

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAY 2016 SESSION**

**Fifth Day**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

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; Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Andy Kerstetter.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**AMEND AGENDA**

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend today's agenda to include consideration of a Notice of Cancellation of Hearing for Case 2016-01 at a time just before the lunch hour. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration**

**Treasurer's Report - John David Davidson**

- Receiving payments for second half of 2015 property taxes.
- State investment pool interest rate is currently earning .5147% interest.
- Bond called last month averaged 3.4% per year for the last 26 months.
- Staff are attending ongoing Idaho State Tax Commission-sponsored Budget and Levy training sessions in May.
- The Treasurer's office will be open on Friday before the Monday property tax deadline.

**Road and Bridge Report - Steve Thompson**

Also present: Blaine County Administrative Specialist Andrea Walton.

- **2016 Chip Seal Plan Finalization**
  - Staff are finalizing a chipseal work schedule for Hulen Meadows in cooperation with the utility contractor currently working in the subdivision. Road and Bridge will bid out for 3/8" chips for the project; and reconfigure their road oil budget to prioritize chip and fog seal for all of Hulen Meadows.
  - Road and Bridge will use an old mitigation contribution for work in Golden Eagle and Greenhorn.
  - Any extra road oil will be used on Lake Creek.
- Chairman Greenberg received a letter from a resident on Price Lane. Road and Bridge graded the roads in that area at least twice this spring, and are now starting dust guard maintenance.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Junior College Residency forms:** College of Southern Idaho, Fall 2014-Spring 2015 term and Fall 2016-Spring 2017 term, for Erica Lauritsen.
- **Resolution 2016-13 authorizing the Execution of the Application for Federal Assistance for Friedman Memorial Airport** ..... Record #635015

**McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar for May 17, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration**

**Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Open House on Triumph Mine Site** – Schoen  
Idaho DEQ addressed the issue of water collected in the mine and water flowing out of it. DEQ said mine flows are monitored. Water coming out of the mine area is natural groundwater that has filled tunnels with about 200 million gallons of water, which is held behind an existing plug in the main adit. About 150 gallons per minute emerges and goes into a catchment pond. The water level in the mine has stabilized since 2006. Rock formations appear to be stable; there is no seismic activity and water is not seeping through cracks and eroding the area.

DEQ will install an additional plug and 3/4" pipe for pressure monitoring. Some citizens want more information from DEQ on an option to drain the water and set up a treatment plant; others are satisfied to leave the situation alone.

The mine owners originally set aside money for mitigation; and federal and state agencies are responsible to keep the site safe. DEQ is setting up training opportunities with Homeland Security and other local emergency agencies so the County can be responsible for handling an emergency situation, but the County is not responsible for site cleanup, monitoring, or maintenance.

Commissioners McCleary and Schoen would like more input from Triumph residents and more information from DEQ about alternatives. Schoen has been in contact with Idaho DEQ Mine Waste Program Manager Rob Hanson.

## **US Forest Service - Intermountain Climate Adaptation Partnership Workshop – Schoen and McCleary**

Focus of the workshop, sponsored by the USFS, was how USFS managers can respond to climate change. It included a presentation of a model based on a climate change vulnerability assessment prepared by Oregon State University. Topics were surface water and how it affects vegetation, wildlife and recreation; impacts of precipitation, temperature, wind speed, etc., and the potential for fires, insect and disease vectors.

## **Idaho Climate Adaptation Project Update – Schoen**

Three groups—Climate Impacts Research Consortium (CIRC), Langdon Group, and the Consensus Building Institute—have proposed that Blaine County engage the community in a climate adaptation simulation in cooperation with the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience.

## **Draft Blaine County Resolution Opposing Wholesale Public Lands Transfer – Schoen**

Also present: Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) Idaho Field Representative Rob Thornberry.

Commissioner Schoen is drafting a resolution to express the BCC's opposition to wholesale transfer of federally-administered public lands to the State of Idaho, which is the subject of an Idaho legislative interim committee and legislative hearings.

