

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

Second Day

Tuesday, November 13, 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, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen, Commissioner Jacob Greenberg; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Claims – Schar Boyd

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Claims for Blaine County for November 8, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

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FUND 01	AGAINST GENERAL FUND		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 252,293.82	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 257,835.79	
Total October FICA		\$ 36,806.79	
Total October Benefits		\$ 143,762.79	
Total October Bills		\$ 318,899.22	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 1,009,598.41
FUND 02	AGAINST ROAD & BRIDGE		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 22,524.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 24,013.20	
Total October FICA		\$ 3,272.00	
Total October Benefits		\$ 14,397.83	
Total October Bills		\$ 815.86	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 65,023.69
FUND 03	AGAINST ELECTION CONSOLIDATION		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ -	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 900.86	
Total October FICA		\$ 68.91	
Total October Benefits		\$ -	
Total October Bills		\$ -	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 969.77
FUND 04	AGAINST AMBULANCE		
Total October Bills		\$ 167,438.57	\$ 167,438.57
FUND 06	AGAINST DISTRICT COURT		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 1,911.00	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 1,950.75	
Total October FICA		\$ 295.43	
Total October Benefits		\$ 949.91	
Total October Bills		\$ 2,399.16	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 7,506.25
FUND 07	AGAINST COUNTY FAIR		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 11	AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH		
Total October Bills		\$ 20,051.00	\$ 20,051.00
FUND 12	AGAINST HISTORICAL SOC. & MUSEUM		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -

FUND 16	AGAINST CHARITY & INDIGENT		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 1,756.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 1,803.20	
Total October FICA		\$ 217.72	
Total October Benefits		\$ 1,128.60	
Total October Bills		<u>\$ 5,251.63</u>	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 10,157.95
FUND 17	AGAINST JR. COLLEGE TUITION		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 20	AGAINST REVALUATION		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 10,107.13	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 10,508.00	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 23	\$ 1,027.15	
Total October FICA		\$ 1,446.21	
Total October Benefits		\$ 7,122.76	
Total October Bills		<u>\$ 8,223.45</u>	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 38,434.70
FUND 22	AGAINST RECYCLE CENTER		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 5,024.81	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 5,153.21	
Total October FICA		\$ 769.88	
Total October Benefits		\$ 3,341.09	
Total October Bills		<u>\$ 1,557.00</u>	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 15,845.99
FUND 23	AGAINST SOLID WASTE		
Total October Bills		\$ 320,018.30	\$ 320,018.30
FUND 27	AGAINST NOXIOUS WEEDS		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 5,292.40	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 4,406.40	
Total October FICA		\$ 671.89	
Total October Benefits		\$ 3,265.56	
Total October Bills		<u>\$ 268.43</u>	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 13,904.68
FUND 31	AGAINST PSF BOND REDEMPTION		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 35	AGAINST NURSING HOME		
Total October Bills		\$ 393,690.34	\$ 393,690.34
FUND 37	AGAINST SNOWMOBILE		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 38	AGAINST WATERWAYS		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 436.36	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 471.98	
Total October FICA		\$ 69.50	
Total October Benefits		\$ 97.47	
Total October Bills		<u>\$ 600.00</u>	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 1,675.31
FUND 46	AGAINST E-911 EMERGENCY COMM		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 4	\$ 4,224.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries October 18	\$ 4,546.40	
Total October FICA		\$ 626.87	
Total October Benefits		\$ 2,488.12	
Total October Bills		<u>\$ 718.13</u>	
Combined Total October Expense			\$ 12,604.32

FUND 51	AGAINST LAND WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -
FUND 81	AGAINST LIABILITY INSURANCE		
Total October Bills		\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 2,076,919.28

