

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

**Fifth Day**

**Tuesday, April 21, 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 Clerk JoLynn Drage; Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon; Administrative Specialist Jenny Lovell; County Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy; Blaine County Grants and Procurement Specialist Lyn Drewien; GIS Analyst / Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin; County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers; County Facilities Manager Patrick Boyle; County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant; and Kiki Tidwell.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic stay-at-home order, most participants in this meeting were by webconference or teleconference.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kiki Tidwell said residents of this community are a very giving community, with unlimited funds. The County does not have unlimited funds, and doesn't have many ways to increase funds, so the Commissioners need to be stewards of the County's reserves. Tidwell said the BCC had given Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin \$80,000 for COVID-19 -related expenses and he should have been the one to coordinate the contribution to Sun Valley Institute.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**County Administrator - Derek Voss**

Also present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin and County Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy.

- Administrator Voss presented a draft Blaine County COVID-19 Response & Recovery Operational Chart to begin the process of setting policies and procedures for County office reopening, in compliance with the COVID-19 Compliance Guidebook - Employer Guide to Compliance Concerns Associated with COVID-19.
- Human Resources and department heads will begin to set policy for managing the Family First Coronavirus Response Act law, now in effect, which applies, among other things, to primary caregivers with children who may not be in school due to COVID-19.

Greenberg asked department heads to consider how to bring employees back into the buildings, including deciding who needs to be present in the building to serve the public, and who can effectively work from home.

Voss said it's a challenge to know how to deal compassionately with an employee who feels at risk of getting the virus if they return to work, without invading their privacy, and still be responsible to taxpayers. He said the County needs to be flexible and make reasonable accommodation for its team member, especially if the technology exists to make it possible.

Facilities Manager Pat Boyle will install an air purification system, floor markers, and Plexiglas counter shields, in addition to the sanitizer stations already in place.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- **Modification of Road Project Agreement between Blaine County, Idaho and USDA, Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest**

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson.

County Road and Bridge crews and Forest Service crews frequently do work for each other then they're in the immediate area, so all roads maintained by the County and the Forest Service are included in one agreement.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Modification Number 1 of the USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest Grant Agreement 18-R011041403-002 and with the costs cited in the agreement, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.**

**LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES**

- **Findings of Fact: Stream Alteration Permit-Silver Creek-Picabo Livestock**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision regarding an application of Picabo Livestock Company, Inc., for a Stream Alteration Permit on the Big Bend portion of Silver Creek. Motion carried unanimously.**

**FUNDING OF LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE**

Also present: Sun Valley Institute Executive Director Aimée Christensen.

Christensen asked the County to consider making a \$5,000 contribution to create and maintain a Long-Term Recovery Website for Blaine County residents. The Committee felt the website would best be hosted independently. The Committee has already received a \$10,000 grant from the Spur Foundation. Pomeroy said this \$5,000 expense could come out of Administrative Services. Fosbury asked that the Recovery website serve large and small employers, and recreation providers as well. The BCC asked Attorney Graves to draft a Contract for Services.

**EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE OF COVID-19 MASKS**

Also present: County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin and County Grants and Procurement Specialist Lyn Drewien.

Corwin and Drewien found a face mask supplier in Boise that could provide the masks this week. BCC directed staff to purchase the masks out of the Disaster fund, which would be reimbursed out of Contingency.

**Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, that, finding this is a necessary purchase for emergency protective measures, move to approve purchase of masks from Belden New Volley Solutions in Boise for a price, including shipping, not to exceed \$7,700. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COVID-19**

**Updates**

- Fosbury said farmers nationally were destroying food items because they couldn't get them to market or sell them. He asked County Public Information Officer Larry Schoen to provide resources to help farmers get food to people who were hungry.
- The BCC discussed Antibody Testing, Contract Tracing, Emergency Dispatch procedures, and privacy concerns.

**Consideration of Emergency Expenditures**

The BCC discussed funding an air purification system, Plexiglass and custodian expenses. Greenberg thought the expense would come out of Contingency.

**Greenberg moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve expenditures of up to \$30,000 for COVID-19-related expenses related to plasma generators for air and filtration purification system, Plexiglass dividers to be installed in appropriate locations within Blaine County facilities. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comment:**

- Kiki Tidwell felt the County should have decided what they wanted to accomplish with the Long-Term Recovery website before they allocated money for it.

**Road and Bridge – Steve Thompson**

The BCC decided to return the two rental digital road signs, and asked Thompson to put the two remaining digital signs where the most traffic comes into Blaine County.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

- April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting
- April 11, 2020 Special Emergency Meeting
- April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

**Greenberg moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve County Commissioner regular meeting minutes of April 7 and April 14, 2020; and special meeting minutes of April 11, 2020, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 11:58 a.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

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