

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

First Day

Tuesday, March 1, 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; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Operations Director Char Nelson; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

SHERIFF SWEARING IN

Chairman Angenie McCleary welcomed and issued the oath of office to newly-appointed Blaine County Sheriff Gene Ramsey.

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 #11-03-030**
- **Case #11-03-031**
- **Case #11-03-032**
- **Case #11-03-039**

Present were: Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter and Assistant County Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

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

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #11-03-031, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #11-03-032, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #11-03-039, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Case #11-03-030 was considered later in the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS FOLLOW-UP

Environmental Resource Center - McCleary

Environmental Resource Center is going to host a policy-making Energy Summit, and looking for support from the County and cities. McCleary will follow up.

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee (BCRTC) – McCleary

BCRTC meetings are now first Thursday of the month at 8:30a.m. in the Old County Courthouse.

Behavioral Health Transformational Work Order – McCleary

The Governor signed the order to form a Behavioral Health Transformational Work Group. McCleary will represent the Idaho Association of Counties in the group.

Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Priorities – Bowman

Voss prepared a list of Commissioner-chosen RAC Priorities. Bowman will take the list to the RAC meeting.

Board Reports Follow-ups continued later in the meeting

OUTCOME-BASED BUDGETING STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Also present: Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace, Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Emergency Communications Director Beth English, GIS Program Manager Joel Hall, Blaine County Treasurer Vicki Dick, Welfare Director Wilma Colter, and Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal.

Voss complimented the BCC on its willingness and ability to understand and start the strategic planning outcome-based budgeting concepts. Each department will now work with the BCC in evaluating

performance measures for their departments. The BCC will constantly evaluate its strategic objectives, and update its fiscal priorities annually.

Each department's mission is different. The Human Resources person, once hired, will work with departments on goals and tactics to make sure their goals are aligned to the County's interests.

The five strategic objectives are:

- Fiscal Management
- Corporate function and culture
- Execution of Statutory Obligations and delivery of Services
- Public Policy
- Performance Standards and Measurements

Shared values are:

- Trust. Every single employee is in a trusted leadership position serving the community effectively and efficiently. It's a team approach and feedback loop. The policy-makers have to do their part to be sure every employee believes in the vision and values, and understands the role they play and the work they do. Teamwork must also be an intradepartmental priority.
- Openness. Transparency.
- Community – Blaine County is here to serve the community.
- Diversity of thought and background – The group is greater than individual.
- Inspiration.
- Innovation – Offer new ways of doing things. Improve the perception of government and government workers.
- Service
- Knowledge

Department heads added the shared value of Integrity. Espedal said her department also espoused "hope". If they didn't believe people could change, they were wasting their time.

The BCC will individually review the strategic objectives and priorities from a fiscal priority perspective.

BOARD REPORTS FOLLOW UP, continued

Blaine County-Hailey Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the replacement airport.

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Hailey City Attorney Ned Williamson; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Williamson said the Hailey Council considered the JPA at their recent Council meeting. BCC expressed concern that there may be overlap between Hailey's joint responsibility for the existing airport and the County's total responsibility for the replacement airport.

Schoen said decisions would have to be made very soon, and the JPA had to be in place. Williamson will send a redline draft to the BCC.

Ohio Gulch Composting Operation

Also present: *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and KECH Radio reporter Sue Bailey.

Schoen shared serious concerns about the proposed contract for the composting operation planned for Ohio Gulch. He will distribute copies of the contract.

Schoen asked Blaine County Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma to research a private company that is apparently seeking to lease state land nearby for another composting operation.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- **February 22, 2011 Regular Tuesday Meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Blaine County Board of Commissioners minutes of February 22, 2011, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL BLAINE COUNTY ENERGY AUDIT UPDATE and 4-DAY SERVICE MODEL DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION – Blaine County BE³ST Committee

Also present: Blaine County Operations Director Char Nelson and County Planner Shana Sweitzer.

The BE³ST Committee was charged with looking at ways to save energy within the county government. Their recommendation a year ago was to go to a four-day workweek, and be open to serve the public for four 10-hour days. The BCC would evaluate the service model after a year, to see if it has lowered energy costs for the County, and evaluate how it is affecting the community and staff.

Nelson said the four-day service model had saved the County significant energy expense. A very high percentage of County employees expressed strong support for the four-day workweek.

McCleary said one element of the community had expressed dissatisfaction with the four-day service model. However, most of the public had more hours of accessibility, and happy employees would provide better customer service. She favored a decision for the four-day service model.

Bowman said one BCC strategic goal was to optimize public accessibility to County services and information, and one group was displeased with accessibility. He suggested looking for some hard data that indicated the economic effect on their businesses.

Schoen said the four-day service model was saving Blaine County a significant amount of money in energy consumption; and also saving its individual employees a significant amount of money in commuting expense. He agreed that the BCC should see if there are real negative economic consequences to the four-day service model. The BCC asked the media to publicize an invitation for public comment to the four-day service model. Also, the County could research making specific accommodations.

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OPEN SESSION RESUMED

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BREAK

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Indian Creek Mountain Overlay District (MOD) Subdivision Exemption**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley; Indian Creek Ranch Owners Association representative John Seiller.

Cooley gave the BCC a new proposed draft of the Amended Restated Agreement. Cooley went through the changes with the BCC.

John Seiller said the newly revised Design Review Manual incorporated all the County standards to meet the subdivision exclusion of the Mountain Overlay District (MOD), which would be attached as an exhibit to the Amended Restated Agreement. The BCC said this supports the intent of the original agreement.

Bowman said his work with the MOD showed a lot of Indian Creek lots were in the MOD and shouldn't be, and a few that were out and should be in. Seiller will work with the County as changes to the MOD in the Indian Creek area may be proposed.

- **BuildSmart Education and Outreach**

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

LU&BS will be hosting various public and professional outreach events to educate the community on the newly adopted International Energy Conservation Code and BuildSmart amendments. Looking for a certified trainer to teach HERS certification for anyone who wants to be certified or just get the training.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN – Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner

Also present: Blaine County Sheriff Gene Ramsey, Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller, GIS Program Manager Joel Hall; Operations Director Char Nelson, Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; and Hailey Councilwoman Carol Brown.

The Blaine County Emergency Operations Planning Manual needs to reflect practice ... how the County would respond to an incident and set up incident command. The manual needs to be clear on:

- Who is overall in charge, and an organizational chart.
- Criteria for and responsible person to set up an emergency operations center, and staffing it.
- Sample of how an incident might unfold, including an illustration of how emergency command response would be initiated.
- Common sense criteria for contacting County Commissioners.
- Involvement of other agencies: the State Police, FBI, etc.
- Concern about when an emergency response agency's budget is exceeded. There are new cost

- recovery processes.
- GIS involvement in emergency response. GIS has information on hydrants, bridges, shelters, schools, fire and police stations, etc.
- Coordination of all activities.

Carol Brown and Turner recently attended a Red Cross class on shelter training. Volunteers are currently looking for big and small emergency shelter locations. The BCC and attendees reviewed the latest revisions to the Organizational Chart and text related to emergency operation center activation. Schoen will continue to work with Turner and staff for approval.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - §67-2345 1(a) Personnel - P&Z Commissioner Interviews

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(a) Personnel, to interview candidates and evaluate the respective qualities of individuals in order to fill a P&Z Commission seat. Bowman (aye), Schoen (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:07 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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