

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE NOVEMBER, 2015 SESSION**

Third Day

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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; County Administrator Derek Voss; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; County Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; Blaine County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

AMEND AGENDA

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to amend today's November 17, 2015 agenda to include Smiley Creek Recycling Project Update, including discussion of U.S. Forest Service and Blaine County Special Use Permit Amendment and recycling containers provided by the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

APPOINTMENTS, Discussion and Consideration

- **Blaine County Housing Authority - Bellevue Representative**
- **Mountain Rides Transportation Authority - Blaine County Representative**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to appoint Janine Bear as the Bellevue representative to the Blaine County Housing Authority; and to reappoint David Patrie as the Blaine County representative to Mountain Rides Transportation Authority. In discussion, Schoen explained that Bear shall be Bellevue's representative to the BCHA, but the BCC makes all appointments to the Housing Authority. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Treasurer's Report - John David Davidson

- At the County's independent auditor's suggestion, the Treasurer tracked a \$170 longstanding discrepancy that was never removed from "in transit".
- Discussed current investment policy with auditor. The Treasurer will continue to review investment policy, with focus on risk and practicality, and discuss with the BCC in a future meeting.
- Visited Zions Bank in Salt Lake City to learn how County's property tax payments are processed using the County Lockbox. Treasurer was impressed with building security and oversight of every mechanical process, and confirmed that the lockbox is a real timesaver.
- New improved tax bills should be printed and mailed this week.
- Treasurer's office is now using Forte Payment Systems, which interfaces with the County's Master's Touch billing system. Point and Pay is still being used by other County departments and is available as a back-up to the Treasurer's office.

County Administrator - Derek Voss

- The BCC decided that County offices can close at 4:00 on Christmas and New Year's Eve. If department heads want to allow some employees to leave earlier, they may do so. Both "Eve" days will be considered a full day for employees who stay until 4:00 and those employees who take a vacation day. The early close will be communicated to the public. The BCC acknowledged that departments always try to be fair to their employees and responsive to public needs in allowing adequate staffing and early closing hours.
- Voss confirmed that the upcoming online auction of the Blaine Manor property will officially close on December 15, plenty of time before the holidays.
- Musser proposed increasing the \$10,000 marketing allowance to cover countywide mailing costs, but, upon reconsideration, Musser believes the property can be efficiently marketed for less than \$10,000.
- The BCC approved a disclaimer that the Blaine Manor property appraisal was done solely for the seller (the County) and a buyer should not rely on it.
- The BCC confirmed that Musser will have a disclaimer that any Realtor involved in the purchase will not receive any additional commission from the County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2015-54 Transfer of Funds to Ketchum Police Department Trust Account**
..... Record #631231
- **Junior College Residency Forms:** CSI, Spring 2016 term: Jacqueline Hinzman, Monique Ray, and Ashley Yagia.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Consent Calendar dated November 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

• June 30, 2015 Special Meeting

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve minutes of the June 30, 2015 Blaine County Commissioners meeting, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SMILEY CREEK RECYCLING CENTER, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Blaine County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton.

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Amendment for Special Use Authorization at Smiley Creek Garbage Collection Site**
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Special Use Permit at Smiley Creek Garbage Collection Site**

McCleary has worked with County GIS and the Forest Service to update the Appendix C map; and confirmed with Clear Creek Disposal Service that the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit to include recycling at the Smiley Creek Transfer Station will work for them. The Forest Service person working on this Special Use Permit Amendment is transferring to another job, so McCleary presented the final draft of the amendment to the BCC and asked that any revisions be made today.

The BCC reviewed the Special Use Permit, original Operating Plan and Appendix C, and suggested a few revisions. Blaine County will be responsible for any odor, vector and rodent control necessary. The USFS will do earthwork and the County shall be required to erect a wood screening fence alongside the site by November, 2016.

McCleary will present the revised documents to the Forest Service today.

