

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

Third Day

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:30 a.m. Present were Chairman Jacob Greenberg, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, and Commissioner Dick Fosbury; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Information Technology Manager Clay Landon and IT Specialists Ben Parker and Jon Eaton; County Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy; County Operations Support Specialist Kay Draper; County Grants and Procurement Specialist Lyn Drewien; County Facilities Manager Patrick Boyle and Ben Russell; County Road & Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; County Weeds Manager John Cenarrusa; Chief Deputy Sheriff Will Fruehling; County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin; County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers and Deputy Director Emergency Communications Brady Stokes; GIS Manager Sam Young and GIS Analyst Kelly Green; County Treasurer John David Davidson; County Assessor Jim Williams and Deputy Assessor Melissa Fry; County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin and County Land Use and Building Services Deputy Director Kathy Grotto; County Certified Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt; County Services Manager Brooke Baird; County Court Supervisor Andrea Logan; County Planning & Zoning Commissioner Nancy Mendelsohn; County Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; Wood River Fire & Rescue Chief Ron Bateman; Sun Valley Fire Chief Taan Robrahn; Bellevue Fire Chief Greg Beaver; Hailey Police Chief Steve England; Front Line Executive Consultant Richard Bull; Wendy Carter; Kiki Tidwell; Elizabeth Truckle; Craig Logan; Clint Kessler; Rich Bauer; Elsie ____; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Gretel Kauffman.

Due to Blaine County's current COVID-19 Stay-in-Place order, most of the meeting participants were present by webconference or teleconference.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INDIGENT CONSIDERATIONS - Board of County Commissioners Action

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Indigent Request 2019-1037-3, with reimbursement of \$25 00 month. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kiki Tidwell said Blaine County now needs data. Sun Valley now allows construction, and this can provide data on how to reopen other county businesses. She suggested the workers be quick-tested to see if they have antibodies or an active case of virus; and get data on where they live, in or out of Blaine County, and who they live with.

Tidwell said the BCC needs to collect data from the community, perhaps on a mail-out card. Are people out of work, has their business shut down, have entrepreneurs applied for SBA loans, etc.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Claims - Gretchen Stinnett

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve claims dated April 8, 2020, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Communications - Robin Stellers

Proclamation 2020-02 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Stellers asked the community to recognize the lifesaving work done by dedicated Emergency Communications dispatchers every day. They are the behind-the-scenes first responders, and have to size up the emergency and interact with people involved without being present.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Proclamation 2020-02, and this week as Telecommunicators Week. Public Comment: Wood River Fire & Rescue Chief Ron Bateman applauded Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers and Deputy Director Brady Stokes, and the County dispatch team. He said the last five weeks have been integral in the effort to protect first responders as well as the public in this once-in-a-lifetime event. **Motion carried unanimously.**

County Administrator - Derek Voss

Voss is putting together a broad framework to help the BCC think about how to deal with shortfalls that are bound to happen in the next couple budget years.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene as Blaine County Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Contract for Services Rendered with Front Line EMS and Blaine County Ambulance District**
County Attorney Tim Graves said this is a contract with the ambulance service that provided additional services to Blaine County during the COVID-19 outbreak. The county administrator and county attorney have edited the Front Line contract, and it is ready for BCC review. Once signed, the contract will be submitted to Idaho Office of Emergency Management for reimbursement to the County under its Disaster Declaration.

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Contract for Services between Front Line EMS and the Blaine County Ambulance District for a term of one year, as submitted in the existing agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to adjourn as the Blaine County Ambulance District and reconvene as the Blaine County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19

- **Updates**

The Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISWD) will convene an emergency meeting this week to consider reducing public access to the District's transfer stations, including 10 SISWD employees in Blaine County, until staff have protective gear. County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin is working with Idaho Office of Emergency Management and South Central Idaho Public Health District to get masks.

- **Resolution 2020-14 Authorizing Spending Authority for COVID-19 Expenditures**

County Attorney Tim Graves said the BCC approved a resolution last week to increase the spending authority of a previous resolution. The previous Resolution 2020-14 included an incorrect resolution number, so this is a replacement.

