

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

First Day

Tuesday, September 6, 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, and 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.

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 #11-09-062**
- **Case #11-01-018**
- **Case #11-07-051**

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

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

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to deny Case #11-09-062, based on staff recommendation. Motion carried 2/0.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Case #11-01-018, and order a reimbursement of \$25/month, and, in addition, order the applicant to notify County Services of any change in status so the amount of the reimbursement can be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried 2/0.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, in Case #11-07-051, to approve the payment of pre-existing insurance premiums for a period of six months, and order the applicant to reimburse Blaine County in the amount of at least \$25 monthly, and notify County Services of any change in status so the amount of the reimbursement may be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried 2/0.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Clerk's Report – JoLynn Drage

- Continue to plan and prepare for running countywide consolidated elections in November.
- Drafting resolution to set the FY2012 levy.
- The Picabo Cemetery District does not have a functioning Board of Directors. State Statute does not permit a taxing district without a Board to request a property tax levy.

County Administrator – Derek Voss

- Idaho county attorneys have directed that counties can process contracts once their final budget is approved. Blaine County has over 100 new and renewal contracts for FY2012 to process for BCC approval.
- Administrator and HR are working on compensation detail for FY2012.

Operations Director – Char Nelson

- Austin Bridge retrofit should be finished this week.
- County Engineer Jim Koonce commended County Road and Bridge Department on the excellent condition of roads in the Warm Springs area.
- City of Hailey will be repairing sidewalks around Blaine County buildings.
- Nelson visited Boise Recycling to get more information on single stream recycling.
- Alternative Living Task Force preliminary meeting discussed mobility services, and moving people within jurisdictions and inter-community in Blaine County.
- Nelson will negotiate Adams Gulch Bridge design contract with ITD and consultants.
- Nelson will visit Blaine County Recycling Center with newspaper reporter to clear up some recently-published inaccuracies on what can be recycled at the Center.

Homeland Security Disaster Services – Chuck Turner

- The Army Corps of Engineers is holding hearings on their new rules and conditions for river levies. There are seven local levies on the Big Wood River.

BOARD REPORTS, DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION

Whitehouse Petition Program – Schoen

“We the People” is a new Whitehouse web program to accept petitions.

Blaine County Compensation Report – Schoen

Private sector wages are down nationwide over the last three years. Idaho wages lag behind the national average. The County needs objective data to make good decisions on reasonable and competitive compensation for County public sector employees.

Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) meeting update – Schoen

Housing Authority current projects update:

- Senior rental project construction is ahead of schedule.
- The Housing Authority has a reserve fund to cover maintenance on deed restricted properties.
- The BCHA is drafting a letter supporting affordable housing needs in Ketchum.
- The BCHA will pay former Executive Director Kathy Grotto a stipend to continue to work on the new Housing Needs Assessment evaluation, which was initiated under her leadership.
- Discussion of clarifying BCHA guidelines for new development. Developers should work with P&Z and the BCHA on housing requirements as part of project approval. Problems arise when developers later question conditions of their approval, that is the result of extensive public hearings.

Blaine County Community Drug Coalition (CDC) update - Schoen

- The Road Rally fund-raiser was successful. CDC is considering hiring a development coordinator to plan the entire road rally event.
- CDC Executive Director Terry Basolo attended recent Drug Free Community training. CDC receives substantial Drug Free Community grant to design and implement policy.
- Research local policy on “Social Hosting,” which addresses serving alcohol to minors in the home. Social hosting is illegal but a frequent occurrence in Blaine County. The CDC wants to provide better science- and clinical-based education to law enforcement on the damage caused by alcohol on the immature brain.

Friedman Memorial Airport Authority communications – Schoen

Blaine County Commissioner Tom Bowman and Friedman Memorial Airport Authority member Susan McBryant are drafting a proposal for a local Communications Coordinator for Friedman Memorial Airport Authority. Communications focus should be on better air service to Blaine County, and not so much on a replacement airport.

Southern Idaho Solid Waste (SISW) meeting update - Schoen

The SISW Board received a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on certain air quality violations, some of which go back to 1996. Violations may result from new interpretation of old language. A meeting is being scheduled between DEQ and SISW to resolve the issues.

SISW continues to research the use of landfill gas for private industry.

