

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

Fifth Day

Tuesday, September 22, 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; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION

The County Clerk read the polling places for the November 3, 2015 election.

BLAINE COUNTY POLLING PLACES		
PRECINCT #	PRECINCT NAME	POLLING PLACE
002	Sun Valley	Sun Valley City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, Sun Valley ID
003	North Ketchum	Hemingway School, 111 8 th Street West, Ketchum, ID
004	South Ketchum	Hemingway School, 111 8 th Street West, Ketchum, ID
005	Quigley	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
006	Deer Creek	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
007	NW Hailey	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
008	NE Hailey	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
009	SW Hailey	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
010	NW Woodside	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
011	SE Woodside	Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey ID
012	Poverty Flat	Bellevue Elementary School, 305 North 5 th Street, Bellevue ID
013	Bellevue	Bellevue Elementary School, 305 North 5 th Street, Bellevue ID
014	Carey	Carey City Hall, 20482 North Main, Carey ID
015	Gannett / Picabo	Silver Creek Convenience Store, 18918 Highway 20, Picabo ID
017	Absentee	Blaine County Courthouse & Mail, 206 1 st Ave South, Hailey ID

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Blaine County polling places, as read into the record, for the November 3, 2015 election. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2015-50 AMENDED BLAINE COUNTY 2015 PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

Also present: Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos.

The State Tax Commission had a rounding error on their website, resulting in a different levy tax rate on four Blaine County taxing districts.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2015-50, amending Resolution 2015-37, setting revised property tax levies for four taxing districts: Hailey Bond, Minidoka County Fire District, Blaine County School District No. 61 Budget Stabilization and Blaine County School District No. 61 Plant Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

..... Record #629725

ROAD AND BRIDGE BID OPENING

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy and County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton.

McCleary opened the single bid received from JK Merrill & Sons, Pocatello, Idaho, to crush gravel in Blaine County's gravel pit, to ¾" specifications. Bid included cashier's check for \$3,750.

McCleary said the BCC had received requests to use smaller chips, and asked if any other size road materials were considered. Duffy said this ¾" road mix was for gravel roads only; and that Road and Bridge has some smaller gravel stockpiled in the County pit.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Claims - Schar Boyd

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve claims dated September 17, 2015, including two additional claims for NAMI for \$9,000 and Court postage for \$3,400, previously submitted to the BCC. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - John David Davidson

- Treasurer's Office is preparing to send out 2015 tax bills.
- Special assessments on the Grey Eagle property in Sun Valley and the South Valley Ground Water District have been added to the tax roll.
- Office upgrades include accepting electronic payments and recording of investments.
- Taxpayers' bills now show what they owed last year and paid in past years.
- Road and Bridge, Probation, Indigent and Elections are being added to Point & Pay credit card processing.
- Multibank Securities' electronic recording system allows the Treasurer to review current and old investments.

County Administrator - Derek Voss

East Fork Striping

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy and County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton.

The minimum pricing to restripe East Fork Road, using water-based paint, is \$2,200. Painting 10 bike logos on the shoulders of the road, per original road design, at \$100/each would cost an additional \$1,000. Water base paint has a 1-year life, but usually lasts up to 3 years, is environmentally friendly and, at 15¢/linear foot, is the most cost effective. More expensive paint options are thermoplastic paint, which lasts 3-5 years and the engineer estimates at \$1.00/linear foot; and Methyl Methacrylate "MMA" paint which lasts 6-8 years, is estimated at \$2.00/linear foot, including labor, and is a challenge to apply.

The BCC supported striping East Fork Road with water base paint, no bike logos on the shoulders, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500; and asked that the work be done as soon as possible.

Trout Architect Fees

The AIA contract between Blaine County and Trout Architects for the Old Courthouse roof remodel requires the architect to initially mediate any disputes. One roof remodel contractor has a weather-related construction dispute with Blaine County, and Trout Architects requested a budget of \$6,500 to allow them to evaluate the claim. Trout Architects and their attorney subsequently spent over \$22,000 on the claim. Voss suggested the BCC authorize \$22,432.99, which is reasonable and legitimate, to Trout Architects for the actual time to review the Wright Brothers claim. The BCC supported Voss in paying the full amount of the invoice to Trout Architects to manage the weather-related delay claim.

