

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JANUARY 2020 SESSION**

**First Day**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

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, and Commissioner Dick Fosbury; County Administrator Derek Voss; Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy; Grants and Procurement Specialist Stephen McDougall Graham; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; Sarah Michael; Kiki Tidwell; and Preston Ziegler.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, many participants in this meeting were by webconference or teleconference.

Vice Chair Angenie McCleary was not present until 9:12 a.m.

Acting Chairman Commissioner Fosbury called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Kiki Tidwell said recently-discovered hacks compromised utility, energy and IT resources throughout the country; but the BCC's project and budget priorities for 2021 don't include much in the way of community resiliency. She encouraged the BCC to prioritize the energy RFP currently being drafted for the safety of the community.
- Tidwell asked that Vice Chair McCleary get to BCC meetings on time so she can hear public comments made at the beginning of the meetings.
- Blaine County employee Kristine Hilt requested the BCC amend today's agenda to discuss how Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holiday hours were to be recorded on employee timesheets.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - Idaho Code 63-501A**

No Board of Equalization issues to address.

**McBRIDE BUILDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT BID AWARD**

Also present: Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle.

Facilities Manager Pat Boyle said the contractor was unable to get the bid packet to the County this week. Boyle rescheduled the Bid Award to the January 12, 2021 BCC meeting.

**TAX CANCELLATION**

Also present: Blaine County Treasurer John David Davidson; Assessor Jim Williams; and applicant Jeff W. Crandall.

- **Jeff Crandall and Mildred E. Presher - RPB04000010010** - 516 N 7th Street, Bellevue, ID Hardship, I.C. 63-711

The landowner requests tax cancellation of 2019, 2020, and 2021 taxes, due to hardship (close of business during the COVID pandemic).

Davidson said some financial records are not appropriate to be shared in the public record.

Davidson explained that 2019 tax funds had already been distributed; and 2021 taxes can't be cancelled since they have not yet been charged. 2020 taxes are \$626.12 (rounded from a total of \$626.13).

Crandall said he and his wife applied for the Circuitbreaker Program, and were told over the phone that they qualified, but they didn't receive the refund. They are now told by the Treasurer that there was no record of their application.

**VICE-CHAIR McCLEARY ARRIVED AT 9:12 A.M.**

Assessor Jim Williams asked the BCC to consider this request for tax cancellation solely on hardship, income and financial information provided. Williams said Circuitbreaker is a state program. County staff fill out an application online and submit it online directly to the State. The Assessor's office could find no record of computer-generated confirmation of Circuitbreaker submission; and the Circuitbreaker deadline had passed.

The BCC supported cancellation of the entire 2020 taxes based on hardship.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to cancel taxes for 2020 in the amount of \$626.12 on Parcel RPB04000010010, based on financial hardship. Motion passed unanimously.**

Assessor Williams encouraged Crandall to come into the Assessor's office and staff would apply online for him for the Circuitbreaker for the 2021 tax year.

## **COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**County Administrator - Derek Voss**

### **Holiday Timesheet Confusion**

Administrative Services Manager said the County designated County holidays on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, since legal holidays Christmas and New Year's fell on Fridays, when many County offices are typically closed. The BCC thought County employees would appreciate a four-day weekend to enjoy the holidays. A memo directed employees to put "Holiday Earned" / "Holiday Used" on December 24 and December 31, and no timesheet entry on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. They received a couple questions after the memo was sent out and answered them.

Land Use employee Kristine Hilt asked the BCC to consider what it means when County offices are closed to the public on non-holidays. She said Land Use employees who assist the public are unable to do their jobs when offices are closed. Hilt said Payroll told her, "[Employees] are required to use 10 hours of [their] own holiday time to get paid for that day, even though County offices are closed." Hilt said they would have worked those Thursdays, knowing they could still receive 10 hours on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1; but, because County offices were closed, they were under the impression that [they] didn't have to use [their] personal time as if they weren't going to take 10 hours both of those weeks. Hilt said that took 20 hours from staff ... a lot of people do work both those pre-holidays so they can get 20 hours to use with [their] vacation throughout the year with [their] family. She said it wasn't communicating that employees had to use their own time to get paid those days.

Tom Bergin added that no one in Land Use understood how timesheets were supposed to be done, and they were all rejected.

## **CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS**

### **• Onsolve/CodeRed Next Agreement**

Also present: Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers.

Stellers said this five-year contract replaces the current one-year CodeRed Service Agreement, continuing the same pricing structure and a non-appropriation clause.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the new annual CodeRed and CodeRed Weather Warning renewal contract, providing for services to provide 24/7 access to authorize users to generate high speed notifications regarding matters of public interest and concern, providing for a five-year term, and providing for non-appropriation clause should Blaine County choose to terminate this service, at annual fee of \$5,500. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **• Amendment to Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services at Blaine County Idaho**

Also present: Blaine County Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis.

