

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

**Sixth Day**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and Idaho Mountain Express reporter Kate Wutz.

Commissioner Schoen was absent from today's meeting.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy, Sheriff Gene Ramsey; Julie Cord; and Nick Purdy.

Julie Cord and Nick Purdy said Gannett Road needs to be restriped. The lack of reflection in the worn striping is a safety issue, particularly at night and in inclement weather. Gannett Road is scheduled to be chip sealed and restriped in the summer 2012. Ramsey stated that Gannett Road should be on a maintenance schedule. The foglines on the edge of the roadway should be striped. Purdy asked if temporary adhesive stripes could be applied until the chip sealing and restriping are done next summer. McCleary and Bowman committed to drive Gannett Road at night to determine if safety was a serious issue.

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

- **Case #11-09-063**
- **Case #11-09-064**

Present were: Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter and Assistant Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 1(d) to consider indigent medical applications. Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried 2/0.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny Case #11-09-063, based on staff recommendations. Motion carried 2/0.**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny Case #11-09-064, since St. Luke's Magic Valley has withdrawn this application for County assistance. Motion carried 2/0.**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to accept notice of cancellation of hearing and final determination of denial on Case #11-07-049. Motion carried 2/0.**

**BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION**

**Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Annual Conference – McCleary**

Also present: Blaine County Welfare Director Wilma Colter, Blaine County Assistant Welfare Director Connie Kacalek.

The IAC supported two pieces of proposed legislation regarding mental commitments:

- One requires mental commitment individuals to sign a release of information. The release would give counties the ability to research if the individual is a resident and if they need help paying medical bills.
- The second proposed legislation allows counties to pay for the medical assistance at a Medicaid rate instead of full rate. If a particular medical service doesn't have a Medicaid rate, the legislation would allow counties to pay at a certain percentage of the full rate.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Claims – Schar Boyd**

Deputy Auditor Schar Boyd presented the claims.

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve claims Batch 1 dated September 21, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.**

**County Clerk – JoLynn Drage**

• **Tax cancellation on Homesales**

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

The BCC made a motion at their last meeting to credit the new owner of the Homesales property for taxes billed for August 16-December 31, 2011. The new owner of the house, through closing, was required to pay all 2011 taxes.

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to reconsider decision of BCC regarding tax cancellation for Homesales, Inc. Motion carried 2/0.**

The BCC agreed with the Assessor that the buyer deserved to be credited with all 2011 taxes.

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to credit new owner of RPS041500001A the entire tax bill for 2010, which is due December 2011, of approximately \$2,388.00. Motion carried 2/0.**

- The Clerk is preparing a letter asking the Governor to appoint two people to fill vacant seats on the Picabo Cemetery District Board. Their terms will expire on December 31, 2011, when three write-in candidates on the November 2011 ballot will fill the Cemetery District Board.
- Blaine Manor Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski asked if the County was concerned about excessive liability exposure. If Blaine Manor exhausts its liability insurance, Blaine County will be responsible. The County Administrator suggested this was not a high-risk situation, and that Blaine Manor's insurance was adequate. The BCC agreed.
- Running elections for five jurisdictions is going to be a challenge; but none of the County's other taxing districts will require elections since there is no opposition.

**Land Use Administrator – Tom Bergin**

- Chip Bailey expressed interest in continuing to be a Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commissioner.
- Three members of the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Board whose terms expire are willing to be reappointed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to reappoint Chip Bailey to Blaine County P&Z, for a three-year term beginning October, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to reappointment Land Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board members Ben Sinnamon, Lili Simpson, and Alan Reynolds for 3-year terms beginning October 1, 2011.** In discussion, the BCC commended LAB on an excellent job. **Motion carried 2/0.**

- The Wood River Land Trust has requested a refund from Land Use for fees paid for a Floodplain Conditional Use Permit that was unnecessary. The Land Trust applied for a permit to erect a pavilion at Lions Park. The location of the pavilion was in the floodway before FEMA revised their maps. The area is no longer in the floodway or floodplain, so no floodplain permit is necessary. County Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley said the application involved very limited staff time. The BCC agreed to refund the fees paid.
- Blaine County Land Use continues to monitor water rights transfers on behalf of Blaine County.
  - The U.S. Forest Service has made application for groundwater diversion in the Stanley basin.
  - City of Carey has applied for groundwater diversion of one CFS.
  - The BCC wants to pay special attention to inter-basin transfers.

