

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

**First Day**

**Monday, May 2, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**REPLACEMENT AIRPORT UPDATE**

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

Predicted revenue and expense model for the replacement airport will be discussed at this week's FMAA meeting.

BCC discussed the County's press release policy.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Clerk's Report** – JoLynn Drage

- Bowman's appointment to FMAA Board ends soon.
- County match for optional PERSI 401(k) and 457 plans will run out after June 2 payroll. Requested BCC discussion and decision. Bowman recused himself from the discussion since he participates in the PERSI 401 program.
- State revenue income to the county for sales tax is on target with budget.
- Recommended the BCC begin scheduling department budget hearings in early June.

**County Administrator** – Derek Voss

- Budget workshop with elected officials and department heads today.

**Operations Director** – Char Nelson

- Road and Bridge is currently working on roads throughout the county.
- Voss and Nelson will meet with McKinstry to discuss Old County Courthouse interventions.
- Data received from Warm Springs residents' surveys will be used in road maintenance negotiations with the Forest Service.
- ITD tentative start date for the Highway 75 southern project through Bellevue is early summer.
- Nelson made presentation on interoperability and governance to the Regional Public Health Care System Planning Group meeting.
- Condition of Baseline Road causing concern with residents and BCC. Road and Bridge is awaiting anticipated funding for road improvements.

**BCC REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**University of Idaho Extension and 4-H Program Contract and Staffing Update** - Schoen

Schoen, Voss, Drage and Extension Agent Lauren Hunter met to discuss Extension Office staffing. Schoen recommended Extension staff be under direct supervision of the Extension Agent; but BCC explore expanding the County's contract with the University of Idaho to allow more County input into staff roles and responsibilities. BCC will request cost-sharing with the University on staff salaries.

**Composting Contract Update** - Schoen

Voss and Nelson met with Wood River Composting to discuss the philosophy of greenwaste composting in Blaine County. Some terms in the currently proposed composting contract are unacceptable to the County. Wood River Composting will present a revised proposal.

**Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISWD) Board Meeting** - Schoen

The SISWD Board met with the new executive director to clarify roles and responsibilities. The SISWD will revise its personnel policy manual.

**FY2012 BUDGET REQUESTS:**

**Blaine Soil Conservation District (BSCD)**

Also present: Blaine Soil Conservation District Chairman Bob Simpson, Administrative Assistant Erica Cook, BSCD Supervisor Pete Van Der Meulen; and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Patti Hurley.

The BSCD's budget request is an increase over previous years, to help pay for a grant writer which had formerly provided through Resource, Conservation and Development.

BSCD's annual plan lists their priorities and goals:

- Blaine County is transitioning from a primarily rural area to more urban, which means soil conservation now relates to residential lawncare as well as agricultural use.
- Partner with other districts to hire a grant writer.
- Find non-profit and private funding sources.
- Provide training for supervisors statewide.

There is some overlap of land use organizations, but all are working cooperatively.

**Sustain Blaine**

Also present: Sustain Blaine Executive Director Harry Griffith, and Fundraising Chairman Joy Kasputys; Sustain Blaine Advisory Group Chairman Carter Ramsay, and Land Use Sector Representative Linda Haavik, and Sustain Blaine Board of Directors member Evan Lawler.

Sustain Blaine is working to integrate funding from municipalities, private investors, and the business community, including “inbound” companies that do business here but are not located here. The County has invested in Sustain Blaine, and the private sector has to step up.

Sustain Blaine will submit a revised budget request within the next month.

**Hunger Coalition**

Also present: Blaine County Hunger Coalition Executive Director Jeanne Liston.

The Hunger Coalition’s core purpose is to keep families in the community from going to bed hungry. The Coalition operates primarily with grants, sponsorships and 150 volunteers a week. The County’s contribution is a very small part of their budget; but County support indicates its realization that the Hunger Coalition is fulfilling a definite need of its constituency.

The Hunger Coalition’s mobile foodbank van goes to each Blaine County city one day a week. Before visiting the foodbank van, clients meet with the Hunger Coalition case manager to discuss their needs. Clients are also connected with other social services agencies in the communities.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Energy Summit Update - Bowman**

The Energy Summit focused on the benefits of a renewable energy program. Reasons for implementing the plan should be better known.

**District 4 Interoperability Governance Board Meeting - Bowman**

Presentation by Tait Radio Solutions for Interoperability.

**Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse (ICSA) Meeting - McCleary**

ICSA has been replaced by the governor-appointed Behavioral Health Cooperative to address substance abuse and mental health.

**Emergency Communications Partner Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting - McCleary**

PAC partners reviewed their experience and opinions on the past year’s funding methodology, in anticipation of PAC’s FY2012 funding request. PAC is exploring funding options in an attempt to devise a model that all partners consider equitable.

The BCC suggested the PAC build a reserve fund; and write a clear set of definitions.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Resolution 2011-32 Revenue Budget Adjustment ..... Record #587300**

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar for May 2, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BCC MEETING MINUTES**

- **Regular Blaine County Commission minutes of April 25 and 26, 2011**

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve April 25 and April 26, 2011 Regular BCC Meeting minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 1:03 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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