• Recycling Bins at Smiley Creek

Schoen reported that the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District will provide four containers for recycling: Two 3-compartment bins on indefinite loan to Blaine County for \$1,000 each, to pay for repainting; and two single-compartment containers for cardboard. The two walk-in cardboard containers will be modified to add an a-frame top, and will cost \$6,600 each to cover modification, fabrication and painting. Total cost of four bins would be \$15,200, paid out of the Recycling unappropriated reserves. SISWD would deliver the containers to Ohio Gulch Transfer Station and Clear Creek will deliver them to Smiley Creek.

Please see minutes at end of this meeting for BCC approval of the Forest Service Smiley Creek documents.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

South Central Public Health District Legislative Reception and Board Meeting – McCleary

County Commissioners from South Central's eight counties and State Legislators attended the reception. Meeting focused on:

- the merger between Public Health and Behavioral Health Board, which will make Public Health administrator of Behavioral Health Board.
- an update on Safety and Health Investment Projects (SHIP) program.
- Parents as Teachers, the newest public health district program.

Schoen felt presenters did an excellent job; and suggested more time be allotted in upcoming meetings for legislators' response on how programs will be funded and implemented.

Recycling Education and Outreach Update – Schoen

The new Recycling Education and Outreach Working Group (including Commissioner Schoen, Blaine County Recycle Center Supervisor Lamar Waters; County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton, ERC Executive Director Hadley DeBree; Southern Idaho Solid Waste District Executive Director Josh Bartlomé, Cathy Tyson Foster; and Clear Creek Disposal owner Mike Goitiandia) met to discuss priorities and challenges for effective education and outreach. All members are enthusiastic about working with other stakeholders on a robust program throughout the County. The BCC discussed the group's first priority of public education and enforcement of "clean," uncontaminated recyclables. They will discuss printed materials at the next meeting.

Wood River Water Collaborative Meeting – Schoen

This is a grassroots effort to address the County's water future by bringing together groundwater and surface water users to develop sustainable practices and efficient strategies for water use and conservation. Participants include representatives of Blaine County's two newly-formed water districts, various non-governmental conservation organizations, and other interested parties. Schoen and Bergin will prepare an outline of discussion on County Water Use Policy for a future BCC meeting.

Blaine County Website

Voss said the website is very important to the public, and the County should promote it more.

Idaho Power Redundant Lines – Greenberg

Sun Valley Economic Development will discuss funding the redundant power lines at an upcoming meeting. Greenberg received a number of emails, most in favor of the power lines, but some question how to charge for them. Idaho Power wants to present funding options for the redundant lines project to the BCC.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES, Discussion and Consideration

- **Findings of Fact: Lot 1, Block 1, Henslee Ranch Sub. Plat Amendment**
- **Findings of Fact: Mountain Overlay District Permit - Beverly Hay**
- **Findings of Fact: Mountain Overlay District Permit - Elise Lufkin**
- **Findings of Fact: Mountain Overlay District Permit - Thomas and Maureen Longe**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley.

Cooley made revisions as directed by the BCC.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on the application of Rolf and Nancy Engh for a plat amendment to Lot 1, Block 1, Henslee Ranch Subdivision, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Schoen started to make a motion, but withdrew his initial motion.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decisions for three applications for Site Alteration Permits in the Mountain Overlay District by Beverly Hay, Elise Lufkin, and Thomas and Maureen Longe. Chairman Greenberg recused himself since he was not present for these hearings. Motion passed 2/0.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Picabo Livestock Company LLC Stream Alteration Permit:** A public hearing and consideration of a Stream Alteration application by Picabo Livestock Company LLC to remove sediment from the "Big Bend" area of Silver Creek, east of Kilpatrick pond. Approximately 6,338 cubic yards of deposited sediment would be removed with a suction dredge and placed on highlands south of Silver Creek. The project reach is approximately 1,332 linear feet and is located in Productive Agricultural District (A-40) with Wetlands overlay, within T1S R20E, Sections 29 and 30.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley; applicant Nick Purdy and applicant's representative Chuck Brockway, Jr., Gary Lipton; Trout Unlimited Hemingway Chapter past president Ed Northern; Mark Milkovich; Greg Loomis; Silver Creek Preserve Manager Sunny Healey; Donnie Hodge; Picabo Angler representative John Huber; Paul Crabtree; and Michael Gittleman.