Noxious Weeds Protest Hearings

Also present: Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa; Weed Outreach Coordinator Bronwyn Nickel; and County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson.

- Appellant Rogers cancelled their protest.
- Appellant Beck received a state enforcement notice on July 21 that gave her five days to remove the spotted knapweed on her property. Beck signed the certified mail receipt. On July 29, Nickel inspected the property and saw that weeds were still there. The County's contractor, AK Pest Management, sprayed the weeds on July 31-August 1. The County charged Beck the \$320 cost to remove the weeds plus \$100 enforcement fee.
Beck responded with a letter that her mother could verify the weeds were cut down on July 24; but did not provide an invoice for the work. Beck is asking for the charges to be reversed. Blaine County Weed Department Manager John Cenarrusa said the state notice clearly requires the landowner to call the Weeds office and state their intentions, which the landowner did not do. Greenberg requested a copy of the state enforcement notice.

Greenberg said he frequently sees empty lots with knapweed. Cenarrusa said that, due to lack of manpower, enforcement is on a complaint basis. The Weeds Department tries to work with people who are trying to eradicate the weeds vs where nothing is being done, and reviews neighboring lots when they examine a lot that has received a complaint. Of the 45 enforcement notice letters sent out this year, five needed a contractor, and four of them paid.

The BCC agreed that the landowner did not respond to the Weeds Department's state enforcement notice or send verification of action taken to remove the weeds.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny Karen Beck's appeal of the \$232.50 fee charged by Blaine County Weed Control to remove noxious weeds on her property. Motion carried unanimously

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Idaho Mountain Express reporter Amy Busek.

• **FY2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)**

Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner; and Blaine County Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

This is a standard agreement to accept State Homeland Security Grants.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve acceptance of the Idaho Homeland Security Grant EMW-2015-SS-000912015 in the amount of \$38,568.59, for FY2015, September 1, 2015 through August 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

• **FY2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant**

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve acceptance of the FY2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant EMW-2015-EP-0005 from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$19,486.95, for October 1, 2014 through September 29, 2016. The total award, including local match, is \$38,973.90. Motion carried unanimously.

• **ESRI Renewal Quotation** Record #629727

This is a one-year renewal on a three-year agreement with a locked in price for three years

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve renewal contract between Blaine County and ESRI Enterprise License Agreement in the amount of \$25,000/year. Motion carried unanimously.

• **AMS Agency Products and Services Agreement** Record #

AMS provides alcohol monitoring equipment for the Probation Department.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve AMS (Alcohol Monitoring Systems) for Agency Products and Services for alcohol monitoring services using Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM). Motion carried unanimously.

• **ECS Managed Services Agreement Proposal** Record #629728

Also present: Blaine County Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis.

Contract is consistent with past years. The system functions reliably.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve labor-only Managed Services Agreement between Blaine County and ECS for touch screen security systems at the Public Safety facility, for \$28,900. Motion carried unanimously.

• **ABL Food Services Agreement for Inmate Meals** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis.

Pricing is based on the number of inmates and meals.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Food Services Agreement between Blaine County and ABL Management for inmate meals, based on the cost schedule in the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Mountain West Electrical Services Maintenance Agreement** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis.

Term dates will be revised to October 1 through September 30, 2016.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Maintenance Agreement between Blaine County and Mountain West Electrical Services for services on the equipment at the Public Safety Facility, with scheduled maintenance at \$11,000 per year with additional non-scheduled maintenance and support specified in the contract. Term will be revised to be October 1, through September 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Extension to Maintenance and Support Agreement SA 211 for Premier MDC** . Record #629726

Also present: Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon.

This is mobile data software that allows officers to run queries. The contract has been in place for some time and includes a standard 5% increase.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Extension to Maintenance and Support Agreement between Blaine County and Motorola Solutions for \$24,202 for the Sheriff's Department, Ketchum Police Department, Sun Valley Police Department, Hailey Police Department and Bellevue Marshall to use the Motorola software package as described in today's comments. Motion carried unanimously. (The original contract from Motorola showed the amount as \$24,203, which was a \$1 typographical error.)