TRCP Idaho Field Representative Rob Thornberry is in contact with Idaho Association of Counties and individual counties in Idaho and other states in an effort to get resolutions against the land transfer.

## **Idaho Association of Counties District 4 Meeting – Schoen**

There was a lengthy presentation by Southern Idaho Economic Development; but no legislative resolutions, proposals or major policy discussion.

## **Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee – McCleary**

The Committee chose to write letters of support to Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for transportation alternatives (primarily bicycle-pedestrian projects) program grant applications for Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley. Carey was encouraged to apply for improved pedestrian safety measures, but wasn't ready to apply at this time.

### **• Wildlife Crossing Subcommittee Meeting**

The Subcommittee reviewed measures taken so far to reduce speed in conflict areas. ITD plans to move warning signs around so people don't get used to them. More signs and a flashing light will be erected around the hospital once the bridge is completed. Motion detection devices are expensive and don't seem cost-benefit appropriate, particularly since wildlife cross the highway all along the corridor. An alternative idea is low lighting all along the corridor.

- ITD is encouraged to do more education at the Timmerman rest stop for people coming into the Wood River Valley.
- The BCC encouraged ITD to purchase an additional dynamic mobile message sign, so one can be exclusive for wildlife and another can be used to warn of other events and conditions.

## **Idaho Behavioral Health Cooperative – McCleary**

The Interagency Health Cooperative—composed of different Health and Welfare departments, Corrections, Juvenile Corrections, schools, courts, and a representative of the State Planning Council—was renamed the Behavioral Health Cooperative (IBHC) about three years ago. The IBHC has just met for the first time, and discussed ways they could work together and be more efficient with funds so they can allot more money for treatment.

Substance abuse treatment providers haven't received an increase in over 10 years, so the Cooperative discussed a funding request to the Idaho Legislature.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Director is looking for solutions to the lack of Medicaid expansion as many Idahoans, especially those with mental health issues, are not being served.

## **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting – Greenberg**

- The Sun Valley Fire Department is assembling a north valley emergency communications center in the Elkhorn Fire Station.
- There will be an active shooter exercise at the former Blaine Manor building.
- Idaho Department of Homeland Security's name is changing to Idaho Office of Emergency Management.

## **City of Hailey Meeting – Greenberg**

Hailey would like to initiate discussion to ask the County to consider giving them the old Blaine Manor property for a fire station. The Blaine Manor property is included in Hailey's Urban Renewal Area.

## **United States Forest Service Wilderness Planning Preview meeting – McCleary**

Focus of this week's first meeting is the USFS timeline and wilderness planning strategy.

### **Smiley Creek Recycling Project – McCleary**

Blaine County Buildings and Grounds Manager Patrick Boyle and Clear Creek Disposal Owner Mike Goitiandia are working with the USFS to get the recycling site in operation by summer. Boyle will present a proposal for drainage, seeding and fencing for the berm to the BCC. The Forest Service will probably do the necessary earthwork; the County has budgeted some funding for the project.

### **Safe Haven – McCleary**

Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman expressed some safety concerns with Safe Haven. The Senior Connection Executive Director and Safe Haven's new Executive Administrator are going to meet to discuss collaboration. Chairman Greenberg will follow up with Safe Haven's Medical Director and Blaine County Emergency Medical Director Terry O'Connor.

### **Bullwhacker Elk Feeding Site – McCleary**

Fish and Game is hosting a workshop on feeding wildlife this week.

### **Wood River High School W.A.T.E.R. Club Presentation on Trash – Greenberg**

The W.A.T.E.R. Club is presenting a multimedia workshop on "What can we learn about our lifestyle through our trash?"

### **ADOPT A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, Discussion and Consideration**

Also present: Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; and Blaine County Administrative Specialist Andrea Walton.

