

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JULY 2019 SESSION**

Second Day

Tuesday, July 9, 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, and Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary; County Administrator Derek Voss; County Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy; Kiki Tidwell; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant. County Clerk Blaine County Clerk Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage; County Administrative Services Specialist Esmeralda Palomera; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Mark Dee were present for part of the morning session.

Commissioner Fosbury was absent.

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kiki Tidwell said Blaine County has contributed much money over the years to ARCH and the Blaine County Housing Authority, and she didn't feel the housing situation had improved at all. She advised the BCC against establishing a fund for housing in partnership with ARCH or BCHA. Tidwell said Sun Valley Economic Development requested funds from the County, which she felt went more to SVED management staff than to add to County operations.
- Clark Shafer said he values public property, and public access to river corridors. He said there were signs restricting access in Flying Heart Ranch and on Aspen Lakes Drive. The BCC will hold an Executive Session today to discuss the issue.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Claims – Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos

There were no new claims.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve claims dated July 3, 2019. Motion carried 2/0.

Road & Bridge Department - Steve Thompson

• **Water Shares Lease Agreement**

The County owns 50 shares of Fish Creek irrigation water. The BCC supported extending the annual lease to a local farmer to a five-year lease.

• **Proposed Colorado Gulch Easement**

Also present: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; County Engineer Jeff Loomis; County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin; County Certified Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt; Wood River Land Trust Project Coordinator Ryan Santo; County Senior GIS Analyst Kelly Green; and Hailey City Attorney Christopher Simms.

At the request of County Land Use, Kelly Green and Ryan Santo did a survey of the preserve, and proposed some routes for a right-of-way to the proposed bridge. Steve Thompson recommended a 20ft right-of-way public access with 10ft path along the eastern portion of the property line that cuts across to where the bridge is proposed to be. Some trees will have to be removed. Staff contend culverts will be needed to keep the road from constantly eroding away. The BCC supported the recommended route and 20ft wide right-of-way.

• **Glendale Gravel Pit Update**

The BCC is considering best use for a 40-acre County-owned parcel near the Glendale Road and Bridge shop. Steve Thompson and the County Engineer evaluated the gravel pit, and decided it could provide \$1.8 million in gravel for the County over the next 15-20 years; plus the gravel could be crushed on site.

• **Picabo Trees Right of Way Update**

A Right-of-Way Violation letter was issued last fall to a Picabo resident for planting trees in the County right-of-way, but the deadline to remove the trees is past. At least eight more trees have recently been planted in the right-of-way. The right-of-way is a grassy area originally intended for a recreational path, which the Blaine County Recreation District says it has no intention of using. Picabo resident Nick Purdy is willing to irrigate the trees. County Administrator Voss says the County has to follow its Right-of-Way Management Plan in being equitable to all landowners throughout the County. The BCC asked staff to research how the County can separate the actual right-of-way and dedicate the rest of the parcel to the City of Picabo.

Treasurer's Report - John David Davidson

• **Request to Cancel Late Fees and Interest on Property Taxes for Parcel RPK00000590030**

The resident said she mailed her property tax payment on the June 20 deadline date, but it wasn't postmarked until June 21. This late postmark automatically incurs late charges and interest by State

Statute, which the resident contested. The BCC discussed the situation, including that letters mailed in Blaine County go to Boise for processing and postmarking, which can cause a delay.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, for Parcel RPK00000590030, to waive late charges in the amount of \$615.89 and interest and fees in the amount of \$42.54. Motion carried 2/0.

County Administrator - Derek Voss

Also present: Blaine County Information Technology Manager Clay Landon.

Derek Voss said the County’s primary insurer, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP), has historically offered a 5% premium discount if County employees will participate in a safety training program. With cyber intrusions becoming more common, ICRMP has offered a 5% premium to the County if County I.T. will provide cybersecurity training for all employees on an ongoing basis. The BCC supported adding mandatory cybersecurity training to the Blaine County Employee-Manager Handbook.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Status Update - Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) 2019 Federal-aid Off-System Bridge - Kilpatrick Bridge Replacement Program**

Also present: Blaine County Grants and Procurement Specialist Lyn Drewien; County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; County Engineer Jeff Loomis; and County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

Lyn Drewien said grant money for Kilpatrick Bridge will be awarded in FY2021, so LHTAC will prepare a contract in 2020, and staff will submit a request to the BCC to accept the grant at that time. The grant match will total about \$48,000 for design and construction. Grant funds will be about 10% higher than requested because of the delay in funding.

County Clerk JoLynn Drage works closely with Drewien to be sure grant match funds are included in the appropriate budget.

- **Status Update - LHTAC Federal-Aid STP-Rural Program - Buttercup Road Improvements Project Grant**

Also present: Blaine County Grants and Procurement Specialist Lyn Drewien; County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; County Engineer Jeff Loomis; and County Land Use Administrator Tom Bergin.

This Buttercup Road grant was denied by Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). Buttercup Road is a County priority, so the County will look for other grant opportunities; and will consider reapplying to LHTAC once the County Transportation Plan is updated.