• **DataTel Communications Maintenance Agreement**
Mitel CS5200 PBX phone switch Record #

Also present: Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon.

Contract supports the PBX phone system in the Sheriff's Department, including replacement of IT phones.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Maintenance Agreement between Blaine County and DataTel Communications, to support Mitel CS5200 PBX phone switch and devices at the Public Safety Facility, for \$4,125. Motion carried unanimously.

- **DataTel Communications Maintenance Agreement InterTel AXCESS PBX phone switch** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon.

Contract supports the PBX phone system in the IT Department, covering support, maintenance, phones and peripherals. No major changes to the system.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Maintenance Agreement between Blaine County and DataTel Communications, to support InterTel AXCESS PBX phone switch and devices, for \$6,850. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Land, Water and Wildlife Program Coordinator FY2016 Contract with Clare Swanger** Record #629770

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; and Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Coordinator Clare Swanger.

The 3% increase is the first increase in three years.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Clare Swanger for services provided on behalf of the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program, at \$73.90 hour, not to exceed \$75,000/year. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Comprehensive Plan Update Facilitation Services - Lisa Horowitz FY2016** Record #629747

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

This is a renewal from last year. The not-to-exceed amount was reduced since Horowitz spent less time than anticipated last year.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Lisa Horowitz for facilitation of the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Update, for \$70.00/hour, not to exceed \$34,000. In discussion, the BCC said Lisa does a good job bringing parties of diverse interests together. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Comprehensive Plan Editing Services - Jo Murray FY2016** Record #629891

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

There is no change to the per hour amount, but the not-to-exceed amount has been increased because there may be more editing later in the process.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Jo Murray Public Relations for editing services on the Comprehensive Plan at \$75.00 hour, not to exceed \$3,800 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Comprehensive Plan Layout Design Services - Liv Browning FY2016** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

Land Use has not needed layout services as much as initially anticipated, so the not-to-exceed amount is decreased.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County and Liv Browning for Comprehensive Plan graphic services at \$60 hour, not to exceed \$2,400/year. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Blaine County Janitorial Agreement with Allstar Properties** Record #629749

Also present: Blaine County Buildings and Grounds Manager Patrick Boyle.

Allstar provides janitorial services for the Public Safety Facility and PSF Annex. Staff will attach the list and map of the area included in the contract.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Janitorial Agreement renewal between Blaine County and Allstar Properties to clean the Public Safety Facility at an amount of \$48,856.60/annually, based on an attached list and map of the area to be cleaned. McCleary amended her motion to add \$1,488/annually for janitorial services for the Public Safety Facility Annex. Schoen seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **iWorQ Service Agreement** Record #629729

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy and County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton.

Road and Bridge has utilized the iWorkQ fleet management and road database for some time.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Service Agreement between Blaine County and iWorQ for asset management software and tracking systems for Blaine County Road and Bridge, at an annual cost of \$2,980 for FY2016. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract for Services with Stanley Construction** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy and County Operations Administrative Assistant Andrea Walton.

This is the same rate as in past years. The operator lives at Smiley Creek and does an extremely good job of keeping roads clear for commuters and emergency services.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Contract for Services between Blaine County and Stanley Construction for snow plowing in the Smiley Creek area at \$90/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Memorandum of Understanding with PC Recyclers** Record #

Also present: Blaine County Recycle Center Supervisor Lamar Waters.

This is a non-monetary contract with a company that picks up recycled used equipment.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and PC Recyclers for collection and removal of non-computer electronic equipment at the Blaine County Recycle Center at Ohio Gulch. Motion carried unanimously.

- **University of Idaho Agreement and County Extension Budget** Record #

Also present: County Extension Administrative Assistant Sarah Busdon.

