

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCH 2015 SESSION**

First Day

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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Also present: Wood River High School W.A.T.E.R. Club members Hallie MacPherson and Amy Cantrell.

The high school's environmental club initiated a BAN THE BOTTLE project to educate the community on the harmful effects of plastic water bottles. Students hope to reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles by promoting reusable bottles. To support their project, students are selling reusable water bottles and handmade Pura Vida bracelets to raise money to fund the purchase of three Elkay Hydration Stations, where people can get a drink and refill their water bottles. Students have already raised \$1,000. The School Administration will match the funds they raise.

On Earth Day, April 22, the W.A.T.E.R. Club will show the documentary *For Love of Water* at the Community Campus auditorium, accompanied by a raffle and silent auction.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - I.C. 63-105A (7)

There were no BOE issues this meeting.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Operations Director

- Operations Director Char Nelson sent an update email to the BCC last night.

County Administrator - Derek Voss

- Received letter from Safe Haven that patients are out of building and Safe Haven plans to be entirely out of the building by no later than March 16.
- Staff will publish a Request for Proposals for an appraisal on the County-owned former Blaine Manor property.
- Piper Jaffray is evaluating refinancing the Public Safety Facility bond at today's lower interest rates. Piper Jaffray has offered one alternative option that would accelerate payment for even greater savings. Commissioner Schoen volunteered to be project manager.

Emergency Communications Update

Also present: Blaine County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers and CAD Administrator Chris Corwin.

- Blaine County Emergency Communications applied for and received a grant through Homeland Security to purchase a battery back-up unit for the repeater site.
- Public Safety Steering Committee update: Commissioner Greenberg, Corwin and Stellers have been attending meetings regarding the future of Next Generation 911. Greenberg and Corwin now sit on the Idaho Emergency Communications working group and Stellers sits on the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) Steering Committee. The two groups are working in parallel to address public safety answering points, dispatch, operations, interoperable communications and data.

In January, four subcommittees formed to focus on operations, technology, finance and governance. Corwin sits on the Technology Committee, Greenberg on the Finance Committee, and Stellers on Governance Committee. Subcommittees met in February.

Idaho Statutes covering the Emergency Communications Act and Statewide Communications Interoperability should probably be revised. The current 911 funding structure should remain the same, with the inclusion of dedicated funds for seamless communications between the four areas of operations.

Corwin said the push is to get all counties contributing to the 25¢ fund to help fund statewide NextGen IT-based network system. Five counties, including Blaine County, currently don't participate in the fund. Greenberg now chairs the NextGen Finance Committee. He agrees that funding can probably best be accomplished with the 25¢ grant fund.

CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER OFFICE HOURS, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: County Assessor Valdi Pace and Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; Blaine County Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; D.L. Evans Bank representative Mila Schlatter; Citywide Home Loans representative Maggie Howard; Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; Realtors Devra Mary, Anne Zauner, Heidi Baldwin, Brian Bourgette, Suzanne Walsh, Karin Horvath, Robin Christensen, Terry Palmer, Garry Pearson, Stella Gray, Åsa Chandler, Sonja Huntsman, Jed Gray, Damon Drougas, Bob Dittmer, Graydon Burnett, Penny Leopold, Sara Gorham, Dan Gorham, Lauri Maher, Jeannie Kiel, Leisa Brait, Suzanne Williams, Shelly Shoemaker, Caron Shay, Jeffrey Pfaeffle, Annie Kaiser, Karon Provonsha, Sue Radford, Gail Wilson Norgren, Karen Jackett, Rae DeVito, Sandra Caulkins, Rob Cronin, Janine Bear, Nancy Gilbert, Jane Burke, Stephanie Reed, Amanda Ornelas, Julie Hurst, Nathan Fierman, Kevin Laird, Margaret Sundholm, Jeffrey Davis, Cynthia McCoy, Monica Hebert, Shannon Flavin, Pam Rheinschild, Rob Struthers, Tom Drougas, Sheila Summers, Stephanie Bryelle, and Ned Burns; Pioneer Title Company representative Elizabeth Zellers; Blaine County Title representative Daryl Fauth; Sun Valley Title representatives Rick Davis and Ali Warner; Amerititle representatives Josh Fields, Paige McAllister, and Debra Vadaluc; Sun Valley Economic Development (SVED) Executive Director Harry Griffith and Membership Director Doug Brown; Cindi Anderson; Sarah Michael; and KMVT reporter Desiree Faun.