SKILLED NURSING RFP PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Also present: Blaine Manor Board members Marsha Riemann and Linda Haavik; Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia; Blaine Manor Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor advocates Steve Pauley, Mary Lyn Pauley, Carol Taglio, Lois Jean Heagle, D.A. Outzs, Len Harlig, Ursula Hulbert, and Margaret Gartner; TanaBell CEO Troy Bell; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Board President Jeanne Cassell and Campaign Chairman Anita McCann; CCRF advocates Jed Gray, Mischa Leendertsen, Diana Citret, Greg Cappel, Anne Jeffery, Teresa Garen, and Mike Lanahan; SafeHaven CEO Scott Burpee and SafeHaven representatives Melissa Ourada, Grey Nieland, Katie Harris, Michael Jenson and Dave Hennessy; Al Stevenson; Red Bloedel; Monika Bloedel; Jolyon Sawrey; Don Sammis; Julie Weton; and Gerhardt Morrison;

Blaine Manor/TanaBell

TanaBell is a privately-owned company in Pocatello, Idaho that has been in healthcare since 2002. TanaBell submitted a response to a Blaine County Request for Information several months ago, and was contacted by the Blaine Manor Board of Trustees to discuss a potential partnership. TanaBell and Blaine Manor are submitting a joint proposal.

TanaBell has two existing 4-star skilled nursing facilities, a good reputation in Idaho, and a good relationship with Health and Welfare. Blaine Manor is a 5-star award-winning skilled nursing care facility. TanaBell can complement Blaine Manor with industry knowledge, more fiscally sustainable management practices and purchasing power economies of scale. Blaine Manor would retain its Board of Trustees, with the addition of a TanaBell on the Board. Most Blaine Manor jobs would be retained.

Blaine Manor-TanaBell partnership would remodel the Blaine Manor building to provide assisted living beds and added services. Other facilities in neighboring regions operate at 100% occupancy or close. Wood River Valley residents are going to them, although they would prefer to stay close to home.

Blaine Manor-TanaBell proposal details:

- A \$6 million two-year levy to cover any Blaine Manor operational deficits, pay for the Blaine Manor facility remodel and furnish 40 assisted living units. The building remodel, under TanaBell Health Services, is estimated at \$4.2 million, and would provide better HVAC, lighting, and a more residential decor. TanaBell projects have been built with SBA 504 loans and conventional financing.
- The \$6 million levy is the County’s only financial responsibility to TanaBell. At the end of the levy, TanaBell cannot request additional supplemental funds from the County. TanaBell expects to break even by the end of the second year.
- TanaBell would assume Blaine Manor facility management and operations on June 1, 2013, under a five-year lease drafted by a Blaine County/TanaBell partnership. The Skilled Nursing License would be transferred to TanaBell, and the County would no longer operate Blaine Manor. TanaBell would receive a 5% management fee from Blaine Manor operating account.
- TanaBell would provide Blaine Manor with HR, IT, AR and AP services.
- After the initial five-year lease, the County determines if TanaBell’s five-year lease-to-own terms will be granted. After 10 years, TanaBell would take the deed, but assumption of the lease is subject to legal review and may involve negotiation.

TanaBell will market the new Blaine Manor facility, and expects to raise the already-high level of care. TanaBell acknowledges that transition to industry standard may be challenging for Blaine Manor staff.

Croy Canyon Ranch

Also present: Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation (CCRF) Board President Jeanne Cassell, CCRF Board members; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation Campaign Chairman Anita McCann; Greystone Chairman Mike Lanahan.

Croy Canyon Ranch was founded as a long-term asset for the residents of Blaine County, to provide a solution for its seniors and skilled nursing patients. CCRF’s all-volunteer Board of Directors have roots in Blaine County, and represent its diversity and many fields of expertise.

CCR is designed to be a financially sustainable three-tiered facility, with skilled nursing care, assisted living and independent living. Rental units, memory support and hospice care will be available. The facility will be located on 20 acres in a beautiful canyon, with the animal shelter next door, and recreational trails going through the property.

