

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

**Sixth Day**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

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 (by web conferencing), and Commissioner Dick Fosbury; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; County Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy; County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin; County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon, and IT Specialists Ben Parker and Jon Eaton; Chief Public Defender Justin McCarthy; County Assessor Jim Williams; County Treasurer John David Davidson; County Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal; County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; County Land Use and Building Services Deputy Director Kathy Grotto; County Chief Deputy Treasurer Morgan Drage; Blaine County Extension Administrative Assistant Sarah Busdon; County Services Manager Brooke Baird; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and interim Public Information Officer Larry Schoen.

Participating by webcast for some or part of the meeting were Kiki Tidwell; *Idaho Mountain Express* publisher Pam Morris and reporter Gretel Kauffman; Jim Phillips; Dana Black; and others not identified.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Greenberg has formed a taskforce of himself and local mayors to respond to community questions, concerns, and needs; and is in contact with the State Legislature to do what they can on the state level.

**Public Comment:**

- Kiki Tidwell thanked the BCC for live streaming meetings; and for anything they could do to expedite unemployment checks and quick testing kits.
  - Unemployment is a State Government function and all counties are having the same problem.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 (1)(d) INDIGENT** - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code

Also present: Blaine County Services Manager Brooke Baird and County Indigent Services Assistant Hayleigh Simpson.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, that the BCC convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(d), to consider indigent medical records that are exempt from disclosure. Roll call: Fosbury (aye), McCleary (aye), and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**INDIGENT CONSIDERATIONS - Board of County Commissioners Action**

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Request 2020-1084-1 for rental assistance, with no reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.**

**AMBULANCE DISTRICT COVID-19 REPORT**

Also present: Wood River Fire & Rescue Chief Ron Bateman and NREMT-P Ron Taylor; and Ketchum Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin.

Chief McLaughlin said they started preparing at the first US case of Coronavirus. They have pandemic supplies in climate-controlled storage; and have established standard operating procedures. Emergency service personnel take precautions every time they respond to someone who may be contagious, and are unavailable for other calls until they are decontaminated. It is now “slack” season in Blaine County, and calls are decreasing.

Chief Bateman said they have posted a third person in the station south of Bellevue to keep distance between their crews. He said he’s already seeing responder fatigue and stress.

**CANVASS OF VOTES**

Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage presented the canvass of the March 10 Presidential Primary vote to the BCC. Fosbury read it into the record.

**Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the canvass of the vote, as read into the record. Motion carried unanimously.**

Precinct	UNITED STATES PRESIDENT																
	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM	DEM
	Michael Bennet	Joseph R. Biden	Michael Bloomberg	Cory Booker	Steve Burke	Pete Buttigieg	Julián Castro	Roque De La Hoya	John K. Delaney	Tulsi Gabbard	Amy Klobuchar	Deval Patrick	Bernie Sanders	Tom Steyer	Elizabeth Warren	Marianne Williamson	Andrew Yang
001 N Blaine County	0	215	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	0	0
002 Sun Valley	0	180	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	47	0	0	0	0
003 N Ketchum	0	198	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	91	0	2	0	1
004 S Ketchum	0	216	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	132	0	5	0	0
005 Quigley	0	176	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	42	0	1	0	0
006 Deer Creek	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0
007 NW Hailey	0	152	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	5	1	0
008 NE Hailey	0	177	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	91	0	1	0	0
009 SW Hailey	1	147	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	97	0	3	0	1
010 NW Woodside	0	77	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	77	1	1	1	0
011 SE Woodside	0	86	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	124	0	2	0	0
012 Poverty Flat	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	0	0	0	0
013 Bellevue	1	102	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	89	1	2	0	0
014 Carey	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
015 Gannett/Picabo	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	0	0	0	0
016 Yale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
017 Absentee	0	405	110	1	0	44	0	0	0	3	26	0	185	1	67	0	2
<b>CO. TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