This is a long-standing agreement between the University of Idaho and Blaine County for extension and 4-H services. All budgeted travel expenses that are unspent are reimbursed to the County at the end of the fiscal year.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Agreement between Blaine County and the University of Idaho for the Blaine County Extension office, in the amount of \$91,060. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Blaine County Ambulance District and Wood River Fire Protection District** Record #

This is a long-standing relationship between the Blaine County Commissioners acting as the Blaine County Ambulance District, and the Wood River Fire Protection District.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the EMS Agreement between Blaine County Ambulance District and Wood River Fire Protection District for emergency services, in the amount of \$1,028,225, paid in monthly installments. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Blaine County Ambulance District and the City of Ketchum, in the amount of \$1,034,434.** Record #630274

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the EMS Agreement between Blaine County Ambulance District and the City of Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County Ambulance District and Terry O'Connor** Record #629841

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blaine County Ambulance District and Terry O'Connor, for emergency medical services, in the amount of \$59,130 for Fiscal Year 2015 October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to reconvene as the Blaine County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract for Services with Blaine County Historical Museum** Record #629750

This is a long-standing relationship with the Historical Museum. The Clerk has verified amounts.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Contract for Services with Blaine County and the Blaine County Historical Museum, for \$25,600. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE / MANAGER HANDBOOK UPDATE, Discussion and Consideration

Also present: Human Resources Generalist Henry Brown; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Chief Deputy Assessor Martha Heuston; Blaine County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson; Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Idaho Mountain Express reporter Amy Busek.

The County HR Generalist has reviewed proposed changes to the Employee / Manager Handbook. Edits reflect a more positive attitude to encourage a confident work environment. The BCC reviewed proposed changes:

- Limited English Proficiency Plan is meant to accommodate employees with limited English.
- Expanded Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and Workers Compensation is more detailed.
- Revised Prohibited Behavior section allows alcohol at offsite functions attended by County officials.
- Removed the calendar since it is different every year.
- Added a new Personnel Action Form.
- BCC confirmed sexual non-discrimination in hiring practices.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve the Blaine County Employee / Manager Handbook, as amended, effective October 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2015-38 Contingency Budget Adjustment** Record #629713
- **Resolution 2015-39 Treasurer Budget Adjustment** Record #629714
- **Resolution 2015-40 Sheriff Budget Adjustment**..... Record #629715

- **Resolution 2015-41 Probation Budget Adjustment** Record #629716
- **Resolution 2015-42 Extension Budget Adjustment** Record #629717
- **Resolution 2015-43 Ketchum Police Department Budget Adjustment** Record #629718
- **Resolution 2015-44 General Budget Adjustment** Record #629719
- **Resolution 2015-45 Jail Budget Adjustment** Record #629720
- **Resolution 2015-46 Road and Bridge Budget Adjustment** Record #629721
- **Resolution 2015-47 District Court Budget Adjustment** Record #629722
- **Resolution 2015-48 Indigent Budget Adjustment** Record #629723
- **Resolution 2015-49 Weeds Budget Adjustment** Record #629724

• **Junior College Residency Forms:**

College of Southern Idaho Fall 2015-Spring 2016, Dual Credit: Diana Bello; Hanna Beriker; Nelson J Cantrell; Carly Curtis; Casandra Diaz Romero; Makayla Dohse Collins; Lane Felger; Sochie Goitandia; Arnulfo Gonzalez; Mikayla Hartman; Noah Leininger; Carmen Leslie; Sara Lichtenberg; Bryan Martinez Reyes; Brock K Olson; Andrea Palencia; Jose Pedraza; Illiah Pfau; Sabrina Ramos; Neftali Reigle; Adrian Rojas; Cassidy Simpson; Callum Stearns; Victor M Vallejo; Madison L Virgil; and River R Vorse.

College of Southern Idaho Fall 2015-Spring 2016: Kevin Blas; Ruben Juarez Chavez; and Andres G Morales-Lopez.

College of Western Idaho, Fall 2015-Springs 2016, Dual Credit: Sarah F Bunce; Cristian Chavez; Jorge L Diaz Chavez; Dennis Drain; McKenley Howard; Perla Nava; Jordan Pulliam; Alexis Quinonez; and Hunter Thompson.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Consent Calendar dated September 22, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, Discussion and Consideration

Mental Health Summit – McCleary

St. Luke’s Mental Health Summit brings together Health and Welfare, hospital representatives, local law enforcement, the prosecuting attorney’s office and others to discuss mental health issues. Recent sessions focused on understanding and improving the designated examiner and mental hold process, and reviewed options for secure transport. Participants would like to find a local designated examiner.