Croy Canyon Ranch proposal details:

- Blaine County's senior demographics increase every day, and will sustain a three-tier plan of this kind.
- CCR facility will keep families and couples together.
- Marketing studies support a high-quality facility in Blaine County.
- CCRF long-term facility will require a 35-year bond for \$29 million, which will cost about \$17.65 per year on a \$100,000 residential valuation. CCRF expects contributions to increase substantially once construction begins. CCRF will continue philanthropic fund-raising in perpetuity.
- The bond will fund renovation to the County-owned Blaine Manor building to keep its high standards as long as necessary until CCR is ready for occupancy. At that time, staff and patients will be transitioned into the new facility. Blaine County can then do whatever it wants with the Blaine Manor facility.
- Greystone Communities began to develop the Croy Canyon Ranch business plan in 2005.
- CCRF has a Conditional Use Permit to build a Continuing Care Retirement Center (CCRC). There is adequate room for expansion on CCRF's property.
- Data shows that 66% of people will choose non-profit over profit care facility.
- CCR plans to offer 16 Medicaid beds.
- Croy Canyon Ranch would be operated under a management contract/lease agreement with Blaine County. CCRF would continue fund-raising under this agreement. The CCRF Board would include three Blaine County-appointed members.
- The County has to research legal ability to bond for a facility that includes independent living.

Greystone Communities has over 30 years of managing senior care facilities. Greystone has in-house expertise in all areas required for success.

Safe Haven

Also present: Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee; Melissa Ourata, Dave Hennessy, Marie Humphries; marketing consultant Perfect Point Marketing; Solutions Katie Harris and Michael Johnson.

SafeHaven is a division of Carefix Management and Consulting, Inc. Scott Burpee and Rebecca Taylor have a combined 40 years' experience in skilled nursing, assisted living, behavioral care and in-home care throughout central and southeast Idaho. SafeHaven was founded in 1985 when challenged to provide a private solution to county-provided healthcare. Two SafeHaven assisted living home administrators have been recognized as Healthcare Heroes.

- SafeHaven owns 30 acres of property annexed into the City of Bellevue. They plan to build a facility with 48 skilled nursing beds and 32 assisted living beds, in addition to the 12 assisted living beds already operated by SafeHaven.
- Safe Haven requires and requests no financial assistance from Blaine County.
- If SafeHaven is Blaine County's choice for skilled nursing care, they would assume the Blaine Manor license (if legally acceptable), pay the County for the license, and take over operation of Blaine Manor. It would take 90 days for the license to transition. Once patients are out of Blaine Manor, the County can dispose of the Blaine Manor building as appropriate. If SafeHaven should fail, the license is marketable and could be sold to someone else. If SafeHaven doesn't get the Blaine Manor license, SafeHaven will apply for their own skilled nursing license and receive it about a year from now. In the meantime, SafeHaven will get an assisted living license after passing final inspection, and can open up assisted living pods.
- Based on The Green House project, the SafeHaven facility will consist of 16-bed family-type pods to provide a home-like and community atmosphere. SafeHaven is currently applying for a permit to use a pod in Boise as a nursing home. SafeHaven will offer assisted living pods as soon as possible; and offer skilled nursing when it has a skilled nursing license.
- Staffing levels for pods and behavioral facilities is different from normal skilled nursing facilities, which has apparently affected SafeHaven's star rating. Future pods will be built as needed.
- In addition to skilled nursing care and assisted living, the SafeHaven facility will provide physical and occupational therapy, home care services, and other means of therapy, including a small therapy pool.
- SafeHaven has never discriminated against Medicaid/Medicare patients, and will continue its commitment to quality care for all.
- SafeHaven has brought several failing care facilities in Idaho into compliance; and assures Blaine County that skilled nursing patients in Bellevue will receive the same quality level of care.
- SafeHaven does a complete home-assessment and helps people decide if they need care or can stay at home. Safe haven will help people make choices.
- Alliance Home Health and Hospice provides an office on the SafeHaven campus.
- SafeHaven has found it doesn't need a local Board. The best judges of care are residents, families and friends; and State regulators visit regularly.
- SafeHaven does not house prisoners in its facilities; but doesn't turn away patients with a correctional background who deserve compassion. Populations with behavioral issues cannot be comingled; and will probably be taken to a facility in Pocatello where they can get medication management and psychiatric care.

SafeHaven has adequate resources to absorb first-year losses, and expects the project to begin

making a significant profit after that. Several investors have expressed interest in the project and SafeHaven is pursuing the least expensive form of financing. SafeHaven's research shows the local assisted living market is underserved. SafeHaven has taken over many projects that were running losses; SafeHaven doesn't have any operations running losses today.