Chairman Greenberg said Blaine County title companies, realtors, and contractors are unhappy that County offices, which have operated on a four-day work week since 2009, are closed most Fridays. The BCC was awaiting a five-year anniversary comprehensive report on the financial and environmental benefits of County buildings being closed one day a week; but in the meantime, the BCC expressed concern about Blaine County providing the level of service required by its constituents. Real estate-related companies are an integral part of Blaine County's economy and feel they are underserved by the County Recorder's office.

State Statute 31-2009 requires County Commissioners to keep County offices "... open for the transaction of business on such days and during such hours as the Board of County Commissioners may prescribe."

McCleary and Schoen were surprised to see hours of only one department on today's agenda.

McCleary supported the 4-10 service model when it was initiated in 2009. She realizes the County's job is to serve the public and there is clearly a public group that is not satisfied with the County Recorder's hours. McCleary would consider having the Recorder's office open some hours on Friday, but needs more information.

Schoen said vehicle emissions and building HVAC-related energy consumption are the two leading causes of greenhouse gases in the world. At a time when the country was becoming increasingly concerned about energy issues and climate change, Blaine County government wanted to show leadership on climate protection. But government is a service organization. The County's policy impacts certain industries; and individuals do come to County offices on Fridays to get driver's and automobile licenses. Schoen said the evidence is clear that Blaine County has saved energy and money, and returning to a five-day work week will have budgetary impacts. Staff is currently compiling a report on energy, utility savings and carbon footprint of the four-day work week; and Schoen would prefer to make a policy decision when facts and impacts are available. He said he would consider changing hours during the busy summer season; but thinks all County departments should have consistent hours.

Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace said she too was surprised to see one department on the agenda. Different department office hours would be too confusing for the public; being open on Fridays after a holiday is confusing enough.

Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos said the public is now accustomed to the four-day week. People have told staff that the 8:00 to 6:00 hours make it convenient for them to do business after work and school. She asked what public notice would be given to make the public aware of different hours and which department would bear the cost. Londos asked if title companies and real estate offices have shown proof that they've actually lost business. She suggested that keeping the Clerk's office open five days a week would incur expense at the request of for-profit companies and not the general public.

Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss is currently working on two major projects: a broad four-day work week discussion based on energy savings, and a discussion of overall organizational effectiveness and efficiency in anticipation of FY2016 budget meetings. The BCC has authority to establish office hours; the Clerk must determine how to provide adequate staffing to meet those hours. Voss said Blaine County's FY2015 budget has been set; and recommended that any decisions with budget impacts be postponed until FY2016. The entire County organization must work collaboratively to ensure that all community needs are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sun Valley Board of Realtors President Jed Gray said the money the County saves is passed off onto the real estate consumer. Real estate transactions involve many things and people don't time their closing date to the County's open office days. If someone locks a loan at a favorable interest rate and can't close at that time, they'll pay more and likely get a higher interest rate. Gray said lower income people have the least amount of flexibility and are affected the most. Gray said he hears complaints all the time regarding the inability to get a building permit, etc. The County's four-day week greatly affects the overall economy.
- Cindi Anderson just moved to Blaine County. She purchased a home at auction and was scheduled to close on a day the County was closed. She couldn't get an extension, lost the loan and had to find cash. She now cannot get a refinance loan. The ordeal has cost her \$5,000 and is not over yet.
- Sarah Michael said many cities that had gone to a four-day week have reverted to a five-day week because of customer service. She agreed that hours should be consistent in all departments. Michael suggested the County use its reserve to fund being open five days a week.
- Linda Zellers said new HUD regulations in effect this fall stipulate that any change requires the process to halt for 72 hours before resuming.
- Nathan Fierman said Blaine County is out of sync with normal business in the community, which is on a five-day work week. He said it had been incredibly frustrating the last couple weeks to work with the Building Department, which is only open four days a week.
- Robin Christiansen said all department offices should be open five days a week. Realtors schedule closing dates for Thursday; but lenders across the country are unaware that transactions cannot close on Friday in Blaine County.
- Sara Gorham said being closed on Friday actually created more greenhouse gases. Her daughter was home from college and had to go to Twin Falls to get her driver's license because County offices were closed. Twin Falls County staff told her they got a lot of business on Friday because Blaine County was closed.
- Darryl Fauth said the County implemented electronic recording several years ago, which saved four title companies from having to make two or three car trips a day to record documents.
- Kevin Laird asked if County staff got paid for forty hours (four 10s), including lunch. Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage said employees work staggered hours, and most work 35 hours. Employees are paid for the hours they work and not for their lunch breaks.
- Allison Warner said lenders all over the country will have to adhere to new regulations based on a strict five-day Monday-to-Friday timeframe in the near future. A single transaction requires several companies working together. FHA transactions, frequently for lower-income clients, require interest for the whole month be paid on the first day of the month, so a transaction that doesn't close by the end of the month requires interest be paid for the whole next month.
- Anne Zauner said real estate agents represent their clients, who are impacted by the County's four-day work week.
- Doug Brown said Wood River Economic Development members asked WREP to request a return to the five-day work week back in 2009 and 2010. WREP members are now part of SVED and are still requesting a five-day work week.

Greenberg said County offices should be open for at least a period of time on Fridays in FY2015, but he had to see if funding was available. McCleary would consider a temporary solution of having the Recorder's office open on Friday, but wanted to review the financial impacts before making a recommendation. She didn't necessarily support moving all departments to a five-day service model. Schoen did not favor piecemealing department hours, and would prefer to wait for the full discussion of benefits and impacts in April. Voss reiterated that opening County offices on Friday would have FY2015 budgetary impacts. Most of the contingency fund has been used for other items, including the Courthouse new roof. Voss suggested the BCC review the impacts, then schedule a time for implementation.

Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby estimated the total annual energy savings of the Courthouse, Annex and McBride buildings being closed on Fridays was under \$3,400, and didn't think utility budgetary concerns should have any impact on the BCC's decision. Schoen questioned Crosby's analysis results. He suggested they all wait for the comprehensive analysis planned for April. Crosby said the last greenhouse gas analysis given to the BCC was so severely lacking that it was unusable. He asked that the upcoming analysis give the true impact of being closed on Friday. Crosby suggested that employees who commute to work on Fridays were driving other places on Friday and doing other things with a greenhouse gas impact, which perhaps had a more serious carbon impact.

Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage will provide the BCC with a budget analysis once the BCC decides when, and what days and hours they want the Recorder's office, or all County offices, to be open.

Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace said County departments need to be open consistent hours. DMV must be open at 8:00 am. She suggested Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 5:00.

BLAINE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County GIS Analyst Chris Corwin; County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton; County Public Information Officer Bronwyn Nickel; Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; Sun Valley Economic Development Membership Director Doug Brown; Road and Bridge Levy citizens committee members Jed Gray; Len Harlig, Sarah Michael, and Kathryn Goldman.

The Hailey City Council voted to give the County a letter of support for the County's Road and Bridge levy. Hailey's revenue from the levy will meet part of their infrastructure needs.

The City of Ketchum will give the County a letter of support, on the condition that Warm Springs Road is prioritized by the County. Warm Springs Road is a Forest Service Road that the County maintains through a contract with the U.S. Forest Service. Blaine County contributed \$160,000 in maintenance projects in 2013.