Precinct	REP	REP	REP	REP	REP	REP	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON	CON					
	Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	Bob Ely	Matthew John Matern	Donald J Trump	Joe Walsh	Bill Weld	Don Blankenship	Daniel Clyde Cummings	Don J. Grundmann	Charles Kraut	J.R. Myers	Sheila "Samm" Tittle	Total Registered Voters at Cutoff	Number Election Day Registrants	Total Number Registered Voters	Number Ballots Cast	% of Registered Voters That Voted
001 N Blaine County	0	0	0	37	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,199	18	1,217	305	25.1%
002 Sun Valley	0	0	1	45	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1,102	51	1,153	287	24.9%
003 N Ketchum	0	0	0	28	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,202	31	1,233	326	26.4%
004 S Ketchum	0	1	0	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,309	58	1,367	393	28.7%
005 Quigley	0	0	0	29	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,036	18	1,054	251	23.8%
006 Deer Creek	0	0	0	24	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	613	17	630	132	21.0%
007 NW Hailey	0	0	0	26	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	987	27	1,014	277	27.3%
008 NE Hailey	1	1	0	18	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	934	45	979	299	30.5%
009 SW Hailey	0	0	0	21	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	857	32	889	281	31.6%
010 NW Woodside	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	720	28	748	177	23.7%
011 SE Woodside	1	0	0	34	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	976	36	1,012	258	25.5%
012 Poverty Flat	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	455	14	469	109	23.2%
013 Bellevue	0	0	0	52	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1,162	45	1,207	260	21.5%
014 Carey	0	0	0	52	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	536	11	547	96	17.6%
015 Gannett/Picabo	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	552	16	568	113	19.9%
016 Yale	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	5	71.4%
017 Absentee	0	0	0	121	4	7	0	1	0	0	1	1				979	
<b>CO. TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13,647</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>14,094</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>32.27%</b>

**2020 CENSUS**

- **Proclamation 2020-01 Declaring April 1<sup>ST</sup> Census Day** ..... Record # Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the joint Proclamation 2020-01 proclaiming April 1 as National Census Day. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Updates**

Many community activities planned in early April to publicize the Census have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

• **Activities Funding Request**

Boxholders will not be sent Census questionnaires, so postcards will be mailed to all County boxholders to let them know they can complete the Census form online. Community locations have been cancelled due to COVID-19. The Complete Count Committee requests up to \$2,000 from the County to print and mail the postcards, as well as promotional materials. Cities are expected to participate in the funding. McCleary said she would see if it would be possible to put Census questionnaires in “brochure holders” outside community locations for people to take and fill out at home. McCleary asked the County to pay the bill, and be reimbursed by the cities.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by Greenberg, to allocate up to \$2,000 out of County Contingency toward expenses for the Complete Count Committee in Blaine County, to be drawn out of Contingency. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COVID-19 Public Updates**

- *Idaho Mountain Express* publisher Pam Morris asked if the County was coordinating with local mayors to quarantine the area, and provide for caregivers of seniors. What was the current situation with local grocery stores?
  - County Attorney Tim Graves said counties in Idaho only have authority given to them by the state; and authority from their police power to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.
  - Fosbury suggested the Chairman contact the Governor and State COVID-19 Task Force about special measures that could be initiated in counties where there are confirmed cases. If the government forces businesses to close, they may be able to recover losses from their insurance companies.
- Blaine County Food Council and local Food Alliance are asking restaurants and grocery stores to provide take-out services. The Senior Connection’s Meals on Wheels service is expanding to meet the need for stay-at-home seniors.
- St. Luke’s Wood River is now providing drive-in testing for people with COVID-19 symptoms.

• **Blaine County Internal Policies – Voss**

Administrator Voss and department heads outlined their individual departments’ plans to provide government and community services while their buildings are closed to the public. Department heads will be on guard to react to any concerns or signs of illness in their departments.

- The Court must remain open and operational, but may postpone non-essential cases.
- Clay Landon said IT is used to worrying about all sorts of viruses.
- The State has provided a 90-day extension for motor vehicle registration renewals and drivers license renewals. DMV renewals can be made online through the state.
- Public Information Officer Larry Schoen encouraged departments to keep their websites up-to-date.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Monthly Report – John David Davidson (by web conferencing)**

- Staff in-office hours are reduced to one or two people.
- Staff will wear gloves when handling deposits.
- Travel to meetings and classes is suspended for now.
- Warrants of distraint have been postponed.
- County can, by law, only invest in very safe investments, so is not losing money. Cash flow is not an issue.

**Assessor’s Monthly Report – Jim Williams**

- Appraisers are doing the 750 remaining appraisals from their vehicles with no public contact.
- Much of the office work can be done at home, in vehicle, or in the office without public interaction.
- Star I.D. Card application deadline is October, so not a high priority at this time. Chief Deputy Sheriff Will Fruehling will keep close contact with Assessors’ staff on state decisions.

**County Administrator – Derek Voss**

- Coroner liaison Fosbury will stay in touch with the County Coroner, whose facilities are offsite.
- Voss asked the BCC to decide how they want to proceed with live-streaming public meetings in the future.
- **County Facilities during COVID-19 Emergency Declaration**
  - The 5<sup>th</sup> District Judicial Building will be open, but trials will be scheduled on a priority basis.
  - The County Annex is closed to the public, except for appointments. Building officials will make their usual inspections, with limited public contact.
  - The Public Safety Facility is closed to the public for the health of the inmates and staff. Emergency Communications normally has very limited access.