Pioneers Alliance update – Schoen

Pioneers Alliance is involved with economic development activities, especially conservation strategies, in Carey and surrounding areas. Pioneers Alliance is looking for funding, and recently met with representatives of the Brainerd Foundation.

Blaine Manor/Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation joint meeting update – McCleary

Blaine Manor, Croy Canyon Ranch Foundation, and Senior Connection are beginning to work together on the future of senior care in Blaine County. The BCC wants upcoming senior care discussions to work toward a more cohesive cooperation among the senior care groups, the community and various stakeholders.

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee meeting update – McCleary

- ITD plans to finish the Stanley Basin project this week.
- Hailey to Ketchum Highway 75 project will be under construction in September-October.
- Appraisals for right-of-way purchase for the Highway 75 expansion project are in progress.
- Mobility plan update by District 4 Mobility Manager Vanessa Fry will soon be available for community review.
- The committee is coordinating and prioritizing small infrastructure and transportation projects in Blaine County and cities. The committee wants to have a cohesive plan for Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) funding.

Blaine County Transportation Planning Advisory Committee meeting update – McCleary

New committee was formed by County Operations Department to better understand why and how people enter and leave Blaine County, and travel within it. Discussions include dirt roads that need to be improved or paved, and intersections and roadways that need to be addressed and/or improved.

Public Health District meeting update – McCleary

Meeting discussed budget, financials, and resolutions going into next legislative session, etc.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS CONSIDERATION

- **Resolution 2011-57 FFY 2011 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments**
..... Record #590316

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to pass Resolution 2011-57, a resolution concerning the use of Forest Service funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Agreement for the Mutual Use and Deployment of South Central Idaho Mass Fatality Trailer**
..... Record #

The trailer is stored at the new hospital in Gooding, Idaho. Voss and Turner will discuss further disaster needs with the County Coroner.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Agreement for the Mutual Use and Deployment of South Central Idaho Mass Fatality Trailer, and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried 2/0.

- **2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant** Record #590315
Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chuck Turner.

This is a standard annual grant.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Application for Assistance 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant, and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Idaho Dept of Commerce Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional MOU**
..... Record #591989

This is the second part of agreement between Blaine County and Sustain Blaine—the two together are grantee for the Idaho Department of Commerce grant. The County’s governmental participation is required for Sustain Blaine to receive the grant funding.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Idaho Department of Commerce Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and Sustain Blaine as grantee, and the Idaho Department of Commerce as grantor, and authorize chairman to sign. Motion carried 2/0.

- **Energy Services/Performance Contract Agreement between Blaine County EECBG and McKinstry Essention. Inc.** Record #590928

Also present: Blaine County Planning Assistant Grant Administrator Michele Johnson.

This contract agreement is between all jurisdictions other than Blaine County that are participating in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) grant and Blaine County, which is administering the grant. McKinstry is doing energy audits on the facilities, and then will perform the work suggested in the audits. The audits and retrofits will be billed under this Performance Contract.

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Energy Services/Performance Contract Agreement between McKinstry Essention, Inc. and Blaine County with Blaine County as grant administrator for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) government building energy audits and retrofits, and authorize chairman to sign on behalf of Blaine County. Motion carried 2/0.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- **August 23, 2011 Regular Tuesday Meeting**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve BCC minutes of Tuesday, August 23, 2011, as amended. Motion carried 2/0.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- **Blaine County Road and Bridge, Adams Gulch Bridge Stream Alteration Permit**

Schoen moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in the application of Blaine County Road and Bridge Department for a Stream Alteration Permit for repairs to Adams Gulch Bridge on the Big Wood River. Motion carried 2/0.

LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

• **West Magic Floodplain Letter of Map Revision (LOMAR) cost**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Blaine County engineer Jim Koonce; Brian Yeager, and Robert Blakeley.

Recently revised FEMA floodplain maps show the floodplain much higher than prior maps. New maps will raise insurance rates of some landowners in the East and West Magic areas. Koonce and Yeager's investigation showed the revised floodplain elevation to be higher than the top of the Magic Reservoir dam. Simplest way to try to fix the problem is to send FEMA a report with hydraulic calculations, which will cost about \$500, explaining there's no way the water level can be higher than the dam. There is some money in Land Use Special Projects line item. The engineers will submit their expenses to FEMA for reimbursement to the County.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 11:08 a.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary
County Clerk Chairman