**Operations – Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy**

Also present Blaine County Engineer Jim Koonce

- Austin bridge repair is complete, and meets approval of the County Engineer.
- Price and Priest roads upgrades completed. Should alleviate spring run-off issues.
- Highway 75 and West Glendale Road drainage and pothole issues should be fixed.
- Adams Gulch bridge abutment interim maintenance is being done now. Bridge will be replaced in the future when grant money is received.
- Upgrade on Little Wood River Road north of the reservoir has begun.
- Koonce reported that Indian Creek Road floods in the winter where it crosses Buttercup Road. Flood locations are on ITD railroad right-of-way and near a private residence. Koonce will look at the problem in winter and update the BCC .

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- Administrator and County Attorney are working through many contracts. Most are renewals and will be on the Agenda Consent Calendar.
- Bonding coverage clarification agreement states that bonding company assures that contractor will complete the project; not that the project will accomplish what it was meant to do.

County Administrator's Report continued below

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to remove the Everbridge Service Agreement from the Consent Calendar. The “Service Agreement” is an acceptance of the Everbridge Quotation, which is already on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 2/0.

- Consolidated Emergency Communications Services Agreement with City of Bellevue ..... Record #590838
- Consolidated Emergency Communications Services Agreement with City of Hailey ..... Record #590839
- Resolution 2011-60 Sheriff Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590841
- Resolution 2011-61 Sheriff Capital Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590842
- Resolution 2011-62 Probation Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590843
- Resolution 2011-63 Extension Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590844
- Resolution 2011-64 Ketchum Police Department Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590845
- Resolution 2011-65 General Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590846
- Resolution 2011-66 Dispatch Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590847
- Resolution 2011-67 Jail Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590848
- Resolution 2011-68 Land Use & Building Services Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590849
- Resolution 2011-69 Public Defender Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590850
- Resolution 2011-70 District Court Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590851
- Resolution 2011-71 Indigent Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590852
- Resolution 2011-72 Weeds Budget Adjustment ..... Record #590853
- L-1 Identity Solutions Annual 9/5 Maintenance 3800XCH-M95 and PRT-DUP-M95 ..... Record #590858
- Motorola PMDC Maintenance and Support Agreement #211-2125-000 ..... Record #590840
- Computer Arts, Inc. Master Agreement Software & Support License Addendums A, B, C ..... Record #590897
- PSF Custodial Contract ..... Record #592002
- Everbridge Quotation ..... Record #591396
- Bond Coverage Clarification for Energy Services/Performance Contract Agreement ..... Not necessary to record

Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Consent Calendar for September 27, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOBILE HOME CANCELLATIONS**

Also present: Blaine County Treasurer Vicki Dick, Gail Peterson

The BCC reviewed a list of mobile homes that have been moved; and businesses that no longer exist, and whose owners cannot be located. The County has informed Bankruptcy Court that the businesses owe the County money.

Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to cancel taxes for the following mobile home and personal property identifiers: MH1TB000880010 for \$36.26; PP1P00000T3510 for \$4.81; PP1P00000L1560 for \$51.26; PP1P00000L1570 for \$16.99; PP1P00000S5030 for \$190.22; PP1P00000C7140 for \$6.00; PP1P00000D3730 for \$45.11; PP1P00000T3380 for \$80.13; PP1P00000H171A for \$7.31; PP1P00000C7070 for \$22.20; PP1P00000F1650 for \$4.46; PP1P00000O0480 for \$95.55; PP1P00000C5880 for \$2.55; PP1P00000K0870 for \$10,565.49; MHITNF0000030B for \$25.83; PP1P00000T3140 for \$4.46; PP1P00000O0370 for \$41.03; and PP1P00000L1180 for \$267.09. Motion carried 2/0.