- The Old County Courthouse is closed to the public except for public meetings, appointments for passports, marriage licenses and special needs.
- The McBride (University of Idaho Extension, 4-H, etc.) is closed to the public.
- Road and Bridge shops and Noxious Weed shop have minimal public interaction, and will be closed to the public.
- The Recycle Center will remain available for drop-offs, but the building will be closed. Tours and public interaction are suspended.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, due to the emergency state that we have in Blaine County, that we close the Old County Courthouse to the public, unless we have scheduled public meetings or appointments made with individuals, and that we support the closures or limited access to the public by the department heads for the Public Safety Facility, for the University of Idaho Extension Office, for Road and Bridge department, for the Recycling facility, for Weeds department, and for the Judicial Building, as they deem to be necessary for public access, effective at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon, March 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.**

**• Team Members Policy during COVID-19 Emergency Declaration**

The BCC wants to be sure all employees will remain whole during this event. Team members can work from home, in the office, or staggered. Team members will be on the County's payroll and able to return to work at a moment's notice. This is an exception to policy in response to an immediate emergency and will be revoked when no longer necessary. This does not set permanent policy.

Employees are encouraged to stay home and keep in close contact with their department heads if they feel ill or have close contacts who are ill.

**Greenberg moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve an exception to the Blaine County Personnel Policy in response to COVID-19 disaster, to allow leave related to this disaster to be compensated as ordinary payroll and identified as "Paid Leave COVID-19". Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE HUNGER COALITION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL \$25,000**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to amend the agenda due to an emergency situation already on the record related to Coronavirus and to consider a funding request from The Hunger Coalition in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

McCleary said this is a way to keep the community healthy and to keep the County from becoming a last resource in non-indigent matters. County Clerk Drage said The Hunger Coalition can respond immediately, whereas an individual who makes a request for County indigent funds would have to prove a need and inability to provide for themselves.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, due to the emergency that exists in Blaine County, that we approve a \$25,000 funding request for The Hunger Coalition to provide food to needy families that would be drawn from our Contingency Fund. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**County Administrator - Derek Voss**

- FY2021 budget discussions are expected to proceed on schedule.
- Operations Support Specialist Kay Draper is taking the lead on the County Transportation Plan update, which is important to keep the county eligible for Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) grants.
- During the COVID-19 crisis, Administrative Voss will work remotely most of the time and be on site as necessary.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS**

**• Request to Apply – Volkswagen Settlement Fund Vehicle Replacement Program**

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; and County Grants and Procurement Specialist Lyn Drewien.

The Volkswagen Settlement Fund Vehicle Replacement Program will contribute 40% of the purchase price of two Road and Bridge vehicles that need to be replaced. According to the grant, the two old vehicles will have to be destroyed (and cannot be handed down), and replaced with more energy efficient vehicles. The County's match is 60%.

**Greenberg moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve the request to apply for the Volkswagen Settlement Vehicle Replacement Program in the amount of \$106,140 for Road and Bridge Department to replace two trucks. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Transfer of State Liquor License 19782** Issued to Cayentano Perez dba El Toro Mexican Restaurant y Taqueria to Aztlan, LLC dba La Cabanita Mexican Restaurant
- **Resolution 2020-10 Probation Budget Adjustment** ..... Record #667872
- **Resolution 2020-11 General Budget Adjustment** ..... Record #667873

**Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Commissioners Consent Calendar for March 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.**

**LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES**

Also present: County Land Use and Building Services Deputy Director Kathy Grotto.

• **Findings of Fact: Smiley Peak Short Plat**

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for the application by Thomas and Amy Smiley and Gilbert and Linda Layshock to subdivide Tax Lot 1966 into two lots and one non-residential parcel referred to as Smiley Peak short plat. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Findings of Fact: Llama Ranch Short Plat**

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on application for Paul Kenny and Kimberly Rodgers to subdivide Lot 2 Block 1 Llama Ranch Subdivision into two lots. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Findings of Fact: Beck Home Occupation**

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Findings of Fact for the Decision on Appeal of the hearing examiner decision on the application of Mike Beck for a Tier 2 Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit, located at 217 Broadford Highlands Lane, Lot 6, Block 2 of Broadford Highlands Subdivision #2. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 12:55 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage County Clerk Jacob Greenberg Chairman