SafeHaven CEO Scott Burpee said the State will launch its Managed Care Dual Eligibles program. After that time, a managed care company will take a patient's Medicaid/Medicare benefit and negotiate the least expensive care for the patient. Dual eligibles will not be able to opt out of the system, which is likely to make traditional nursing homes outdated. 65% of nursing home patients are on Medicaid; 10% are on Medicare. Most Medic aids have Medicare as well. SafeHaven plans to provide both on one campus.

The Federal government contracts with the states to do ratings surveys. SafeHaven has a very high staffing ratio due to its behaviorally complex status. SafeHaven received a default one-star rating because their staffing level was too high to rate. When SafeHaven management gets a complaint, they take it seriously and investigate it.

Public Comment

- Al Stevenson suggested the BCC consider retaining an Idaho industry consultant, and clarify legal issues. Ratings are important; pay attention to them. Consider a short-term levy to keep Blaine Manor in business during the next two years.
- Greg Cappel, representing Croy Canyon Ranch, reiterated that legal issues need to be resolved before a decision could be made.

The BCC will visit facilities owned by TanaBell and SafeHaven on December 10.

BREAK

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(d) INDIGENT - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9, Idaho Code

Present were: Blaine County Indigent Services Manager Brooke Roberson.

- **Case #12-09-140**

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), Greenberg (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to deny Application for Assistance Case #12-09-140, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

CANVASS VOTES

The County Clerk presented vote results by precinct and candidate, including the absentee ballots.

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Blaine County election results for the November 6, 2012 general election, as records are presented for each candidate by precinct by the Clerk of Court. Motion carried unanimously.

Precinct	UNITED STATES PRESIDENT						UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 2nd DISTRICT		
	IND	CON	LIB	DEM	REP	IND	DEM	REP	W/I
	Ross C. "Rocky" Anderson	Virgil H. Goode	Gary Johnson	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Jill Stein	Nicole LeFavour	Mike Simpson	Jack Wayne Chappell
001 N Blaine County	6	1	16	624	344	3	578	405	0
002 Sun Valley	3	0	10	381	439	4	348	478	0
003 N Ketchum	4	0	20	546	274	1	484	331	0
004 S Ketchum	3	1	15	626	311	1	580	341	0
005 Quigley	1	0	10	502	344	7	456	393	0
006 Deer Creek	1	0	13	233	185	1	200	226	0
007 NW Hailey	5	0	15	511	198	4	484	243	0
008 NE Hailey	3	0	13	466	213	4	429	264	0
009 SW Hailey	2	1	11	460	161	2	422	197	0

010 NW Woodside	1	2	10	323	185	4	275	226	0	
011 SE Woodside	5	0	9	397	218	5	353	267	0	
012 Poverty Flat	2	0	5	215	188	2	208	204	0	
013 Bellevue	2	3	15	491	345	7	450	400	0	
014 Carey	1	0	2	84	327	2	87	325	0	
015 Gannett/Picabo	1	0	3	133	198	1	121	213	0	
016 Yale	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	10	0	
CO. TOTAL	40	8	167	5,992	3,939	48	5,475	4,523	0	
Precinct	VOTING STATISTICS					LEGISLATIVE DIST 26				
	Total Number of Registered Voters at Cutoff	Number of Election Day Registrants	Total Number of Registered Voters	Number of Ballots Cast	% of Registered Voters That Voted	ST SEN	ST REP A		ST REP B	
						DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
					Michelle Stennett	Steve Miller	John C. Remington	Lee Barron	Donna Pence	
001 N Blaine Cty	1144	101	1,245	1,011	81.20%	833	285	657	268	679
002 Sun Valley	997	86	1,083	849	78.39%	629	378	426	369	437
003 N Ketchum	1031	89	1,120	851	75.98%	705	235	568	224	572
004 S Ketchum	1202	143	1,345	970	72.12%	820	264	639	225	672
005 Quigley	1046	42	1,088	878	80.70%	738	302	529	278	565
006 Deer Creek	519	49	568	438	77.11%	341	173	234	151	257
007 NW Hailey	882	111	993	746	75.13%	646	191	515	159	555
008 NE Hailey	838	57	895	706	78.88%	622	193	476	178	501
009 SW Hailey	752	96	848	644	75.94%	555	148	457	118	488
010 NW Wodsde	674	121	795	537	67.55%	441	185	300	151	341
011 SE Woodside	746	345	1,091	652	59.76%	546	235	364	189	421
012 Poverty Flat	496	40	536	420	78.36%	344	167	239	149	256
013 Bellevue	1073	147	1,220	875	71.72%	725	317	506	292	544
014 Carey	478	57	535	423	79.07%	330	296	94	246	160
015 Gannett/Pcabo	396	53	449	342	76.17%	261	182	144	155	171
016 Yale	10	0	10	10	100.00%	4	8	0	8	0
CO. TOTAL	12,284	1,537	13,821	10,352	74.90%	8,540	3,559	6,148	3,160	6,619
3,712 total absentee ballots cast										