**BOARD REPORTS**, continued

**Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Protection Workshop** – Bowman Workshop addressed how groundwater works, and how wells are built.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**, continued

**County Administrator** – Derek Voss

- Met with Blaine County Leadership Team. Team Chairman Gene Ramsey says Leadership Team is best it’s ever been. Goal for the team is to become one integrated organization, where every employee understands every county department's roles and responsibilities.
- GIS received map of the BLM Highway 20 Travel Management Plan showing areas proposed for designation and closed routes.
- County Administrator and Emergency Communications Director Beth English visited emergency communications centers in Elmore County and Jerome (SIRCOMM) to review different operating systems and see how other counties’ emergency communications work.
- Initiated South Gateway Project Master Plan. Will be working with Land Use and Sustain Blaine to begin the South Gateway project, starting with current and future sewage treatment in the area. Bowman will be BCC liaison to the South Gateway project.

**BOARD REPORTS**, continued

**Bucket List results in ambulance bill – Bowman**

A North Carolina couple in their 80s came to ski Sun Valley last winter. Wife injured her ankle on their way to the mountain. While husband was skiing, wife was transported to the hospital. The BCC agreed to forgive her \$90 ambulance bill.

**Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Annual Conference – McCleary**

- Health and Human Services Committee meeting focused on updates of the CAT Board, substance abuse updates, etc. Health and Human Services discussed two potential pieces of legislation:
  - Proposed revisions to current mental commitment legislation, previously discussed in this meeting. Committee passed proposal on to the IAC general meeting.
  - Proposed legislation that counties consider Medicaid rate of medical bills for indigents. Committee decided this wasn't fair to individuals since hospitals may not bill at Medicaid rate.
- Public Safety Committee meeting received updates from Juvenile Corrections, Corrections, Probation and Idaho Sheriffs Association. Roundtable discussion centered on problems some counties have billing their dispatch contracts to their cities. IAC staff will review.
- Public Lands committee meeting discussed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding, including reports on Idaho Congressman Raul Labrador and Idaho's U.S. Senator Crapo's opinions on PILT reauthorization.
- Proposed legislation before IAC to repeal legislation that protects police officers' personal contact information - failed.

**APPROVAL OF BCC MEETING MINUTES**

- **September 12, 2011 Regular Monday BCC Meeting**
- **September 19, 2011 Regular Monday BCC Meeting**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Regular BCC meeting minutes of September 12 and September 19, 2011. Motion carried 2/0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – §67-2345 1(b) PERSONNEL and §67-2345 1(f) PENDING LITIGATION**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2345 1(b) Personnel, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; and §67-2345 1(f), to discuss with legal counsel the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation. Bowman (aye), and McCleary (aye). Motion carried 2/0.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**Bowman moved, seconded by McCleary, to amend today's Agenda, September 27, 2011, to hear report from BLM on their Travel Management Plan process. Motion carried 2/0.**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin, County Planner Kathy Grotto; Shoshone Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planner John Kurtz, and BLM Craters of the Moon Monument Manager Holly Hampton.

The deadline for public comment on the BLM's Travel Management Plan is October 14. BLM held four open house meetings, including one in Hailey, that were mostly well attended. The BLM is looking for input on designating trails as Closed, Limited, or Open. The overwhelming response was from the motorcycle community, expressing opposition to the BLM closing some trails to motorized use. Bowman said the BLM proposed to put in about 40 miles of new motorized single track trail, and should do so before it closes other existing trails to motorized use.

The BLM needs to improve their signage and administration in the Elk Mountain, Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and Little Wood Wilderness Study areas.

The Blaine County Land Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board, in partnership with non-profit organizations, will be submitting funding applications to the BCC. The BLM would like to map all current accesses to public lands, as well as additional needed accesses. It is easier for private organizations to accomplish the accesses; but the BLM can try to plan for and fund high-priority accesses.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 12:03 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_

JoLynn Drage  
County Clerk

Angenie McCleary  
Chairman