

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEPTEMBER 2012 SESSION**

First Day

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Operations Director Char Nelson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; Mary Austin Crofts; Jacob Greenberg; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Kate Wutz.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY ENGINEER JIM KOONCE

Also present: Retired Blaine County engineer Jim Koonce; Blaine County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; Building Official Bill Dyer; Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Zoning Specialist Nancy Cooley; Senior Planner Kathy Grotto; Planning Assistant Michele Johnson; Jacob Greenberg; Sean Flynn; and Brian Yeager.

They thanked Jim for his 41 years of service to Blaine County. The BCC individually recognized Koonce for being a wealth of history, an encyclopedia of information, and for facilitating Blaine County's decision-making for decades. Appreciation was expressed for Jim's ability to look at all angles before consistently making fair and honest recommendations to County staff. His advice and wisdom always proved to be right on.

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 #12-03-102**

Present were: Blaine County Welfare Director Brooke Roberson and Welfare Assistant Amy Rivkin.

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

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- The Recycling Advisory Committee and staff recommended a recycle program logo—5B Recycles—to the BCC.
- Received approval from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to move forward on Old County Courthouse dormers and structural issues.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Update on space management: the Weeds Coordinator office was relocated to the Annex. The Prosecuting Attorney's office will be moved to the Annex in the next couple weeks.
- Sent FY2013 Emergency Communications generic contract with FY2013 pricing matrix to Partners Advisory Committee. Individual entities are to fill in amounts on their respective contracts.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

• **Joint Powers Agreement for 1% LOT (Local Option Tax) for Air Service**

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird; Fly Sun Valley Alliance (FSVA) President/Wood River Economic Partnership Vice-President Eric Seder; FSVA Board member Dick Fenton, and Sun Valley Board of Realtors Government Affairs Director Bob Crosby.

Hailey Councilmembers have specifically said they do not want to be part of the 1% LOT Joint Powers Agreement if Hailey citizens do not pass the ballot measure. If Hailey does not pass the 1% LOT, Blaine County will represent the airport owners on the JPA.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Bowman moved, seconded by Schoen, to approve Blaine County as a signatory to the JPA, Version 13 dated 8/22/2012, to establish Sun Valley air service support. In discussion, Schoen said he looked forward to a productive working relationship on a successful program, and the highest and best use of tax dollars as possible. **Motion carried unanimously.**

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

• **Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (FMAA) Meeting Preparation**

Also present: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird.

McCleary is working with FMAA Board member Susan McBryant and attorney Barry Luboviski on the FMAA by-laws.

Legal review of the FAA Environmental Assessment should be here by now.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2012-39 Election Records Destruction Record #600680**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve the Consent Calendar for September 4, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **June 18, 2012 Special Monday Meeting**
- **August 20, 2012 Special Monday Meeting**
- **August 23, 2012 two Special Indigent Hearing Meetings**

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to approve County Commissioner meeting minutes for Special Monday meetings on June 18 and August 20, and two special indigent hearing meetings on August 23, 2012, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District – Schoen

Highlights of the teleconference meeting:

- **Agreed to develop an agreement with Western States Caterpillar to lease a next generation compactor with higher fuel and operating efficiency.**
- **The SISWD needs to issue bids to replace the Cell 5 gravel pile.**

Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA) “Semester in the West” Program – Schoen

Schoen met a group of sophomore and junior college students traveling around the west for most of the semester. The students are discussing hot topics face to face with people on both sides of the issues. Schoen, representing the Blaine County Commissioners, and Suzanne Stone from Defenders of Wildlife, spoke to them about the Wood River Wolf Project and co-existence with wolves.

PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 2012-35 TO SET COUNTY BUDGET

Also present: Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos.

Chairman McCleary said the BCC, elected officials and department heads put a great deal of time and effort in aligning with the County’s strategic objectives in developing the FY2013 outcome-based budget.

Bowman reiterated that he would not approve the FY2013 budget, due to the inclusion of salary increase for the county commissioner position. He did support the overall budget, which reflected the BCC assuming a new leadership role in strategic planning; and elected officials and department heads working with staff to step up in service to the community.

Schoen commended Chairman McCleary, the County Budget Officer and County Administrator for their coordination and leadership in the FY2013 budget process, budget workshops and hearings.