Sun Valley Economic Development (SVED) – Greenberg

- The SVED Board discussed the possibility of Ketchum moving its city hall and the Ketchum Innovation Center (KIC) to the Scott Building.
- The SVED Board also discussed how much money is spent on tourism vs. recruiting and retaining non-tourist businesses.

Jerry Mason Planning and Zoning in Idaho Seminar – Commissioners

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves.

The BCC tended to disagree with seminar speaker Jerry Mason, who suggested meeting attendees be asked to declare their pro or con position when they attend land use hearings. Graves felt the BCC’s current process was legal and probably preferable because people can change their position during a meeting. Graves suggested the BCC adopt its current meeting procedures by resolution. Graves will review meeting management policies and get back to the BCC.

Blaine Manor Property Auction

Voss forwarded the McCann appraisal to Musser Brothers Auctioneers. Greenberg will discuss the City of Hailey’s interest in the property with Hailey Community Development Director Lisa Horowitz.

Gannett Road Safety Audit Response

Also present: Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis and County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy.

The BCC suggested additional revisions to the Safety Audit Response:

- Shoulder rumble stripes would negatively impact bicyclists and wide farm equipment that regularly use Gannett Road.
- Schoen said the reduced night time travel speed has decreased animal collisions on Highway 75, but the Sheriff does not support lowering the night speed limit on Gannett Road for several reasons, including lack of enforcement.
- Schoen said the Safety Audit didn’t address an appropriate speed limit on Gannett Road. He suggested the current 55mph speed limit be raised, since 85% users are driving 65mph or faster.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 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 Director Brooke Baird and Assistant Amy Rivkin.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Schoen (aye), McCleary (aye), and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Case #2015-53 Medical Indigent Application for Assistance, with a \$50 monthly reimbursement, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Case #2015-32 Medical Indigent Application for Assistance, with a \$25 monthly reimbursement, based on staff recommendation, and approve cancellation of hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #2015-54 Medical Indigent Application for Assistance, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Schoen, to deny Case #2015-55 Medical Indigent Application for Assistance, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK

Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Meeting - Discussion of LAB Working Group Recommendations

Also present: Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Coordinator Clare Swanger; and Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

The BCC discussed the Levy Advisory Board Working Group's recent recommendations regarding standardization of document format and dating, the process for review and approval, and timelines. The LAB and Working Group discussed the preferred way to address policy issues, but did not make recommendations regarding actual issues. The LAB will discuss unique situations on a case-by-case basis.

Correspondence

- Letter from Pat Murphy about the County's Road and Bridge department and East Fork Road bike lanes.
- Letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation approving a grant amount increase in response to FMAA's request.
- NRCS has removed the County's request for Emergency Watershed Protection Program restoration funding from their wait list since it has been over two years and is no longer an emergency. McCleary will check to see if there are other potential funding sources.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

• Comprehensive Plan Update: Introduction of draft Agriculture Chapter

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; Lisa Horowitz; Comprehensive Plan Agriculture Chapter team members Dick Fosbury, Linda Thorson, Len Harlig, The Hunger Coalition Associate Director Naomi Spence, and Kathy Noble.

Blaine County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto and Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant Lisa Horowitz presented the new Agriculture chapter to the BCC. The Agriculture team included small farmers and large operators, restaurateurs, and interested citizens from all over the County. The Agriculture chapter is very different from what it was when the current Comprehensive Plan was written 20 years ago.

National trends:

- Foodsheds, organic growing, specialty crops, urban agriculture, local food sourcing, farmland preservation, agritourism, etc.
- Climate change: temperature and precipitation forecasts.
- How to maintain a farming economy, farms and farming workforce as farmers age and their children choose not to take their place.
- High cost of start-up for new farmers; and housing workers.

