

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

**Second Day**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

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, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Robert Blakely; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Introduction of Blaine County Human Resource Generalist**

Voss introduced new Blaine County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – §67-2345 1(f) Pending Litigation; and §67-2345 a(d), consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure.

Also present: Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss, County Prosecutor Jim Thomas, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Sheriff Gene Ramsey, Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Fuller, Captain Curtis Miller, Blaine County Jail Administrator Lt. Jay Davis, and Detective Mark Dalton.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(f) Pending Litigation, to discuss with legal counsel the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation; and Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d), consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code. Schoen (aye), Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**LOST RIVER HIGHWAY DISTRICT**

• **Trail Creek Road Project Update**

Also present: Lost River Highway District Chairman Herb Whitworth and Engineer Stephen Freiburger.

Lost River Highway District (LRHD) wants to pursue funding to improve Trail Creek Road on both sides of Trail Creek Summit, and asked the County to participate in coordinating the effort. The BCC expressed concern due to the road geography and yearly avalanches on the west side of the summit.

LRHD has been counting cars. They will do a destination study to determine the nature of visits which to determine an appropriate road width and surface. Bicycle traffic may affect road and shoulder width. LRHD acknowledged that the terrain of Trail Creek Road and the nature of the traffic is different on the east and west sides of the summit. There are grant programs requiring no matching funds that will pay the entire cost of improving designated forest highways.

Blaine County Road and Bridge will include coordination with LRHD in its transportation plan, and cooperate with LRHD in future Trail Creek Road studies and counts.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOLLOW-UP**

**Emergency Operations Plan - Schoen**

Final copy of the amended Emergency Operations Plan is nearing completion. Chart should be meaningful and flexible for incidents of all types.

**Building Fee Credits and Offset Opportunities - Tom Bergin**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin and Building Official Bill Dyer.

Land Use and Building Services is considering offering a credit or offset for costs associated with the new energy code.

Blaine County has made public policy decisions to conserve energy and promote energy efficiency. BCC agrees that BuildSmart amendments should be incentivized and the public rewarded for participating in public policy mandates. The BCC asked LU&BS to suggest goals and a method to measure performance toward the goals; and a rough idea of what a rebate program would cost.

**Idaho Power Local Utility Plan for the Wood River Valley - Schoen**

Idaho Power has held community meetings for several years to formulate an electrical plan for the Wood River Valley. The plan is nearing activation.

## **FY2012 BUDGET REQUEST:**

- **Region IV Development**

Also present Region IV Development President Joe Herring.

Region IV Development's funding request is the same as last year. Local contributions are required by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, which provides money to Region IV Development.

Disclosure: Schoen sits on the Board of Region IV Development.

Region IV has provided loan money for Bellevue's wastewater plant and a new facility for Mountain Rides Transportation Authority. Herring encouraged the BCC to refer potential clients and projects to Region IV. The BCC suggested Region IV might be a good partner on the South Gateway project.

## **FY2012 BUDGET REQUEST:**

- **The Advocates**

Also present: The Advocates Executive Director Tricia Swartling.

The Advocates' shelter is open 24/7 for women and children in danger. The Advocates assists victims in establishing lives away from their abusers. The Advocates Attic thrift shop provides jobs in the community.

The Advocates is looking to hire a man to work with men, boys, bullies and abuse perpetrators.

## **BREAK**

### **LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS**

**Stream Alteration Permit Application:** Public hearing on and consideration of a stream alteration permit application by **Frank Willey** on a **side channel of the Big Wood River** to complete work that was done in the fall of 2010 without approved permits. This application includes discharge of approximately 2 cubic yards of rock fill below the ordinary high water mark of a side channel of the Big Wood to stabilize approximately 200 linear feet of stream bank. The work includes a revegetation plan of disturbed area and a mitigation plan within disturbed delineated wetlands. The project site is Lot 4 **Barlow Subdivision**, also known as 154 Barlow Road, approximately 7.5 miles north of Ketchum, H.E.S. 124, T5N, R17E, BM, Blaine County.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma; applicant's representatives general contractor Adam Elias and environmental consultant Steph Eisenbarth.

Stelma read posting notice.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, that notice was adequate. Motion carried unanimously.**

Disclosure: Bowman worked on the house when it was originally built.

A Stop Work order was issued in September, 2010 due to disturbances in the side channel and delineated wetlands. Applicant is applying for Stream Alteration Permit (SAP). House and guest house are now in the newly revised floodplain. SAP application focuses on revegetation. The County Engineer had no comment on the application.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Applicant's representatives Adam Elias and Stephanie Eisenbarth further described the application. Stelma outlined how County LU&BS staff will determine if conditions of application are met.

**Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Frank Willey Stream Alteration Permit for restoration in the Big Wood River, stipulating all standards of evaluation are met and the applicant acknowledges all conditions of approval. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- **International Building, Residential and Fire Code**

Bergin submitted summaries of the Residential/Commercial Code and the Fire Code ordinances for publication.

The BCC made minor revisions.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision of adoption of the 2009 International Building Code, International Residential Code, and 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, as amended; and Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS OF SITE AND FUNDING ALTERNATIVES FOR REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PROJECT**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, and Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Program Manager Scott Cary, Aviation, Inc.; Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee members Vanessa Fry and Len Harlig; Hailey City Councilmembers Martha Burke, Don Keirn, and Fritz Haemmerle; Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich; Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall and Ketchum Airport Liaison Charles Conn; Sawtooth Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby; Robert Blakeley; Martin Flannes; Jake Peters; Nick Latham; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Schoen questioned if the community could afford a new airport, and if that were the case, should the investigation of alternatives begin now, prior to issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Discussion followed on timeline and publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The BCC, representing the entire County, needs to have adequate information in order to assess the situation and make informed decisions about the relocated airport.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizens agreed the BCC needed more information in order to make decisions for the county.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 3:11 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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