

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAY 2019 SESSION**

Fourth Day

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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; and Recording Secretary Gary Brower. *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Mark Dee was present for part of the morning session.

Commissioner McCleary was absent until 9:45 a.m.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ARCH COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST (ARCH)

Also Present: ARCH Executive Director Michele Griffith

ARCH Executive Director Michele Griffith gave a budget presentation.

Topics of presentation include:

- requested \$175,000 last year;
- talked about scoring criteria for funding new housing projects;
- a brief history of some ARCH projects;
- various opportunities from grant funding and land donations;
- and request for FY2020 of \$500,000 for affordable housing project.

SUN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SVED)

Also Present: SVED Executive Director Harry Griffith

SVED Executive Director Harry Griffith gave budget presentation.

Topics of presentation include:

- a slide screen presentation of several organizational achievements;
- increasing and improving availability of quality jobs in Blaine County;
- improving economic vitality of market;
- a self-assessment of organizations' previous year performance metrics;
- advocacy for middle income housing;
- diversifying, assisting and focusing on attracting new business sectors;
- discussion of several organizational budget items;
- and FY2020 request for \$30,000 to support organization goals of economic development

BCC discussed budget dollars being spent on advocacy in organizations.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION OFFICE

Also Present: Extension Educator Lauren Golden; Sarah Busden; Assistant Extension Educator Chandra Vaughn and District Director Lyle Hansen

Idaho Extension Office representatives Lauren Golden, Chandra Vaughan, Lyle Hansen and Sarah Busdon collectively gave a budget presentation.

Topics of presentation include:

- organizational staffing changes;
- creation of the Blaine County Food Council;
- grant from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for pilot program of farm to daycare;
- support of 4H program;
- improved employee salary program;
- and request for FY20 of \$43,000.

Commissioner Fosbury left the meeting.

BLAINE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Also Present: Joan Davies; Jane Rosen; Teddie Daley; Rebecca Cox; and Bob MacLeod;

Bob MacLeod, Joan Davies, Teddie Daley and Rebecca Cox collectively gave a budget presentation.

Topics include:

- an organizational overview;
- Idaho Association of Museum Training;
- discussion of upcoming exhibits;
- introduction of new director Rebecca Cox;
- technology equipment upgrades;
- and a \$28,800 FY20 budget request.

Commissioner Fosbury rejoined the meeting.

ECOSYSTEMS SCIENCES

Also Present: Lance Davidson; Tim McGuire; Stacey McDonough; Blaine County GIS Manager Sam Young; and Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin.

Lance Davidson and Tim McGuire gave budget presentation.

Topics of presentation include:

- request for FY20 of \$36,500;
- description of urban tree canopy program;
- creation of maps from data for cities and county at a scale that meet land management needs;
- data mapping of structures and tree canopy;
- how bringing funding of GIS mapping to cities and counties improves chances for USDA land scale restoration grants;
- how data will enhance existing Blaine County GIS data;
- increased resolution of canopy and structure data;
- enhanced GIS data will help decision making for county such as wild fire mitigation and flood mitigation;
- and reduced cost options for data mapping when reducing acreage of data being mapped.

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (SCCAP)

Also Present: SCCAP CEO Ken Robinette

CEO Ken Robinette gave a budget presentation.

Topics of presentation include:

- Overview of organization which assists individuals, families and children throughout Southern Idaho;
- Programs include food assistance, rental/utility assistance, family development, education, emergency medical, income management, homeless assistance, veteran services, low income home energy assistance, weatherization assistance and self-help housing;
- Coordination of some services with Blaine County Indigent Services;
- and FY20 Budget request for \$3000.00

MEN'S SECOND CHANCE LIVING

Also Present: Executive Director Sonya Wilander; and District Judge Ned Williamson

Executive Sonya Wilander gave a budget presentation.

Topics of presentation include:

- an overview, mission and goals of organization;
- opened in November 2018;
- organization can provide housing for up to 8 men whom pay rent;
- drug & alcohol free environment;
- priority to Wood River residents;
- 7 board members;
- random drug testing of tenants;
- and request for \$5000.

District Judge Ned Williamson said that this is a great environment that provides stability to those most in need.

BREAK

REPRESENTATIVE MUFFY DAVIS, REPRESENTATIVE SALLY TOONE AND SENATOR MICHELLE STENNETT UPDATE

Also Present Representative Sally Toone; Blaine County Assessor Jim Williams; and Lawrence Schoen.

Representative Sally Toone talked about the latest legislative session.

Topics of conversation included:

- the difficult dynamics of discourse when trying to pass legislation;
- Medicaid and Education funding issues that were not passed;
- potential issues with Health and Welfare staffing and Idaho health exchange waivers;
- the need to engage citizens with the legislative issues;
- a Solar Panel Bill for home owners associations passed;
- Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) bill for mental health services through workers comp passed;
- some liquor law changes;
- several incidences of legislators voting different than their electorate;
- turnover of 30% of elected officials in Idaho Senate and House;
- and discussion of several committees in which our local legislators participate.

2020 BLAINE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE GROOMING PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Also Present: Jami Sluder; Chad Sluder; Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Representative Mike Robinson; Stephanie Eisenbarth; Sun Valley Trekking Joe St Onge; Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; County Administrator Derek Voss; Idaho Mountain Express Reporter Mark Dee; and Commissioner Assistant Jenny Lovell.

Vice Chair McCleary is on the advisory board and liaison for BCC to the snowmobile program. McCleary summarized the snowmobile program. Club is contracted to groom trails. McCleary recommended either Blaine County establish individual contracts with individual groomers, or use Blaine County employees from the Road & Bridge Department part time. Blaine County Recreation District does not have interest in managing program. Bringing the grooming program under Blaine County may provide better management of the communication to the public about trails that have been groomed.

County Administrator Derek Voss thanked the Snowmobile Club for its many years of managing the program. Voss believed that the snowmobile program should be managed by Blaine County. Some options for program management are use of a Blaine County employee, either part time or part of a full time employees as an addition to their current duties, or contract parts out. Mitigation of workers compensation and employment liability are risks the county assumes. Utilizing Road and Bridge Department would be a good fit for program management. Use of seasonal employee would reduce liabilities and risks associated with the dangers of using heavy equipment.

Road and Bride Manager Steve Thompson asked about standards and budget aspects of the program. Thompson showed a willingness to assist BCC with the program.

Stephanie Eisenbarth informed the BCC on several aspects on how the snowmobile program has been previously managed. The Sawtooth Snowmobile Club would no longer like to administer the program.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Mike Robinson said the grooming equipment is owned by the State of Idaho and kept in a shed on Blaine County property.

Grooming coordinator and founder Chad Sluder explained history of program and location and frequency of groomed trails.

Idaho Department of Parks of Recreation Mike Robinson explained the funding of the program. Most Idaho counties manage the pass through of the money for the program and hold insurance liability on the machines. County usually handles the fuel and labor for grooming. Most counties hire temporary employees for insurance purposes. There are loose standards as to when to groom as the budget of the account needs to stretch though the entire season. When the funds deplete, the grooming ceases.

BCC, staff and Mike Robinson discussed the need for standards and how a snowmobile grooming program might be organized under Blaine County management with an advisory board role.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Mike Robinson said in many small counties the Advisory Board runs the program with a groomer coordinator that submits program costs and timecards for temporary employees.

Public Comment

Joe St Onge said he is an outfitter up north that uses the trails to reach yurts and would like increased reliability and communication of trails that are groomed. He would also like outside voices on the Advisory Board in addition to the Sawtooth Snowmobile Club to ensure other voices are heard.

End Public Comment

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:41 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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