

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

First Day

Monday, May 2, 2016

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:20 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary; and Commissioner Lawrence Schoen, County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Andy Kerstetter.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT THEIR FY2017 FUNDING REQUESTS
TO THE BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Wood River Wolf Project

Wood River Wolf Project President Brian Bean and Project Coordinator Avery Shawler.
FY2017 Budget Request: \$5,000

Disclosures: Commissioner Schoen is on the Wolf Project Steering Committee, but has no financial stake in the project.

The Wood River Wolf Project has a federal funds reimbursement application through the Idaho Governor's office of Species Conservation. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and band kits for use by herders in the field. USDA Wildlife Services may be able to work with the Wood River Wolf Project to organize a training session on non-lethal control techniques in Blaine County.

Blaine County Historical Museum

Blaine County Historical Museum President Bob MacLeod; Secretary Jane Rosen; and Director Teddie Daley
FY2017 Budget Request: \$26,600

The Museum's main goal is to get people interested in visiting the museum. The Blaine County Historical Museum plans to construct a miniature golf course on their neighboring property, as well as house an original freight wagon. The land is rented for now, which saves paying city taxes.

The Museum's goals align with the BCC strategic objective to honor the County's heritage.

Hunger Coalition

The Hunger Coalition Executive Director Jeanne Liston.
FY2017 Budget Request: \$5,000

Disclosures:

Commissioner McCleary has been a liaison to The Hunger Coalition, and was an advisory member to the Community Food Assessment.

Commissioner Schoen was interviewed as part of the Community Food Assessment.

In the past year, The Hunger Coalition provided over 150,000 meals and healthy snacks to over 3,500 people. The Hope Garden produced over 1,300 pounds of food and provided nutrition education to 528 children. Sage School students cooperate with The Hunger Coalition's Gleaning Program by mapping fruit trees in Hailey and Bellevue and subsequently harvested over 6,000 pounds of fruit. The Food Rescue program collects food from grocery stores, farms, gardens, etc., and distributes it for food, dog food, pigs and composting.

The Hunger Coalition's respect for human dignity and the right of all to have their basic needs met aligns with Blaine County's strategic objective of respect for the whole community.

FY2017 GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUDGET HEARING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

University of Idaho Extension Service

University of Idaho Extension Educator University of Idaho Extension Educator Lauren Golden; County Extension Administrative Assistant Sarah Busdon and 4-H Coordinator Kathi Kimball.
FY2017 Budget Request: \$111,943.52

University of Idaho Extension programs:

- partnered with The Hunger Coalition on locally-produced food systems.
- helped start 15 new farmers in Blaine County through a statewide Starting a Sustainable Farm in Idaho series funded by a US Department of Agriculture Beginner Farmer/Rancher grant.
- Published four years of cover crop research as part of a national initiative to improve soil.
- Provided landscape and garden assistance for residents, Master Gardeners and backyard gardeners.
- 4-H programs reached 80% of school age youth, who learned leadership skills in various programs, and technology through the Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) program.

South Central Community Action Partnership

South Central Community Action Partnership Executive Director Ken Robinette.
FY2017 Budget Request: \$3,000.

Federal funds are likely to be less in this lame duck year. SCCAP assisted 300 families in Blaine County, including homeless veterans who are often hesitant to seek services from the Veterans Administration. In the next year, SCCAP:

- would like to expand its weatherization program, in collaboration with Christiansen World Strategies, by finding a low-income housing project and doing energy- and water-saving modification upgrades, and perhaps installing solar panels.
- is looking for possibilities to provide affordable housing in Ketchum, as well as south Blaine County.
- can provide emergency funding to people who can show how the money will enable them to get back on track in the very near future.
- will work with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) self-help housing program to enable people with excellent credit to build their own houses.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 12:18 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____

JoLynn Drage
County Clerk

Jacob Greenberg
Chairman