Road and Bridge Survey Questions

The BCC hopes the survey will determine public familiarity and opinion on Road and Bridge needs and services that the public values:

- The BCC removed the first three general "introductory" questions.
- Citizens should be aware of what roads are the responsibility of city, county or state ITD.
- If people think roads are currently in good condition, they will likely not vote for the levy.
- Most residents are probably not aware that Blaine County is responsible for 54 bridges. Most people know that bridges nationwide are not in great condition and are a safety concern.
- Inform residents that property taxes are not currently used for roads and bridges. Every dollar spent today will save multiple dollars in the future.
- How much money is the respondent willing to consider to cover a budget shortfall for County roads and bridges? How much revenue will result from a \$20/\$100,000 property valuation? How much is necessary to maintain Blaine County roads and bridges in current condition?
- Should the levy be in May or November? Many residents are not in town in May. What will the Legislature do with a proposed gas tax or transportation-related funding this year?
- Should the County's levy include funding that goes to cities for city roads?
- Would the respondent be more or less likely to support the levy with bicycle/pedestrian safety and infrastructure improvements?
- Are County roads important to tourism?

SAFE HAVEN LEASE AGREEMENT, Discussion

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton; Safe Haven Healthcare CEO Scott Burpee; Safe Haven of Bellevue employees Orlanda Cabrito and Trisha Huston; Owen Downard; Carol Shanahan; Maureen Schwendener; Carol Taglio; Hailey Chamber of Commerce Board member Sheri Thomas; Hailey Cemetery Board representatives Teddie Daley, Marsha Riemann, and Ray Grosvenor; Linda Van Der Meulen; Anne Jeffery; Sharon Grosvenor; Gerhardt Morrison; Al Stevenson; Vicki Smith; Paul Smith; Kathleen Eder; Linda Haavik; Blaine County Citizens for Stellar Eldercare founder Pamela Plowman; Sandra Christiansen; Shae Taglio, Sara and Miner Harkness; Betsy Stoll; Marc Longley; Dr. Al and Brenda Hackel; Aretta Cordoon; Christine McCleay; Deb Ferguson; Phil Hardy; Barb Patterson; Bellevue Development Services Director Craig Eckles; and Vicki Smith.

The primary reason for today's meeting is to discuss the level of care that Safe Haven agreed to in the Transition and Lease Agreement. The BCC received numerous public comments about an incident that occurred last fall at Safe Haven Home of Bellevue, an existing assisted living facility run by Safe Haven, which is separate from Bell Mountain and not covered by the Agreement. Bell Mountain Village has been open only four days and is not in violation of terms in the Agreement related to care.

The BCC decided at its last meeting to invoice Safe Haven for \$30,000 for December-January-February rent.

Bell Mountain Move Update

Greenberg said he had visited Safe Haven at Blaine Manor and continued to stay involved with Safe Haven as it transitioned patients from Blaine Manor to the new Bell Mountain facility. Commissioner Greenberg and his son helped Safe Haven move patients from the Blaine Manor building to the new Bell Mountain facility.

Greenberg visited Bell Mountain residents that he personally knows; along with his friend Dr. Al Hackel. The facility is nice and new, and residents seem to be pleased.

Safe Haven Healthcare CEO Scott Burpee said he was pleased with the move. Burpee was on the phone with Health and Welfare during the move, and two ombudsmen from the Idaho Commission on Aging were present to observe. Bell Mountain residents all have their own private carpeted room and private bath. Each building has an exercise pool and whirlpool tub. Each building has an accessible courtyard with secure access.

Safe Haven's Bell Mountain facility saves Blaine County an annual taxpayer subsidy of approximately \$750,000. When the facility is completed in a month or two, it will have double the employment of the old Blaine Manor. Safe Haven donated one acre of land for a park and Bellevue infrastructure.