Cooley read notice.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, that notice was adequate. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURES: NONE.

Applicant Nick Purdy said decreased water flow over the last 10 years has resulted in decreased water velocity and accumulation of silt, and they've been narrowing the creek to keep velocity up. This project is for a section of the creek that picks up where previous narrowing rehabilitation ended.

About 1½ miles from Kilpatrick Dam, the creek has a "big bend" with an area of excessive siltation that they now want to remove with a floating suction dredge, which doesn't require any heavy excavation equipment in the creek. The slurry would be deposited in upland areas, and there would be no possibility for runoff re-entering into the creek. The project should start in a week or two and is anticipated to take about a month. Turbidity will be continually monitored with a turbidity probe.

The Corps of Engineers determined that no permit was necessary for excavation. The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) issued a stream alteration permit. Schoen agreed that this bend is clearly an area where sediment would accumulate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michael Gittleman fishes in several states, and siltation is a problem everywhere. He commended Picabo Livestock for trying to deal with it.
- Sunny Healey thanked Picabo Livestock for their efforts to improve Silver Creek. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) holds a conservation easement upstream and is working with Picabo Livestock on an agreement for approval of this project. TNC is satisfied that the proposed turbidity monitoring is adequate.
- John Huber said Picabo Anglers, owned by the Purdys, provides jobs for six full time fishing guides, plus store and kitchen staff, and the economic viability of Silver Creek is important to all of them. He said the proposed project is during a down season when there is little fishing and no fish spawning.
- Greg Loomis supports the project, and said silt accumulation in the big bend and downstream has probably happened over the last 100 years. One advantage of this project is there's a good place to put the excavated silt.
- Idaho Trout Unlimited totally supports this project.

Brockway said they will submit final versions of construction drawings and work schedule before construction starts.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve application by Picabo Livestock Company for a Stream Alteration Permit on the “big bend” portion of Silver Creek, based on Findings that this application complies with Blaine County’s ordinance criteria, stipulated by Conditions 1 through 14 as listed in the staff report; and that applicant is able to begin construction, if desired, prior to Findings being approved and signed, once all requisite information is submitted to the County. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Comprehensive Plan - Agriculture Chapter**, CONTINUED Public hearing and consideration of proposed amendments to Title 8, Ch. 1, Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Agriculture chapter would replace Section 1, Agriculture, of the current Plan. Agriculture is a required element of a comprehensive plan per I.C. Section 67-6508. The chapter was recommended for approval by the P&Z Commission on August 13, 2015. Click here for Materials.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee members Len Harlig and Dick Fosbury.

The BCC reviewed latest revisions to the Agriculture Chapter.

Len Harlig suggested the Agriculture section state that the County will continue to evaluate cluster development benefits and detriments.

The BCC removed references to County funding services and programs.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan by replacing Section 1 Agriculture with proposed Chapter 4 Agriculture, along with associated maps and appendices, as amended in today's hearing, based upon Findings that the proposed amendments will not adversely impact potable water or general health, safety or welfare in Blaine County. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER

Commissioner Schoen and Land Use Administrator Bergin asked the BCC to consider a joint meeting of the BCC, P&Z Commission, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board and Natural Resources and Environment to discuss water and local water policy.

SMILEY CREEK, CONTINUED FROM EARLIER IN THE MEETING

- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Amendment for Special Use Authorization Smiley Creek Garbage Collection Site**
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The Forest Service made the BCC’s requested changes from this morning’s BCC meeting, and submitted revised documents.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve an amendment to the Special Use Permit between Blaine County and the United States Forest Service for operating and maintaining a garbage collection site year-round in Smiley Creek to add an amendment for recycling. Motion carried unanimously,

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:08 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____

JoLynn Drage
County Clerk

Jacob Greenberg
Chairman