- **Motorola Solutions Service Agreement Record #662063**

Also present: Blaine County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers.

This contract was approved in early 2019. Robin Stellers later noticed that Motorola had inadvertently upgraded the agreement to an unnecessary “plus” package. The agreement has been reversed to the standard it has been for the last seven years, and the County will be reimbursed the overcharge of \$7,470.96.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve a revised FY2019 Service Agreement between Motorola Solutions and Blaine County, in the amount of \$31,376.64. Motion carried 2/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Resolution 2019-29 Retention and destruction of passport application Transmittals Record #661477**

- **Catering Permit for The Red Shoe, catering an event for Mountain Humane on July 21, 2019 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at 101 Croy Creek Road.**

- **Beverage License Renewals** for Burger Grill Ketchum, South Valley Pizzeria, Galena Lodge, Smiley Creek Lodge, China Panda Chinese Restaurant, Stinker Store #111, Bigwood Bread Cafe, Picabo Angler, Casino 2 & Casino Cafe, The Ranch Clubhouse, Power House, Cookbook Restaurant, Smoky Mountain Pizzeria Grill, KB Burritos, Zenergy at Thunder Spring, Rickshaw, Bigwood Bread Cafe, (Northwood Way), Mama Inez, East Side Magic, Dang's Thai Cuisine, Sushi on Second, Cafe Della, Da Vinci's, Wood River Gun Club, West Magic Resort, Desperado's Mexican Restaurant, Michel's Christiania, Kraay's Market Garden, Rominnas, Wood River Whiskey, The Kneadery, Jhony's Peruvian Cuisine, Starbucks Coffee, and Vintage Restaurant.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to approve Commissioners’ Consent Calendar for July 9, 2019. Motion carried 2/0.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District Board. Motion carried 2/0.

AMBULANCE DISTRICT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Also present: Ketchum interim Fire Chief Tom Bowman; Blaine County Emergency Medical Director Terry O’Connor; Wood River Fire Protection District Chief Bart Lassman and WRFPD Operations Craig

Aberbach; Hailey Attorney Christopher Simms; Carey Fire Chief Richard Kimball; WRFPD Captain Ron Taylor; WRFPD Lieutenant Bass Sears; WRFPD Lt. Eric Mathieu; and WRFPD EMT/Engineer Erin Griffith; Hailey City Administrator Heather Dawson; and *Idaho Mountain Express* reporter Mark Dee.

Tom Bowman presented Ketchum Fire Department's ambulance budget request. Ketchum received a new ambulance this fiscal year; and a new training center, paid for by donor funds, that provides a realistic hands-on fire setting for trainee firefighters.

- Out of 1,034 calls, 67% are EMS calls. Ketchum can staff two simultaneous ambulances with a minimum driver and EMT.
- Ketchum and Sun Valley Fire Departments continue to respond together when necessary.
- Ketchum has budgeted \$22,000 for replacement rope rescue and ice water entry suits.

Bart Lassman and Craig Aberbach presented Wood River Fire Protection District budget. WRFPD requests a 3% increase over last year.

- WRFPD answered 817 EMS calls for service, about 94% of their total responses for the year.
- WRFPD requests one new ambulance to replace an unreliable ambulance.
- WRFPD and Hailey Fire Department have combined organizational charts and share resources. When WRFPD goes out, Hailey ambulance staff prepare to be deployed if a second event occurs. In the last week, there were four simultaneous calls for service.
- The department is proactive in the community.
- Three paramedic students have been assisted with travel costs and tuition, funded with grant awards.
- WRFPD is budgeting for replacement of major tactical rescue gear.
- WRFPD has a surplus of \$46,862 that will be rolled over into the 2020 budget to be used for Wellness, confidential Employee Assistance and Health Reimbursement Accounts; as well as EMS-related conferences.
- The WRFPD building needs repair and maintenance.
- Volunteer responder numbers continue to dwindle.

Carey Fire Chief Richard Kimball asked for a 3% increase. Carey responded to 25 calls last year; and to 42 calls so far this year, many of which are traumatic injury calls.

State Legislature recently passed a bill providing employee assistance for emergency responders to be covered by Workmen's Compensation. Derek Voss asked Human Resources to research broad-based Employee Assistance for all emergency responders and build the cost into the FY2020 budget.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to reconvene as the Blaine County Commissioners. Motion carried 2/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f) to discuss Potential Litigation of Flying Heart Public Access

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f), to consider pending litigation in regard to Flying Heart public access. McCleary (aye) and Greenberg (aye). Motion carried 2/0.

McCleary moved, seconded by Greenberg, to authorize legal counsel to file a lawsuit against Flying Heart Ranch Homeowner's Association over public access restrictions. Motion carried 2/0.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

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

- Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve Welcome Signs – McCleary
- Carey Centennial Recognition Plaque consideration – McCleary
- The BCC received a funding request for a trauma conference – McCleary

ADJOURN

At the hour of 1:22 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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