Safe Haven of Bellevue

There were some unfortunate problems with the Safe Haven of Bellevue assisted living home last fall, but that facility seems to be running well now. Burpee said the two current big issues are regarding Bingo and when is the puppy coming back.

Transition and Lease Agreement

McCleary wanted to discuss the service level of care at Bell Mountain, particularly since numerous public comments had been received after the recent newspaper article on Safe Haven of Bellevue. The most recent Health and Welfare survey on Bell Mountain has just come out. The survey noted some substantiated complaints, but none warranted an immediate jeopardy tag, which would trigger 4.4 of the Blaine County and Safe Haven Lease Agreement. McCleary didn't support the BCC's decision to choose Safe Haven as the County's provider of skilled nursing care because she didn't think their level of care met Blaine County's standards; and she didn't think the level of skilled nursing care stipulated in Safe Haven's Transition and Lease Agreement was high enough.

The Transition and Lease Agreement required Safe Haven to build a facility, which they did. The facility is outstanding. The residents inside are clean, fed and well cared for. Greenberg has spoken with residents who tell him they are comfortable and happy. He encouraged the community to visit and interact with Bell Mountain residents in positive ways to ensure Bell Mountain's success. The State has to continue its due diligence. Safe Haven has an open door policy and anyone can call the administrator and visit the facility.

Schoen said while he shares concerns about level of care and service in the new facility, the goal now is a successful skilled nursing facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Pamela Plowman is a retired nurse and midwife who became concerned about senior care after the recent newspaper article on Safe Haven of Bellevue. She is forming a community advocacy group called Blaine County Citizens for Stellar Eldercare. Plowman said Bell Mountain is under intense scrutiny right now and will look great, but she is concerned about the future, since Health and Welfare doesn't seem to be up to its responsibility for oversight.
- Al Stevenson said a nursing home facility is sort of important, but bedside care is what's most important. He asked the Commissioners to take some responsibility for oversight.
- Dr. Al Hackel said the new Bell Mountain facility is beautiful, but agreed that bedside care is most important. He said the new administrator appears to be good, but there needs to be independent oversight.
- Linda Haavik read the recent Health and Welfare survey. She said the deficiencies found were serious and did not represent quality of care expected in this community. Haavik said there was a complaint about a violent resident, and asked if psychiatric patients were being brought to Bell Mountain Village. She suggested that hiring and training were not adequate, especially for psychiatric patients.
- Kathleen Eder acknowledged that Safe Haven has paid rent for October-November. She asked that Safe Haven's December-January-February rent payments be made public record.
- Sheri Thomas said there is a lot of negativity in the newspaper. Thomas said the Bell Mountain facility is needed and seems to be good, but paying quality caregivers well enough for them to live here is expensive. A lot of her tax money goes to the schools, and she wouldn't mind paying a tax for the elderly.
- Maureen Schlendener's dad is at Bell Mountain. She is concerned that the St. Luke's doctor on call for Bell Mountain patients is not happy with his job. On two separate occasions, he has cursed at staff when they've called about her dad during non-regular hours. Residents need a doctor who can be gracious when they need his medical help.
- Barb Patterson said her family has been in Blaine County since the 1870s. Her grandmother and dad were residents at Blaine Manor, and her mom has been a resident of Bell Mountain Village for a year. Patterson has experienced care facilities and rehab for 12 years, and is glad that everyone has high expectations and wants oversight. Her mom has received loving, excellent care and she has no complaints. But there's always a few bad apples, and the newspaper article capitalized on that. Patterson said she was appalled that the community accepts the information in the local newspaper as fact. She asked people to stop looking to put a wedge in the community. She said she'd never been in a facility where someone could call the CEO; but Scott Burpee made his personal business cards available to anyone. Patterson added that workers in the Safe Haven of Bellevue facility were under attack everywhere they went.

