

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

**Second Day**

**Tuesday, October 11, 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, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and Idaho Mountain Express reporter Kate Wutz.

Commissioner Bowman was absent from today's meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Clerk's Report** – JoLynn Drage

- The Election Office will begin absentee voting this week.

**County Administrator** – Derek Voss

- Continue to review and process annual contract renewals.
- Recently visited the wastewater treatment plant in the South Gateway area with Land Use staff and Commissioner Bowman. Beginning to formulate a better knowledge of South Gateway infrastructure, in anticipation of making a project master plan. Will follow up with a visit to the Sun Valley-Ketchum Wastewater Treatment plant.

**Claims** – Schar Boyd

- Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary to approve claims dated through October 5, 2011.**

**Motion carried 2/0.**

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**FUND 01**

**AGAINST GENERAL FUND**

Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 257,472.12
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 282,618.63
Total September FICA		\$ 38,905.90
Total September Benefits		\$ 154,295.99
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 575,586.26</u>

Combined Total September Expense \$1,308,878.90

**FUND 02**

**AGAINST ROAD & BRIDGE**

Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 21,899.53
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 24,047.23
Total September FICA		\$ 3,214.09
Total September Benefits		\$ 14,280.12
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 88,194.79</u>

Combined Total September Expense \$ 151,635.76

**FUND 03**

**AGAINST ELECTION CONSOLIDATION**

Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 1,021.30
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 1,021.30
Total September FICA		\$ 156.26
Total September Benefits		\$ 773.60
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 794.99</u>

Combined Total September Expense \$ 3,767.45

**FUND 06**

**AGAINST DISTRICT COURT**

Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 1,892.31
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 1,892.31
Total September FICA		\$ 289.52
Total September Benefits		\$ 954.60
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 18,053.93</u>

Combined Total September Expense \$ 23,082.67

<b>FUND 16</b>	<b>AGAINST CHARITY &amp; INDIGENT</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 3,453.89	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 3,453.89	
Total September FICA		\$ 523.16	
Total September Benefits		\$ 1,840.48	
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 44,400.63</u>	
Combined Total September Expense			\$ 53,672.05
<b>FUND 20</b>	<b>AGAINST REVALUATION</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 9,760.76	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 9,833.16	
Total September FICA		\$ 1,322.96	
Total September Benefits		\$ 7,529.68	
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 2,918.84</u>	
Combined Total September Expense			\$ 31,365.40
<b>FUND 23</b>	<b>AGAINST SOLID WASTE</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 3,842.80	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 4,021.35	
Total September FICA		\$ 591.72	
Total September Benefits		\$ 1,869.29	
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 18,627.01</u>	
Combined Total September Expense			\$ 28,952.17
<b>FUND 27</b>	<b>AGAINST NOXIOUS WEEDS</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 6,097.36	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 5,992.35	
Total September FICA		\$ 855.51	
Total September Benefits		\$ 3,464.76	
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 6,232.11</u>	
Combined Total September Expense			\$ 22,642.09
<b>FUND 04</b>	<b>AGAINST AMBULANCE</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ 164,821.73	\$ 164,821.73
<b>FUND 07</b>	<b>AGAINST COUNTY FAIR</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ 12,820.00	\$ 12,820.00
<b>FUND 11</b>	<b>AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ 21,859.00	\$ 21,859.00
<b>FUND 12</b>	<b>AGAINST HISTORICAL SOC. &amp; MUSEUM</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ 12,305.00	\$ 12,305.00
<b>FUND 17</b>	<b>AGAINST JR. COLLEGE TUITION</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ -	\$ -
<b>FUND 31</b>	<b>AGAINST PSF BOND REDEMPTION</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ -	\$ -
<b>FUND 35</b>	<b>AGAINST NURSING HOME</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ 9,693.02	\$ 9,693.02
<b>FUND 37</b>	<b>AGAINST SNOWMOBILE</b>		
Total September Bills		\$ -	\$ -
<b>FUND 38</b>	<b>AGAINST WATERWAYS</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 393.03	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 26.69	
Total September FICA		\$ 32.11	
Total September Benefits		\$ 45.04	
Total September Bills		<u>\$ 5,749.72</u>	
Combined Total September Expense			\$ 6,246.59
<b>FUND 46</b>	<b>AGAINST E-911 EMERGENCY COMM</b>		
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 8	\$ 4,282.40	
Blaine County Employees	Salaries September 22	\$ 4,282.40	
Total September FICA		\$ 650.42	