Precinct	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST 1	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST 3		COUNTY SHERIFF			COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	BLAINE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS		
	DEM	IND	DEM	IND	REP	W/I	DEM	VOTE FOR 3		
	Larry Schoen	Mickey Garcia	Angenie McCleary	Steve J. England	Gene D. Ramsey	Larry Clark	Jim J. Thomas	Aaron Andrews	Brian K. Dilworth	Justin Stevenson
001 N Blaine County	745	183	705	316	563	11	744	562	589	638
002 Sun Valley	588	190	513	272	479	15	575	459	469	500
003 N Ketchum	639	184	571	317	434	10	645	475	492	517
004 S Ketchum	734	180	662	396	458	14	707	564	581	608
005 Quigley	651	181	590	304	480	27	657	515	544	552
006 Deer Creek	298	86	284	144	247	14	309	227	245	262
007 NW Hailey	608	122	562	352	332	26	603	451	466	501
008 NE Hailey	550	155	488	294	340	38	554	465	479	497
009 SW Hailey	516	109	476	293	276	33	506	389	410	418
010 NW Woodside	415	141	324	296	174	29	410	308	337	328
011 SE Woodside	508	160	411	356	232	30	509	396	408	408
012 Poverty Flat	305	94	274	152	200	50	322	272	286	289
013 Bellevue	662	205	570	380	361	90	694	589	612	605
014 Carey	308	147	211	179	194	30	297	310	296	268
015 Gannett/Picabo	228	118	186	122	195	14	254	226	246	234
016 Yale	3	4	2	3	5	0	4	7	7	7
CO. TOTAL	7,758	2,259	6,829	4,176	4,970	431	7,790	6,215	6,467	6,632

Precinct	CITY OF BELLEVUE			
	Alderman - 3 Two Year Terms			Mayor
	Amber Avila	Barbara Patterson	Larry Plott	Christopher Koch
013 Bellevue	552	569	517	727
CO. TOTAL	552	569	517	727

Precinct	SMILEY CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	
	YES	NO
001 N Blaine County	22	2
CO. TOTAL	22	2

Precinct	S.J.R. 102		H.J.R. 2aa		PROPOSITION 1		PROPOSITION 2		PROPOSITION 3	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
001 N Blaine County	664	229	382	572	376	575	358	597	321	625
002 Sun Valley	587	180	371	424	412	390	427	384	346	458
003 N Ketchum	528	213	308	479	261	538	281	529	258	539
004 S Ketchum	616	221	319	582	277	645	305	626	247	676
005 Quigley	568	226	340	490	330	509	310	534	250	586
006 Deer Creek	277	108	203	206	170	252	163	259	146	275
007 NW Hailey	475	194	305	388	190	530	193	530	150	572
008 NE Hailey	477	166	312	356	175	517	155	538	113	580
009 SW Hailey	408	166	233	363	147	469	136	487	106	512
010 NW Woodside	322	153	257	248	150	364	161	352	129	386
011 SE Woodside	430	166	301	313	187	438	206	420	146	484
012 Poverty Flat	266	126	216	191	160	249	158	254	120	288
013 Bellevue	561	249	462	378	243	598	239	608	183	666
014 Carey	285	108	299	103	176	231	148	258	119	287
015 Gannett/Picabo	234	88	215	115	131	202	119	215	104	232
016 Yale	10	0	10	0	4	6	1	9	2	8
CO. TOTAL	6,708	2,593	4,533	5,208	3,389	6,513	3,360	6,600	2,740	7,174