- Miner Harkness said he'd been in rehab for eight months in four different locations over the last 28 years. He expected to be in rehab again in the near future, and visited the new Bell Mountain Village facility. He said the outside looked great, but was concerned that Safe Haven of Bellevue's CEO Scott Burpee lost control of that location.
- Gerhardt Morrison asked Mr. Burpee to tell him what he planned to do differently at Bell Mountain Village to stay in touch with his employees and patients to be sure this didn't happen again; and asked the Commissioners to find some way to stay on top of level of care stipulated in the Agreement with Safe Haven.
- Safe Haven of Bellevue House Manager Orlanda Cabrido said she and her staff work hard every day. They hold their heads up high, and they hold Safe Haven up high. Her focus is her residents, and they get excellent care. She hasn't seen anyone from the community visit their facility, but staff get bashed in public as a result of the newspaper article. She would have liked to see the newspaper article at the right time when the problem occurred and directed toward the right people.
- Bellevue Councilwoman Lisa Phillips read letters from two people who have family members at Safe Haven of Bellevue: Gus Pantazes has a sister and niece in the facility who "are very pleased with their accommodations." The facility is always neat and clean, the staff are conscientious ... lunches are very good." Pantazes said "things ... in the article in the Mountain Express are just not the case ... have not been my personal experience over the years ..."
A letter from Helen Bonner said she visits her 72-year-old brother every other day. He has been living at Safe Haven for almost a year and a half. His speech and coordination are impaired and he needs assistance with many of his daily needs. She complained last summer about the quality of the food, but said the residents were not starving and going without meals.
- Bellevue Planning Director Craig Eckles said Safe Haven had paid all their impact and permit fees in advance. Bellevue is still holding money for streets.
Eckles has a family member in Safe Haven in Burley who loves being there. His mother was at Safe Haven in Wendell, but her excellent care and rehab enabled her to return home. Eckles teaches at three facilities, and hears what people say. He supports advocacy, particularly for residents who don't have visiting family and friends, and encouraged community members to visit residents at facilities and then talk to staff about concerns.
- Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee welcomed community involvement. He explained that Safe Haven is a residence and residents have a right to privacy. Bell Mountain Village's Open House had to be held before residents moved in to protect their privacy. He asked visitors to check in before wandering through the facility.

BREAK

Commissioner McCleary was not present for the afternoon session until 1:43 p.m.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration

- **iWorQ Contract for Services** Record #624981

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

This is a renewal agreement for infrastructure data and road construction tracking software used by Road and Bridge. Bergin said other departments were interested in accessing iWorQ, but hadn't been able to do so. Voss said iWorQ was working to bridge the gap.

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve contract between Blaine County and IworQ contract for database services and support in the amount of \$2,408, and authorize Chairman to sign on behalf of Blaine County. Motion carried 2/0.

- **CodeRed Services Agreement** Record #625545

Also present: Blaine County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers.

Blaine County contracted with FirstCall emergency notification system last year. FirstCall was subsequently acquired by Emergency Communications Network, which provides a high speed mass communication system named CodeRed.

Commissioner McCleary arrived at this time.

Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon has reviewed the contract.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract between Blaine County and CodeRed Services for service to provide emergency notification system in the amount of \$5,500. Schoen abstained. Motion carried 2/0.

PROCLAMATION 2015-01 PROCLAIMING MARCH 4 AS IDAHO DAY

Staff was unable to procure the Governor's Proclamation and draft a proclamation for Blaine County.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Comprehensive Plan Introduction Chapter**, CONTINUED.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee member Leonard Harlig.

The first hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Introduction chapter was on February 10. That meeting was continued to today. Notice of this hearing is on the agenda.

The Introduction has been separated into two sections. The Introduction will include the vision, terms and definitions, guiding principles and history timeline. The Community Profile section discusses with population, employment and a County build-out study.

Grotto reviewed Introduction edits with the BCC.

