

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

**Fifth Day**

**Monday, September 19, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary was absent from today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Richmond said Blaine County needed more light industrial (LI) area, because LI uses were encroaching into residential areas. Lack of enforcement caused unfair commercial advantage; and Conditional Use Permitting is not the way to handle enforcement.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**County Clerk – JoLynn Drage**

- Presented the BCC with an application for group life insurance with County's new healthcare carrier. Policy is the same as the current BlueShield policy.
- The Old Blaine County Courthouse will now be the only absentee voting location for all elections.

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- Interpreters Services Agreement template is available.
- City of Hailey will pay FY2012 emergency communications bill, but is questioning if cities are responsible for paying for emergency communications services. First step is mediation, followed by a court process.

**Operations Director – Char Nelson**

- State bridge inspector is currently inspecting Blaine County's bridges.
- Public meeting on Blaine County Recycling Center is scheduled for October 19.
- Cathy Tyson Foster is working with the ERC to provide clear and correct information about recycling in Blaine County to the public.
- Met with Mike Goitiandia of Clear Creek Disposal to discuss recycling curbside collection. Clear Creek will include flyers explaining recycling in their trash bills.
- The Blaine County Recycling Center may host a pilot program to recycle snow sports equipment—snowboards, skis, boots, helmets, etc.
- Discussing potential recycling project with Pelletco, which combines greenwaste with plastic combustible fuel to generate electricity.
- Discussed glass diversion program and composting on private property with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- Discussing a greenwaste/garbage composting project with Jim Garrison and Gina Ubueraga of Wood River Organic Composting. They have discussed greenwaste curbside pickup with Clear Creek Disposal.
- Bowman and Operations Department will do a financial model spreadsheet of how the solid waste system works, including the connection between recycling and tipping fees.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Contract Interpreters Services Agreement template**

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for September 19, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.**

**BCC REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Wood River Community Drug Coalition (CDC) – Schoen**

CDC Executive Director Terry Basolo and Idaho Drug Free Youth program director have completed a three-year federal Drug Free Communities training program. CDC is developing a logic-based program to identify causes of substance abuse and will then develop strategies for addressing it.

**Community Solar Farm Follow Up – Bowman**

The land proposed for the proposed solar farm is a Recreational and Public Purposes (RPP) Act transfer from the BLM to Blaine County. The developer, Site-Based Energy, expects to realize a profit (which will go to a non-profit), so BLM is reviewing to see if project is allowed on RPP land. If not, County owns other fee simple land in the area.

**Community Energy Plan – Bowman**

Met with Eileen Quigley regarding New Energy Cities Community Energy Plan.

**DEQ Water Quality Informational Meeting – Bowman**

Water quality informational meeting for administrators and elected officials this week

**FMAA Airport Meeting upcoming – Bowman**

Upcoming FMAA meeting scheduled for stakeholders and public to discuss where to go from here. Does Blaine County need commercial air service? How much can community afford to pay for commercial air service. City of Hailey is discussing their Comprehensive Plan, which says the airport cannot be expanded outside the fence. Land outside the fence is County-owned and in Hailey’s Area of City Impact.

**Blaine County Jail Inspection – Schoen**

Quarterly jail inspection was done with the Idaho Jail Standards Coordinator/Inspector Cindy Malm. Blaine County is consistently one of the best jails in the state. The inspection revealed no outstanding issues.

**Wood River Electrical Plan – Schoen**

Committee is discussing funding options for undergrounding power lines. Basic premise is that underground power lines are a community effort, and everyone in the project area would pay a proportionate amount.

**HOMESALES, INC. TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST**

Also present: Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace, and Treasurer Vicki Dick.

Assessor’s office made an error in 2008 in calculating the square footage of the house. A Realtor discovered the error when listing the house for sale. The house has recently been sold, and Assessor doesn’t know how property taxes were handled at closing. A new 2012 value on the house corrects the error, with the difference in value of \$317,133. Taxes based on a Tax Estimator program provided by the State Tax Commission would be \$2,388.22.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve refund of taxes to the owner of Parcel #RPS041500001A, (from January 1 to August 16, 2011) based upon an assessor’s finding that the valuation was erroneous and taxes due were overpaid, and also to credit the new owner of record (from August 16 to December 31, 2011) on their 2011 tax bill for an amount yet to be determined.** In discussion, the BCC stated that an existing Blaine County resolution stipulates that a landowner can only be credited for incorrectly paid taxes for the prior year and does not include any earlier tax years. **Motion carried 2/0.**

**LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES DISCUSSION**

- **Possible resolution to transfer County property by East Fork to Blaine County Recreation District**

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley, Planner Kathy Grotto, and Code Compliance Specialist Megan Stelma.

This is a small parcel of land previously offered at tax deed auction, with no bidders. The parcel is adjacent to the Wood River Bike Path, and the Blaine County Recreation District would like to own the land. Idaho Law allows counties to transfer surplus property to a taxing district for no compensation, as long as a resolution is passed declaring the transfer is in the public interest.

- **Castle Subdivision Extension**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, and Planner Kathy Grotto.

This is a two-lot subdivision. The applicant is in foreclosure, but can repurchase the property by February 24. Applicant is requesting an extension to June 24, 2012 to allow time to do infrastructure improvements. Final plat was approved, but has not been recorded.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to extend the final plat deadline for the Castle Subdivision cluster development for one year from the date of permit expiration, based on a Finding that good cause has been shown. Motion carried 2/0.**

- **Lawrence Kimball Text Amendment to allow for an outdoor recreation area or a motocross track in an Ag zone**

Kimball is beginning application process to use his property for non-agricultural uses. The A-40 Agricultural zone permits open space recreation uses, but not an outdoor recreational facility such as a motocross track, which Kimball is contemplating. The parcel is in the Fish Creek drainage, where there are water concerns.

Schoen was open to the application, with public input, but would only consider it as a conditional use that is sensitive to the preservation of intact landscapes. Bowman deferred the decision to the Land Use department.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 11:40 a.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage Tom Bowman  
County Clerk Vice-Chairman