Precinct	UNITED STATES PRESIDENT WRITE-IN CANDIDATES											
	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	REP	IND	IND
	Avery Ayers	Dennis Andrew Ball	Andre Barnett	Roseanne Barr	Joann Breivogel	Theodis Brown Sr.	Paul Chehade	Will Christensen	Santa Claus	John Albert Dummett Jr	Richard Duncan	Stephen Durham
001 N Blaine County												
002 Sun Valley												
003 N Ketchum												
004 S Ketchum												
005 Quigley												
006 Deer Creek												
007 NW Hailey												
008 NE Hailey												
009 SW Hailey												
010 NW Woodside												
011 SE Woodside												
012 Poverty Flat												
013 Bellevue												
014 Carey												
015 Gannett/Picabo												
016 Yale												
CO. TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Sheriff's Office – Gene Ramsey

- 49 inmates in jail this morning. Idaho Department of Corrections inmates were transported to a Bonneville County facility last evening.
- Three new staffers will be rotated into Jail Central Control.
- Future quarterly jail inspections will be in partnership with ICRMP. Jail staff is going to see what it can do to arrange an additional central control staff person to meet ICRMP's staffing standards.
- Blaine County's Jail report was excellent.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Road and Bridge crew finished Deer Creek bridge project. Should be right on budget or a little under. Project engineer approved the completed project as designed. Road and Bridge will keep an eye on the project in the next few years for revegetation and noxious weeds.
- Most roads have been graded in preparation for winter. Trail Creek Road was closed November 8, due to a mudslide.
- Operations personnel attended the Idaho Association of County Engineers and Road Supervisors (IACERS) and Idaho Association of Highway Districts (IAHD) conferences. Topics were policy, funding, safe roads, rights-of-way, and technology discussions. Other concerns are potential problems if counties are not able to keep a 50-foot right-of-way on prescriptive roads; the fear that federal Forest Service funding would be eliminated; and loss of personal property tax.
- Staff will apply to the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) for signs, and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) grants for Glendale Road. Staff would like to hire Keller and Associates to do the grant applications for a \$500 minimal charge. Blaine County will present its Transportation Plan priorities to the Regional Transportation Committee for their support on grant applications.
- Nelson presented draft recycling bin stickers to the BCC. The stickers, in international colors for standard recycled products, include information on products that go into each bin.
- The Recycle Center is ordering new larger bins.
- America Recycles Day is November 15. Kindergarten through grade 12 students are engaged in a t-shirt design contest. The YMCA donated prizes.
- Schoen suggested the Recycle Center think about how to increase recycling in Carey.
- Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa would like to use \$1,500 in his budget to continue participation in the Region IV BLM Weeds Education and Outreach trailer.
- The Weeds Outreach Coordinator has resigned.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Land Use has partnered with the Treasurer's office to provide a temporary worker to the Treasurer during their very busy month of December.

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage commended her entire staff on their teamwork and extra hours worked during the weeks up to and including the general election. On Election Night, five employees spent the entire night counting ballots and stayed on for work the next day.

AIRPORT ALTERNATIVES TECHNICAL ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Friedman Memorial Airport Authority Chairman Tom Bowman; Len Harlig; Janet Duffy; Glass Cockpit owner John Strauss; Silver Bell Ranch owner Jeff Nevins; Atlantic Aviation owner Michael Rasch; and Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

Blaine County needs to review Friedman Airport alternatives in context of its guiding principles, with as much community input as possible. Airport co-sponsors Blaine County and the City of Hailey determined months ago that they need to move forward in a dual path—plan a replacement airport as the ultimate solution; and, in the meantime, keep Friedman current, to provide continuous air service to meet the FAA's safety standards and community's aviation needs. The airport is crucial to keep Blaine County alive and healthy. The replacement airport may well not be affordable or built for 25-30 years.

