development agreement is to defer the required sidewalk, curb and gutter installation until future development of the property. Williamson will prepare and present a final development agreement for a future BCC meeting Consent Calendar.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 2:00 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary  
County Clerk Chairman