After reviewing ITD and Ada County Adopt-a-Road programs, staff suggest allowing groups to adopt a one-mile section of road, with a commitment to pick up trash at least twice a year on both sides of the road. Groups must submit an application and sign an agreement, agreeing to the commitment and safety protocol, and liability risk form. County Road and Bridge will provide safety vests, trash bags, and two large temporary warning signs ROADSIDE LITTER PICK-UP. Recognition sign(s) will be erected with the County logo and name of the group.

BCC discussions:

- Will Road and Bridge or the individual groups collect the trash bags?
- Should Ohio Gulch Transfer Station waive the tipping fee?
- Should groups be encouraged to collect recyclables separate from trash?
- Should spring pick-up be in connection with the ERC's annual Clean Sweep?
- Road and Bridge will investigate cost and storage of safety vests, cones, etc.
- Recognition signs cost about \$55, plus installation. The BCC felt one sign was adequate.

Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson said his department is responsible for keeping County roadways clean. He encouraged the program, and asked the BCC to provide funds to support the program, if necessary.

### **UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT**

Also present: University of Idaho (UofI) Extension Educator Lauren Golden; UofI Extension Administrative Assistant Sarah Busdon; and Blaine County 4-H Program Coordinator Kathi Kimball.

Agricultural Programming - Extension Educator Lauren Golden

- Coordinating with Hunger Coalition and local non-profits and businesses on Blaine County Community Food Assessment.
- Used a Beginning Farmer-Rancher grant to do a multi-weekend series to help beginning farmers of all ages network with other farmers and create a business plan.
- Extension staff hosted a national group of Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Sustainable Agriculture Fellows. They visited a small organic seed producer and a no-till cover crop livestock pasture-raising operation in Idaho. SARE Fellows spent all day at Purple Sage Farm, and subsequently evaluated Purple Sage's family operation, including production, social and economic aspects.
- Working with local farmers who are interested in converting to a no till-cover crop operation.

4-H - 4-H Coordinator Kathi Kimball

- An annual gift from the Cimino Foundation will be used to expand 4-H, and provide education infrastructure, including college scholarships and leadership development.
- 4-H has funding from the University of Idaho for a summer intern.
- One student in the 4-H BC Bots robotics program was sent to Regional Leadership, and placed third. Three high school students and their mentors were able to go to World competition.
- The Idaho After School Network invited students to apply for a virtual Zero Robotics program sponsored by MIT and NASA. A former Blaine County Extension Vista volunteer has been hired back to coach the students this summer. Students will be programming little "spheres" to do a specified task.
- Hosted Horse Expo on how to use and read body language to communicate with horses.
- Expanding partnership with The Hunger Coalition and Have-a-Dream Foundation.

**MEDICAL INDIGENT CASE, Discussion and Consideration**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, with respect to Medical Indigent Case #2016-01, to approve Notice of Cancellation of Hearing and Final Determination of Denial. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

- April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting
- April 26, 2016 Regular Meeting
- May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Blaine County Commissioner meeting minutes, as amended, for April 19, April 26, and May 10, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**BREAK**

**LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS**

- **2012 Fire Code Adoption** CONTINUED: A public hearing on and consideration of: AN ORDINANCE OF BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO amending BLAINE COUNTY CODE, Title 7, Building Regulations, Chapter 1 Building Code, Section 4 Additional Requirements to assure compliance with approved design and construction methods of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's Technical Guidance Manual; adding a surety of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid by the lot owner or authorized agent to the County Building Department at the time of building permit application; providing a severability clause and an effective date.

Also present: Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman; Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle; Wood River Fire Protection District Assistant Chief of Fire and Emergency Services Craig Aberbach; and Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis.

Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin said this was a continuation, and no notice other than agenda notice was necessary.

Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle reviewed the changes. He said structures in Carey and West Magic can have Class A wood roof assemblies; but roofs in heavy timber areas of the county must be Class A non-wood roof assemblies. Outside agencies won't protect wood roofs due to dangers to their firefighters. Ketchum passed an ordinance after the Castle Rock fire that banned exposed weathered wood roof covers and required Class A non-wood. The few complaints they received came mostly from subdivisions that required wood roofs.