County Clerk JoLynn Drage said the final budget is lower than the published tentative budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2012-35, a resolution of the Blaine County Board of Commissioners, to adopt the Blaine County budget for fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013, in the amount of \$26,664,90. Bowman opposed. Motion carried 2/1. Record #600678

PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 2012-36 TO SET AMBULANCE DISTRICT BUDGET

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

Also present: Board of Fire Commissioners for the Wood River Fire District Chairman James Frehling and Wood River Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Jeff Nevins.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

Mary Austin Crofts asked who staffed the Ambulance District. The County Clerk said the Ambulance District’s Board of Directors is the Board of County Commissioners. The Ambulance District contracts with local agencies to do the service; and has a Independent Contractor Agreement with its Medical Director Keith Sivertson.

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to set the budget of the Blaine County Ambulance District for FY2013 at \$2,212,663. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to adopt Resolution 2012-36, a resolution of the Board of Blaine County Commissioners, to adopt the Blaine County Ambulance District budget in the amount of \$2,212,663, for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. Record #600679

SKILLED NURSING RFP (Request for Proposal) DISCUSSION, continued

Also present: Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; St. Luke’s Wood River Medical Center representative John Gaeddert; Blaine Manor Administrator Gail Goglia and Finance Director Stephanie Jaskowski; Blaine Manor Board Members Linda Haavik and Marsha Riemann; Blaine Manor advocate Lois Jean Heagle; Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation Executive Director Kathleen Eder; CCRF Campaign Chairman Anita McCann; Safe Haven CEO Scott Burpee; Bellevue Safe Haven Project Manager Dave Hennessy; and Dan Gorham.

The BCC reviewed the latest draft of the Request for Proposal (RFP), and made additional revisions.

Evaluation Process

The BCC will evaluate proposals against the RFP criteria; and will interview all qualified potential candidates. Submissions will be screened to a finalist pool. Risk assessment will occur with those firms. The BCC will accept all input. BCC members are encouraged to do their own fact-finding.

The proposals will be public documents. RFPs may include confidential business information. The BCC will evaluate the complete proposals, including information marked confidential. Graves will determine if information submitted in a proposal is appropriately confidential, according to Idaho Public Records law, and, if necessary, work with the submitter to modify the proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were a couple suggestions that St. Luke’s or a healthcare consultant from Boise could lend expertise to the BCC in their selection process. The BCC would have to consider conflict of interest.
- The proposals and process should be completely public.
- Safe Haven asked that certain parts of their proposal be considered proprietary. Safe Haven has several direct competitors in the state, and asked the BCC to be cautious in choosing any consultant.
- Scott Burpee said the state and federal Managed Care Waiver is prompting new nursing homes be designed under different settings, and operational models. Safe Haven’s proposal will be a non-traditional model.

Timeline

The BCC discussed how Commissioner Bowman’s October 5th retirement will affect the timeline for this decision. Public comment suggested pros and cons to moving forward quickly or waiting until a new Commissioner is well-versed on the topic.

The BCC agreed to finalize the RFP today. They set a six-week deadline for responses. Evaluation will be the middle of November.

BREAK

STATE 457(b) PLAN DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- **Resolution 2012-37 Deferred Compensation State 457(b) Plan** Record #600776

Also present: Blaine County Human Resources Generalist Susan Potucek; Payroll/Insurance Specialist Barbie Royal; Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; Nationwide Insurance Retirement Specialist Jason Daum and Nationwide Program Director John Lamm.

Blaine County currently offers three retirement plans to its employees: PERSI, and a 457(b) Plan, one managed through Nationwide and one through Valic. The State of Idaho has administered its own Nationwide plan since 1978, and now allows counties to participate in the plan. The State-administered Nationwide plan will save employees money over the Nationwide-administered Nationwide plan and the Valic plan. Local Nationwide representatives encouraged the transfer.

Voss concurred. Retirement investment contracts are complex, and the County doesn’t have in-house expertise.

Nationwide Retirement Specialist Jason Daum said the State of Idaho plan is fairly large. Due to its size, the Idaho Nationwide plan has negotiated away asset fees, commissions, and extra charges, and is zero priced. The plan is run locally out of Boise. It will cost nothing for County employees currently on