Challenges:

- Cluster development and Blaine County 2025.
- Water is likely to become more and more scarce. The chapter includes text on climate change, clean water laws, and water use, including a chart showing that ag users are the County's biggest water user. Significantly more land in Blaine County is now irrigated, and irrigated land is likely to continue to grow.
- There are 186 farms in Blaine County, comprising 179,130 acres of farmland. 40% of the farms are less than 50 acres. Most are commodity crops (hay, wheat, barley), but some are organic and others are specialty crops (honey, milk goats, fruits and vegetables, ancient grains, etc.)
- What is causing decrease in cattle and sheep ranches in Blaine County, and is this a concern?
- The Food Safety Modernization Act. Centralization of industrial processing facilities presents challenges in Blaine County.
- Balancing agricultural and non-agricultural uses; residential and recreation encroachment.
- Wildlife conflicts and issues with predators; soil erosion and soil blowing out of the area; noxious weeds; and declining insect pollinators.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Team member Kathy Noble said local farming has a very tight profit margin, with weather, commodity pricing, and infrastructure challenges.
- Naomi Spence said The Hunger Coalition's Food Survey will have some relevant data once responses are tabulated.

BCC COMMENTS:

- Schoen felt the chapter's Vision Statement and Guiding Principles were generally well crafted. The Comp Plan Update extends beyond land use issues.
Len Harlig said the Comp Plan will include a Land Use section that will build on all other components.
- Greenberg asked for more correlation between the Vision Statement, which referred to quality of life, and the Guiding Principles, which referred more to economic resources.
- **Rainbow Bend Lot 9A Plat Amendment.** A public hearing and consideration of an application by Chris and Leanne Linderman to amend Lot 9, Rainbow Bend Subdivision by altering the building envelope without increasing its size and by eliminating two plat notes: (1) prohibiting building envelope changes and (2) setting a 40-foot buffer from the Intermediate Regional Flood (IRF) line. The street address is 90 Rainbow Bend Road. The property is zoned R-1 with areas of floodplain overlay and is located within Section 6, T3N, R18E, BM, Blaine County.

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; applicant Chris Linderman, applicant's representative Garth McClure and architect Nicole Ramey.

Grotto read public notice.

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

DISCLOSURES: None

No additional information; no public comment.

This is a riverfront property. The goal is to remove a natural drainage swale on the south end of the building envelope so it can be maintained as drainage into a drywell, and add to the north side of the building envelope, which would locate the house on flatter ground. The building envelope is entirely outside the floodplain. The 18,900sf building envelope footprint will stay the same. There is some floodplain identified on the plat. The entire lot is outside the 200ft riparian setback; and is at least 3ft above floodplain elevation.

Garth McClure, representing the applicant, requested the two plat notes in conflict with this request be deleted. Plat Note #2 on the original plat says the located building envelope cannot be changed. Plat Note #17 says there should be no disturbance to native or riparian vegetation within 40 feet of the Intermediate Regional Flood (IRF) line shown on the plat or determined by actual field measurement. McClure said the plat notes were there probably because the County tried to address flood hazards before floodplain and riparian setbacks were in place.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Applicant Chris Linderman said the proposed building envelope would be in a grassy area, and allow them to keep some magnificent trees in the southern swale area.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve application by Chris and Leanne Linderman for a plat amendment to remove two plat notes and amend the building envelope on Lot 9 Rainbow Bend Subdivision, based on the BCC's Findings that this application complies with the criteria of Blaine County Code Titles 9 and 10, subject to conditions in the Staff Report and with amendment of plat notes, including additional plat notes suggested in the Staff Report. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY

- **Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Reappointments**

Also present: Blaine County Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board Coordinator Clare Swanger.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to reappoint Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program Levy Advisory Board members Bruce Collier, Will Miller and Ben Sinnamon to the Land, Water and Wildlife program, three-year terms from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Bergin disclosed that Ben Sinnamon may not remain a LAB member to the end of his term, but will continue as chair for the time being and assist in transitioning when necessary. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting**
- **September 14, 2015 Special Meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the minutes of the Blaine County Commissioners meetings of August 25 and September 14, 2015, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Idaho Code 74-206 1(f) Potential Litigation
and Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) Interviews of public defender candidates**

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(f), to discuss with legal counsel the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation; and Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) to interview potential candidates for public office. Roll call: McCleary (aye); Schoen (aye); and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:03 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage Jacob Greenberg
County Clerk Chairman