Bergin reviewed the latest amendments with the BCC.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Blaine County Ordinance 2016-04, an ordinance amending Blaine County Code Title 7 Fire Code by deleting it in its entirety and adopting a new Chapter 7 Fire Code, the 2012 International Fire Code, including Appendices B, C, D and F, as published by the International Code Council along with amendments related to local conditions, in concept at this hearing, and awaiting a draft with one final recital to be included. Motion carried unanimously. .... Record #**

- **Morada Farms Subdivision** (CONTINUED) A continuation of the public hearing on and consideration of an application by John Majors and Diane Crist for a subdivision of Lot 1, Sleepy Acres Subdivision, comprising 35.65 acres, into 10 lots. The new subdivision would be named Morada Farms Subdivision. The property is zoned Light Industrial (LI) and Productive Agricultural (A-20) Districts with areas of Floodplain and Wildlife Overlay Districts, and entirely within the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) Receiving Zone. Eight light industrial lots ranging in size from 2.05 acres to 4.45 acres are proposed. Two residential lots at 4.16 and 6.91 acres and one unbuildable 0.49 acre parcel are proposed within the A-20 district. The property is located at 78 Glendale Road, within Section 14 T1N, R18E, BM, Blaine County. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended conditional approval of this application on October 30, 2014. This is a continuation of the Board's hearing on July 7, 2015.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Deputy Land Use Administrator Kathy Grotto; applicant Kurt Lansing, and applicant's representatives Gary Slette, Dr. Chuck Brockway, Sr., and Brian Yeager; Chip Stanek; and Josh Stanek.

This public hearing is continued from July 7, 2015. No notice is required other than agenda notice.

Additional materials:

- Emails regarding the water study and how cisterns are filled.
- 2015 aerial draw-down map from Dr. Chuck Brockway

Grotto reviewed revised Conditions of Approval with the BCC. The Glendale roadway cannot be shifted to the center because the Bellevue sewer line is located in the right-of-way. The applicant voluntarily proposed a deed restriction for maximum water per day for the light industrial lots. Grotto showed photos of low-water native grasses that the applicant proposes for the berm.

Dr. Chuck Brockway said the model predicted the drawdown of one well pumping maximum water for 30 days straight to be about 12 feet at the well. The water table will rebound to what it was before pumping in about 12 minutes. The average drawdown for these Light Industrial lots throughout the subdivision, if all the wells were pumping at capacity at the same time, is about 500 gallons/day. The maximum drawdown is about four feet.

Brockway said two canals run adjacent to this subdivision. They seep about six to eight feet annually and help recharge the aquifer. This aquifer, located on the edge of the Big Wood River Valley, is not as good as in the middle of the valley, but is more than adequate to provide the type of use proposed by the subdivision.

The BCC discussed requiring a road in the subdivision be paved once four lots in the subdivision are sold or a building permit is pulled. The BCC was concerned about visibility on the curve and suggested screening be 2-4ft high drought-tolerant grass and shrubs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, in the matter of the application of John Majors and Diane Crist, to resubdivide Lot 1 Sleepy Acres Subdivision into 10 lots to be renamed Morada Farms Subdivision, to approve this application based on BCC's Findings that the application does comply with Blaine County Code Title 10 and the applicable regulations of Titles 9, 3, 6 and 7, and that this approval is subject to conditions that have been discussed and amended in this hearing and the associated plat notes and other documents be recorded signifying the BCC's decisions, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Candidate Interview**  
**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) to consider evaluation of a public official, in this case, a Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board candidate. Roll call: McCleary (aye), Schoen (aye), Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**APPOINTMENT TO LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Discussion and Consideration**

Also present: Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Coordinator Clare Swanger.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to appoint Jay Sevy to the Land, Water and Wildlife Advisory Board to complete Ben Sinnamon's term, which expires September 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 3:53 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage Jacob Greenberg  
County Clerk Chairman