Total September Benefits	\$ 1,457.99	
Total September Bills	<u>\$ 30,943.34</u>	
Combined Total September Expense		\$ 41,616.55
<b>FUND 51</b>	<b>AGAINST LAND WATER &amp; WILDLIFE LEVY</b>	
Total September Bills	\$ 11,552.00	\$ 11,552.00
<b>FUND 81</b>	<b>AGAINST LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>	
Total September Bills	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b><u>\$1,904,910.38</u></b>

**Operations Director – Char Nelson**

- Nelson met with the ITD bridge inspector, County Engineer and Road and Bridge Manager to review condition of Blaine County bridges. Temporary repairs were made to Adams Gulch bridge until the bridge can be rebuilt next year with grant funds. High Five bridge is closed until it can be repaired with grant funds next year.
- Met with Jim Knight of Pelletco. Pelletco is interested in doing a biomass project in Blaine County, and needs to determine if there is enough recyclable plastic to make the project feasible.
- Preparing a recycling plan for upcoming special BCC public meeting on recycling. Meeting topics will include formation of a public advisory committee, and task list and timeline for the committee; and possible programs, with a true cost-benefit analysis.
- Nelson and Voss will meet with the Forest Service to discuss a road maintenance contract for road maintenance on Warm Springs Road.

**BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Region IV Development Association Quarterly Board Meeting – Schoen**

- Region IV Development Association has implemented one-day-a-week employee furloughs due to grant fund shortfalls. This should self-correct in FY2012, but has a significant impact right now. The organization is nearly finished dealing with serious bookkeeping challenges due to bookkeeper turnover in the last year.
- Region IV Development Association Loan Division:
  - \$8 million in construction projects underway for various public and private loan projects.
  - Post construction appraisals are coming in under the construction cost.
  - Significant amount of funding is available for recipients under various programs.
  - Additional people on the Loan Review Committee to insure more timely loan application review.
- Region IV Economic Development is working with Carey Area Economic Development on downtown grant assistance. New local participation requirements are making economic development grants more challenging.

**Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) – Schoen**

BCHA is sponsoring several sessions of the Finally Home program for first-time homebuyers.

**Blaine Manor Board Meeting – McCleary**

- Blaine Manor population is down slightly, causing revenue to be down. Two under-budgeted revenue line items—higher percentage of private residents and currently higher Medicaid rate—are covering the decrease caused by the reduced census.
- Three major stakeholders in Blaine County senior care—Blaine Manor, Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation and Senior Connection—are working together and beginning to form a vision of senior care for the entire county.
- Schoen questioned the BCC’s earlier decision to reject a proposal from Evans Senior Investments to look for a private buyer for the Blaine Manor building. The BCC has always said they don’t want to be in the nursing home business, and this may be one way to get Blaine Manor under private ownership. Schoen suggested the BCC might want to reconsider their decision.

**Community Drug Coalition – McCleary**

The BCC will consider a proclamation for National Red Ribbon Week at its next meeting..

**Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI) – McCleary**

CTAI recently held their State Annual Mobility Conference at Sun Valley Resort. A panel of elected officials from across the state answered questions and addressed comments on public transportation in their communities. McCleary realized the BCC needs to formulate a strategic plan for air service and how it fits in the community transportation plan.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Public Defenders Contract with Werth Law Office** ..... Record #591275
- **Public Defenders Contract with Christopher Simms** ..... Record #591192
- **Public Defenders Contract with Daniel Dolan** ..... Record #591271
- **Public Defenders Contract with Cheri Hicks** ..... Record #591191
- **Public Defenders Contract with Roark Law Firm** ..... Record #592765

- **Climatech Maintenance Agreement for Annex Heating and Cooling System** . [Record #591349](#)
- **Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Blaine Co. Ambulance District and Carey Rural Fire Protection District** .....revised 12/13/11 - [Record #592939](#)
- **CHC Medical Contract for inmate healthcare services**..... [Record #591194](#)
- **Homeland Security Grant for Deer Creek Bridge/Bank Protection** ..... [Record #591193](#)

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to adopt the Consent Calendar for October 11, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- **October 4, 2011 Regular Tuesday Meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the minutes of the Regular BCC Meeting of October 4, 2011, as amended; and to make additional amendments to the minutes of the Regular BCC Meeting of September 13, 2011 and Special BCC Meeting of September 14, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.

**REPLACEMENT AIRPORT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird, Blaine County Airport Advisory Committee (BCAAC) member Vanessa Fry; Len Harlig; and Bellevue resident Dale Ewerson.

The FAA is committed to meeting safety and reliability standards at the local airport. Blaine County residents, including general aviation pilots, have to consider all options in order to determine what they want in a community airport, and what they are willing to financially support.

