

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

First Day

Tuesday, March 6, 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, County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Commissioner Schoen was absent from today's meeting.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION 2012-01

Present were: Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

The Senior Connection is applying for a Community Development Block Grant to make their Senior Center kitchen safer and more efficient, and bring it up to Code. This Proclamation is required by the grant application; and is fully supported by the BCC.

Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Proclamation 2012-01 proclaiming April as Idaho Fair Housing Month 2012-01. Motion carried 2/0

P&Z COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Also present: Blaine County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson, and P&Z Commission appointee William Ranill; and *Mountain Express* photographer Willy Cook.

Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to appoint William Ranill to the Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission, for a two-year term ending January 2014. In discussion, Mr. Ranill said his appointment was an honor. **Motion carried 2/0.**

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Sheriff's Office – Gene Ramsey

- Jail update: 59 in custody; 24 bookings last week. Several people taken into protective custody, but no mental holds.
- Search and Rescue found two college students who went out on snow machines and got lost after dark. One was close to death when he was found, but both are now okay.
- Six County employees from the Sheriff's office, IT and HR attended the Creating High Performance Organizations workshop. They will present what they learned at the upcoming Leadership Team meeting.
- Sheriff's Office will host a Crisis Intervention workshop from the perspective of Law Enforcement. Ten Sheriff's Office personnel will attend. The workshop is in cooperation with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Idaho Health and Welfare.
- Sheriff's Office will sponsor a Wildfire Inc. sales demo of a community video system that can provide video cameras in "hotspot" locations.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is hosting a National Incident Management System (NIMS) ICS-300 training at Sheriff's Office next week.
- Attended recent meeting with Motorola on the 700 statewide backbone system, to discuss extending the plan out to year 2030. Sheriff previously suggested the state shouldn't require local jurisdictions to pay a big bill to participate in a statewide plan. Technology constantly needs operational maintenance; Motorola offered an alternative option to keep the system up-to-date.
- White Cloud Communications has been sold, but its business contracts were not. Blaine County has a maintenance contract with Motorola, which is looking for another service contract provider.
- Blaine County is being asked to pay rising communications-related bills. The Sheriff asked the BCC to think about increasing the Emergency Communications Fee surcharge on all phone lines from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

McCleary said the Idaho Association of Counties Justice and Public Safety Committee recently discussed the challenges of funding increased emergency communications expenses.

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

No report this week.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Transportation Plan Advisory Committee met last week. They spent a lot of time discussing public requests for bike lanes and road improvements within the County's limited budget.

- Gannett Road will be chip sealed. Road and Bridge Manager considered the cost of adding two-foot asphalt bike lanes on both sides of Gannett Road. Cost was prohibitive, unless other municipalities are willing to share equipment, labor and materials costs.
- Staff met with Bureau of Homeland Security to review the reporting process for Deer Creek Bridge. If design plans can be submitted soon, the bridge might be done by late fall this year.
- McBride Building rehab will be done this week.
- Hulen Meadows residents are again complaining about icy roads. Hulen Meadows roads are 60 feet wide, and were not originally built as County roads. Private landscaping on over half the lots in Hulen Meadows encroaches into the right-of-way, which doesn't allow for snow storage and prevents good drainage, so ice is inevitable. The private landscaping is frequently substantial, and includes fencing, trees, plantings, etc. The landowners don't want to remove the landscaping, but continue to complain about road maintenance. Nelson scheduled a meeting with a member of the HOA.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Will conduct phone interviews for a new Emergency Communications director.
- Senior Care – The BCC wants to evaluate the potential of public-private partnerships, which may be a good answer to senior care in Blaine County. Voss drafted a list of Business Model Considerations for public/private partnerships. The BCC may want to consider a consultant with expertise in senior and skilled care private and public models.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Blaine County Recreation District's Galena Trail Project – McCleary

Blaine County Recreation District is working with the Forest Service on a Galena Trail project EIS.

Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI) Project – McCleary

Two MSTI representatives (one from the Montana's Northwestern Energy) will meet with Commissioners McCleary and Bowman individually later this week.

The BCC is satisfied with the currently-planned MSTI transportation corridor. Idaho's Power County wants to change the corridor route, which would have the line end in Craters of the Moon National Monument, and not align with the route through Blaine County. Operations Director Char Nelson will connect with Land Use and stay informed of MSTI negotiations.

Sustain Blaine – Bowman

Sustain Blaine and Ketchum are hosting a reception this weekend for a headhunting/relocation firm that is considering relocating to Blaine County.

Carey Economic Revitalization Group (CERG) – McCleary

McCleary met with the Idaho Conservation League, Carey Councilwoman Vonnie Olson and Bud Purdy to discuss their plans to build a pavilion and restrooms in the Carey rodeo grounds and fairgrounds area. They still need some funding. The BCC suggested they contact Sustain Blaine.

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee meeting – McCleary

Bowman, McCleary, Sheriff Ramsay and County Operations Director Nelson attended the meeting. Four of five Blaine County cities reported on transportation in their jurisdictions. Mountain Rides Executive Director Jason Miller and District 4 Mobility Manager Vanessa Fry were also present.

Regional Mental Health meeting – McCleary

One focus was on what kind of representatives should make up the Regional Mental Health Board. McCleary volunteered to help the Board find the required third county commissioner.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **February 13, and February 21, 2012 Regular Tuesday Meeting**

Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 13 and February 21, 2012, as amended. Motion carried 2/0.

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; and Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) meeting

Both Blaine County and City of Hailey have drafted Airport Project Guiding Principles. The documents are best left separate to clarify each sponsor's specific goals.

The County's guiding principles provide a strategic plan for the FMAA to set policy, and the Friedman Memorial Airport manager and staff to run the airport. The County's guiding principles are detailed and specific; they share with the community the County's goals for the future of the airport project.