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Resolution 2020-14, a resolution of the Blaine County Commissioners authorizing spending authority for COVID-19 expenditures, noting that it increases the maximum amount from \$40,000 to \$80,000, during the Emergency Declaration period. Discussion: This resolution increases the \$40,000 amount set forth in Resolution 2020-13. All other provisions of Resolution 2020-13 remain in full force and effect. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Consideration of Amendment to Blaine County Ordinance 2020-02**

The Idaho Governor will make a statement this week about how the state will proceed with its self-isolation order. The BCC set a Special Meeting for April 16, 2020 for Commissioners and department heads to discuss how Blaine County will adjust its more stringent stay-in-place restrictions in accordance with the new state order.

- **Blaine County Internal Policies**

Greenberg asked County department heads, especially those with the most public contact—clerk, assessor, court—to consider how to reopen County offices in a way to keep employees and the public safe.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Stream Alteration Permit - Silver Creek: A public hearing and consideration of a Stream Alteration Permit (SAP) by Picabo Livestock Company LLC for the removal of remaining accumulated sediments along 1,000 linear feet of Silver Creek just upstream of the US Highway 20 bridge. The project area is located in Productive Agricultural District (A-40) with Wetlands Overlay, within Sections 29 and 30, T1N, S20, BM, Blaine County.**

Also present: County Certified Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt; and applicant Nick Purdy.

This is a new Stream Alteration Permit application submitted by Nick Purdy to finish dredging accumulated sediment in the Big Bend section of Silver Creek. A previous Stream Alteration Permit granted in 2015 allowed dredging this area of Silver Creek, and has been extended every year since. Last year, the BCC said 2019 was the final extension to that SAP. If Picabo Livestock Company needed more time to complete the dredging operation, Purdy would have to apply for a new permit.

Hilt said public notice was originally done for a hearing on March 31, 2020, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice for this April 14th hearing wasn't as extensive, but was as required. Staff notified Idaho Fish & Game and Idaho Department of Water Rights (IDWR); and Purdy placed an onsite notice on the project site. Bergin confirmed that notice, per State Code, to be 1000 ft downstream and 100ft upstream, met the minimum required

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, that notice was adequate for this application. Motion carried unanimously.

Disclosures: Greenberg visited the site many years ago, not specifically for this project. Fosbury and McCleary had no disclosures.

Hilt described the area to be dredged. Purdy said they still have about 1,000 ft to dredge. They can only dredge for about 30 days in the spring and again in the fall, weather permitting, and the dredging machine frequently breaks down in this kind of operation.

The IDWR permit expires December, 2020. If the BCC allows a longer time for the SAP, the applicant will have to get permission from IDWR.

One neighbor submitted a photo of the creek that looks really muddy. Purdy said, corroborated by Hilt, that the creek is occasionally this muddy during spring run-off. Silver Creek Alliance Executive Director Greg Loomis confirmed that the run-off period does contribute turbidity through the system and accumulated sediment has been a concern for years.

Public Comment:

- Kiki Tidwell applauded Nick Purdy for taking such good care of Silver Creek all these years. Anything the BCC can do to facilitate his efforts is good.

The BCC supported the project.

Fosbury moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the application by Picabo Livestock Co., Inc, for an extension to previously approved Stream Alteration Permit for additional dredging of Silver Creek’s Big Bend area, finding that the proposal does comply with applicable criteria set forth under Title 9, Chapter 17 Floodplain Overlay District and Riparian Setback District, subject to the proposed Conditions of Approval 1 through 8, and modifying Condition #6 to use the dates from April 1, 2020 to terminate the Friday before the 2020 Memorial Day weekend, specified May 23 by Fish & Game, and grant the same period in 2021 between April 1 and the Friday before Memorial Day, 2021, with an expiration date of this permit for December 31, 2021, subject to approval by Idaho Department of Water Resources and Idaho Fish & Game. Motion carried unanimously.

Hilt said time is of the essence to Purdy’s project, and asked the BCC to allow him to begin dredging before the BCC approves the Findings of Fact. The BCC agreed that Purdy can begin work as soon as possible.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- March 9, 2020 Special Meeting Comprehensive Plan Update
- March 16, 2020 Special Meeting (COVID-19)
- March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
- March 20, 2020 Special Meeting (COVID-19)
- March 23, 2020 Special Meeting
- March 31, 2020 Special Meeting

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Special Meeting minutes of Monday, March 9, 2020, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Special Meeting minutes of March 16 and Regular Meeting minutes of March 17, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Friday Emergency Meeting minutes of March 20, 2020, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Greenberg moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Special Monday meeting minutes, March 23, 2020, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve March 31, 2020 Special Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 11:48 a.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
JoLynn Drage County Clerk Jacob Greenberg Chairman