Blaine County and the City of Hailey need to devise a strategic framework to present to the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA). The FMAA needs to give Blaine County, Hailey, and the community a clear idea of what grant assurances mean for future air service at Friedman. FMAA also needs to present a clear picture of the cost and benefits of general and commercial aviation at Friedman. The BCC is in favor of FMAA looking at expansion outside of the Friedman Memorial Airport (FMA) fence, but with the least impact to local residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bellevue resident Dale Ewerson said enough money and resources have been spent on a target that now appears unavailable. Everyone should look at smaller, clearly defined steps that add value to future decisions.

BCAAC member Vanessa Fry said it is very important to make the correct information available to the public.

BCC members said co-owners of the replacement airport (Blaine County and City of Hailey), along with the FMAA and the community, have to begin to operate jointly on a shared vision. General aviation supports the use of Friedman. Commercial air service to a regional airport is the lifeblood of the valley. The residents of Hailey and Bellevue are most impacted by the physical effects of Friedman Airport, and with good planning, stand to gain the most with jobs and public amenities.

All partners, including commercial airlines, have to begin a step-by-step process of evaluating what each contributes to create the vision. The community must be kept informed and involved. The BCC will direct County staff to initiate a first meeting with the FMAA and City of Hailey to look at the Master Plan preamble and other documents that would affect any decision in favor of expansion at Friedman Airport.

Bellevue has a committee drafting a list of questions to be answered, so people feel they have more information.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS, continued**

**COUNTY CLERK – JoLynn Drage**

- Computer Arts will close Blaine County FY2011 books on October 26. Auditors will be here the week of October 31.
- Election is November 8.
- ICRMP Board of Trustees is looking for Board nominations.  
The BCC is satisfied with Tom Faulkner, and will not nominate anyone at this time.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Derek Voss**

- The ESRI agreement for GIS software is ready for BCC signature. The contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney, and is a 3-year agreement at a reduced price.
- Received Defenders of Wildlife invoice for FY2012 for \$1,800. Prior invoices for Defenders came through Wildlife Services.

Schoen will meet organizations involved in the Wood River Wolf Project at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters to plan for implementation of non-lethal deterrents in Blaine County

in 2012. Schoen will approach Idaho Fish and Game and Wildlife Services (federal agency) to discuss decision making and more transparency on wolf management in Blaine County.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS**

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend today’s October 11, 2011 agenda to consider the ESRI Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise License. Motion carried 2/0.**

**ESRI Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise License ..... Record #591250**

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the ESRI 3-year-agreement granting Blaine County access to ESRI term license software on an unlimited basis, including maintenance for the term of the agreement, and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried 2/0.**

**BREAK**

**LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS**

**Stream Alteration Permit Application:** Public hearing on and consideration of a stream alteration permit application by David Morrow to remove fallen trees in the main channel of the Big Wood River to prevent a logjam. The project site is Lot 19 Gimlet Subdivision #10, also known as 24 Gimlet Road in Blaine County, ID, approximately 2.5 miles south of Elkhorn Road intersection with State Highway 75.

Also present: Blaine County Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma; and applicant’s representative Steph Eisenbarth.

Stelma read posted notice.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, that notice was adequate. Motion carried 2/0.**

The work is proposed for Lot 19, but the applicant is actually Lot 18. Neighbors are working together to alleviate a small logjam created by several fallen trees and accumulated debris. The logjam creates more erosion upstream, and a total blockage could cause the river channel to change. The river channel is moving westward, against the properties. The trees need to be removed before next spring to relieve the debris logjam. Trees will be removed manually. Root wads will be left in place to avoid problems downstream.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Candy Burnap lives across the river and supports the SAP. The river has almost cut a new channel, and has severely damaged the road.

**Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the application for a Stream Alteration Permit on the Big Wood River to remove woody debris, based on Findings that the application applies to all Blaine County Standards, subject to conditions noted in the Staff Report, with an additional condition allowing work to proceed before final Findings are signed. Motion carried 2/0.**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Also present: Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma, and County Planner Kathy Grotto.

**• Bozzuto Plat Amendment**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on the application of William Bozzuto for a plat amendment to shift the lot line between Lot 3 Little Acres and Lot 5 Cotton Creek Subdivision. Motion carried 2/0.**

**• Sun Valley Trust Stream Alteration Permit**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve application of Sun Valley Trust for a Stream Alteration Permit to remove a logjam from the Big Wood River. Motion carried 2/0.**

**LAND USE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

**Heart Rock Ranch Site Visit**

The BCC members plan to individually visit the Heart Rock Ranch wetlands restoration and stream alteration project on the Big Wood River, as well as the Blacks Slough and Crystal Creek areas.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 1:59 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

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