Davis said Ivy Medical's insurance was not renewed. This amendment replaces the old insurance with the new insurance in the existing contract.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the first addendum to Inmate Health Services Agreement, effective January 1, 2021, between Blaine County and Ivy Medical, PLLC. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **• Contract for Services with Southern Idaho Solid Waste District**

Blaine County Recycle Center shut down for a time in the past year due to staff COVID outbreak. SISWD has employees that can fill in on a temporary basis. The Contract is basically a pass-through to pay wages of temporary employee(s) when necessary.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Contract for Services between Blaine County and Southern Idaho Solid Waste District for temporary employees at the daily rate of \$420 for 8-hour day or \$471 for 10-hour work day, as needed. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **• Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant - CARES I Funding – Senior Connection Meals on Wheels Van Purchase**

Also present: Blaine County Grants and Procurement Specialist Stephen McDougall Graham; Outreach and Education Specialist Stephanie Carlson; and Senior Connection Community Relations Manager Ramona Duke.

This is a Community Development Block Grant offered by Idaho Department of Commerce to address the impact of COVID on public services. The grant funds will be used to purchase a new vehicle for Meals on Wheels. No match is required from the County, but the County will act as a pass-through on behalf of the Senior Connection, which will provide in-kind time.

### **Public Comment:**

- Kiki Tidwell asked if the Senior Connection had considered an electric vehicle.
  - *Fosbury suggested the Senior Connection check into cost and feasibility of an electric vehicle. Ramona Duke said If the grant is funded, the Senior Connection will get three bids for the vehicle, and she will see if an electric vehicle is a possibility.*

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Junior College Certificate of Residency forms**

College of Southern Idaho, Fall 2020 - Spring 2021: Araceli Lopez-Hurtado; Kristen Miniard; and Sarai Rojas. Fall 2020: Jeffrey Koudelka.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the Commissioners' Consent Calendar for January 5, 2021, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

The Commissioners reported on issues and committees they were involved in:

### **Southern Idaho Solid Waste Board Meeting**

- SISWD approved the County's fee waivers submitted by the BCC.
- SISWD approved extended emergency COVID Policy for employees.
- SISWD provided list of surplus equipment that the Executive Director can dispose as necessary.

### **Broadford Slough and Canal Flood Concerns**

BCC received inquiries from people concerned about rising water and sheetflooding out of Broadford Slough and canals. County Engineer Jeff Loomis and Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson visited sites on Broadford Road and Lower Broadford Road, and reported the flooding is on private property, caused by cold freeze/thaw cycles last month, which is causing ice dams before the water reaches the road. Fosbury has offered possible solutions to the landowners.

## **COVID-19 UPDATES**

- **Innovation and Testing Task Force** – Greenberg reported on the COVID STATS project.
- **Blaine County COVID-19 Risk Level Plan** – Science indicates the focus should be on air quality in buildings and offices, and less concern on cleaning surfaces. There are new variants showing up in Blaine County. BCC will check with County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle and County Medical Director Dr. Terry O'Connor and then update the County office building cleaning service to latest recommendations.

## **BCC PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES UPDATE**

- The BCC and staff continued to update list of Blaine County Projects and Priorities.
- The County should be aware of properties it owns that could be useful, especially for housing. County Treasurer John David Davidson said the County can always reject all bids in a County auction.
- The BCC discussed sludge fields at Ohio Gulch that are leased at no fee by local jurisdictions. The only maintenance is on the road, done by SISWD.
- The BCC discussed getting a traffic control light at Highway 75 and Butterfield Road.

**FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIEW** Airport Manager Chris Pomeroy  
Friedman Airport Manager Chris Pomeroy reviewed tonight's FMAA meeting agenda with the BCC.

## **BREAK**

Commissioners' Assistant Jenny Lovell was present for the afternoon session.

- **Comprehensive Plan - Chapter 8, Land Use. Continuation (from December 8, 2020) of public hearing and consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 8, Land Use. The Bellevue Triangle & Foothills draft section is presented for review.**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Deputy Director Kathy Grotto; and Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Consultant Lisa Horowitz.

This hearing is continued from December 8, so no additional notice is required other than posted agenda notice.

Grotto reviewed the chapter with the BCC.

### **Public Comment:**

- Kiki Tidwell said Blaine County has a lot of public land, and has a goal of clean energy by 2045. The Biden administration has said it will incentivize renewable energy development on public land. She suggested it could be put on local public land.
  - The BCC agreed that public land could be used for this kind of project, consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and as long as adequate transmission lines are available to get the electricity to a delivery substation.
- **Sluder Ranch - Short Plat Subdivision. Public hearing and consideration of an application by Cody and Renae Sluder for a short plat subdivision in which Lot 5, Croy Creek Ranch Subdivision would be divided into two lots, to be named Sluder Ranch Subdivision. The property is located at 135 Rock Creek Road.**

Also present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin; Deputy Director Kathy Grotto; applicants Cody and Renae Sluder and applicants' representative Samantha Stahlnecker.

Grotto read public notice.