The FMAA commissioned an engineering study, without public input, to determine what is necessary to bring Friedman into compliance with FAA design criteria. The BCC and Hailey will now discuss this "90-Day Study" of possible options, and what they would each cost.

A good master plan will outline a short-term goal to meet safety requirements, mid-term goal to improve obstacle-free areas, and the long-term goal of a replacement airport.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michael Rasch, Alliance Aviation, a Friedman tenant, said all the alternatives have significant impacts. He thinks Friedman is good enough for the next 10-15-20 years. He wants to achieve C-3 compliance, but doesn't want to impact Bellevue, and favors Alternatives 5-6-7 or some modification.

- Bellevue City Councilman Dave Hattula said Bellevue favored alternatives 6-7. Their ultimate support was for a replacement airport south of Bellevue.
- Len Harlig said present problems at Friedman—reliability, turbulence, crosswinds, winter weather, and high fares—have been lamented for three decades. A small Hailey passenger air market is diminishing even now. Sun Valley is a small limited ski resort and Friedman does not comply with FAA regulations. The seven proposed physical changes only solve one problem—the FAA deficiency.
- John Strauss, Glass Cockpit Aviation, said it appears the only alternatives that aren't counter-productive are alternatives 5-6-7. He suggested the BCC consider the easiest alternative possible.
- Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby said the BCC needed to give priority to the near term economic reality.

Blaine County needs to take the lead in working with local economic development organizations to solve near-term problems, and look to the replacement airport for the long term. The BCC needs to explore alternatives. Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird cited an example of a similar airport in another small mountain town, and said Friedman could serve the County well if it's carefully and well designed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Also present: Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto.

• **Purdy Double R Ranch SAP**

Greenburg moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on the Purdy Double R Ranch Stream Alteration Permit on Silver Creek. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE/MANAGER HANDBOOK REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION

Also present: Blaine County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek.

Potucek explained major revisions in the Employee/Manager Handbook. The Handbook now includes Blaine County's vision and shared values, the County's travel and per diem policy, and Limited English Proficiency Plan. Deferred compensation plans are explained. Intermittent and scheduled leaves, and bereavement leave are clarified.

The County's Discrimination and Harassment Policy complies with mandated federal law. Schoen said Blaine County is a leader, and will not tolerate overt, intentional or implied harassment.

Schoen moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the new revised and amended Blaine County Making a Difference Employee/Manager Handbook draft dated and adopted November 13, 2012, with any additional minor typographical errors corrected in the final version. In discussion: The BCC said the manual was excellent. The revisions cover everything the BCC has discussed, and more. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Clima-Tech HVAC System Preventative Maintenance and Inspection for Annex** [Record #603463](#)

Also present: Operations Director Char Nelson.

This is an annual general maintenance service contract with Clima-Tech. Three different companies have been working on the Annex HVAC system for the last year. Clima-Tech has been very helpful in dealing with emergencies. The BCC asked what the County actually gets for this contract since anything that needs to be fixed gets billed extra. The solution to the ongoing problems at the Annex would be a retrofit costing \$700,000+.

- **Emergency Management Performance Grant Award** [Record #603075](#)

This is standard annual grant award.

- **Public Defender Contract for Roark Law Firm** [Record #603070](#)

This is a standard template for the county's public defenders.

- **Schindler Elevator Maintenance Agreement for the Annex** [Record #605125](#)
- **Schindler Elevator Maintenance Agreement for the Old County courthouse**.... [Record #604744](#)

State law requires elevators be inspected annually.

- **4 Points LLC Independent Contractor Agreement** [Record #603069](#)
- **Blaine County/Clare Swanger Independent Contractor Agreement** [Record #603068](#)
- **Independent Contractor Agreement with John Haavik** [Record #603053](#)

Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin said these three contracts are ready to go. Voss said the 4 Points LLC independent contractor agreement is with an existing employee who is also a licensed surveyor.