Grotto encouraged the BCC to pass resolutions adopting the Introduction and Community Profile sections so they can form the basis for any subsequent legislation. Sections can be revised as the comp plan progresses; except the Land Use Map, which can only be updated once every six months.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to continue discussion and consideration of Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Introduction and Community Profile sections to March 10, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Harlig said the split introduction section made sense. State Code directs the subjects of comp plan chapters, but the Steering Committee can consider splitting other chapters if appropriate.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration

- **Ordinance 2015-02 County-Initiated Text Amendment to Title 9, Ch. 21, Mountain Overlay District, 9-21-4 and 5 Record #625083 and Findings of Fact**

Schoen suggested revisions to Ordinance 2015-02, which McCleary supported. The ordinance will be reconsidered at next week's meeting.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to reconsider Blaine County Ordinance 2015-02, an Ordinance of Blaine County amending Title 9 Chapter 21 Site Alteration Permit Procedure, by changing #7 under Section 9.21-5 D #7 to add clarification language suggested by Commissioner Schoen in today's hearing. Schoen abstained. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Findings of Fact: Timber Gulch Subdivision Short Plat**
McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision regarding application of Harry S. Rinker to subdivide 800.63 acres into one buildable lot and one parcel to be called Timber Gulch Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY PROJECT

- **Levy Advisory Board Vacancy**
Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board (LAB) President Ben Sinnamon and member Jim Phillips, and LAB Coordinator Clare Swanger.

The LAB advertised for applicants and received six applications, two after the deadline. Several applicants had other commitments that prohibited them from being active on the LAB. The LAB recommended Allison Marks. The BCC will interview Ms. Marks in a future executive session.

- **Project Initiation Policy**
Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board (LAB) President Ben Sinnamon and member Jim Phillips, and LAB Coordinator Clare Swanger.

The LAB approved Considerations for Initiating Projects in 2013 and revised it in January 2015. The non-government agencies—The Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, etc.—oversee projects after BCC approval to be sure all requirements are met. Greenberg asked if any LWW funds would be needed for ongoing maintenance and oversight. Swanger said that would be part of the discussion for individual projects. Sinnamon said the LAB looks for that kind of thing, especially projects in perpetuity. Phillips said a proposed project with that kind of concern may not be approved.

McCleary said the County could initiate a LWW project that would be taken over by another entity in perpetuity. Swanger said the County's role in that event would be to make sure follow-up reports were received and reviewed as agreed. A Perpetual Conservation Easement is often contracted out, but there are financial and staff resource implications if there's a violation. The BCC suggested criteria 4 addressed post-completion monitoring and compliance.

An additional project criteria will be added: Will the project have lasting conservation outcomes, in alignment with current program materials.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the policy for the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Project called Considerations for Initiating Projects, a policy that would allow the LAB to

initiate, develop and bring forward projects for consideration by the program, according to those criteria outlined in the policy, as amended today. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Boulder-White Cloud Mountains – Schoen

Schoen was recently in Washington, DC for a NACo Conference and, while there, discussed the Boulder-White Clouds with representatives of several federal agencies and Staff for Idaho's Rep. Mike Simpson and Sen. Jim Risch. Everyone with whom he spoke expressed support for wilderness legislation about to be introduced by Rep. Simpson called SNRA Plus. Schoen told them BCC stands behind its resolution in support of national monument designation for the Boulder-White Clouds. He expressed that he personally supported SNRA+ legislation at this time. Schoen repeated Blaine County's invitation for administration representatives to visit Idaho to hear locals' opinions on the Boulder-White Clouds, if and when monument designation is considered.

SNRA+ will be modified to allow access for disabled persons in the Muldoon Creek drainage near the SNRA headquarters. Mountain bike users are petitioning Simpson for use exemptions for certain trails. Schoen said based on what he heard, he did not think they would be successful and he did not support such an exemption compromising wilderness designation. Greenberg was disappointed that Simpson's office didn't invite new opinions at this stage from other than motorized users.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:46 p.m., with no more business before them, McCleary moved to adjourn, seconded by Greenberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage County Clerk Jacob Greenberg Chairman