

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 2023 SESSION**

Fifth Day

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair Muffy Davis, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham was present for the morning session.

Some participants in this meeting were by webconference or teleconference.

Chair Muffy Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Commissioner Fosbury was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Claims – February 22, 2023
- Transfer of Beverage License from 75 Inc dba Zou 75 to Dang LLC dba Mr. Dee

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Consent Calendar for February 28, 2023. Motion passed 2/0.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

Present: County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin, County Treasurer John David Davidson, County Elections Supervisor Hayleigh Simpson, Sheriff's Marine Patrol Sergeant Josh Pritchard, Idaho Power Local Area (Blaine County) Energy Advisor Amber Perkes.

- **Request to Accept FY23 Idaho Department of Parks and Recreational Boating Safety Grant**

Blaine County has applied for this grant for over 14 years. The grant provides funds to improve recreation safety. Sheriff's Marine Patrol Sergeant Josh Pritchard explained how the funds have been used in the past and how they intend to use the funds this year.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to accept the grant funding for the FY2023 Idaho Department of Park and Recreational Boating Safety Grant in the amount of \$10,743. Motion passed 2/0.

- **Request to Apply for FY23 Smiley Creek Fire Mitigation Grant**
 - The grant funds will be used to mitigate future wildfires, floods, and erosion after forest fires. Blaine County would need to provide a 25% match. The grant application is due February 28, 2023. The grant would be for two years, but Smiley Creek Fire would like to get the work done this summer to prepare for the upcoming fire season.
 - Smiley Creek Fire has two projects they would like to use the funds on: fuel mitigation around the fire station and other areas in the town and improving the wood structure around the water well pump houses by adding concrete and gravel.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the request to apply for the FY23 Smiley Creek Fire Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$112,500. Motion passed 2/0.

RESOLUTION 2023-07 RESOLUTION ON THE LAVA RIDGE WIND PROJECT ON PUBLIC LAND

Present: Larry Campbell, Mike Mead, *Idaho Mountain Express* staff writer Mike Shultz.

- McCleary wants it on the record that Blaine County is not against renewable energy. She changed some wording in three recitals. McCleary received three public comments asking for the Commissioners not to pass the resolution because the project is not on county lands and the County values renewable energy.
- Davis received similar comments opposing resolution. Davis stated they do value renewable energy in all forms. Davis also wants to be supportive of the other County's.
- BLM has a list of eight other possible projects in Idaho that may impact other counties including Blaine County.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Larry Campbell lives in Indiana and Blaine County. He drives through different states and all he sees are windmills along the interstate. Campbell questioned who would be doing the upkeep or removal when the turbines reached their end of life. He stated the project is being funded by a New York entity, the project is being built by an out-of-state contractor, and the energy will be exported to the State of Nevada and California. The project will not benefit Idaho. Campbell asked what could be done to prevent the project from happening?
- Mike Mead is concerned with the size of the windmills, the impact they will have on the birds and endangered species. Mead stated that other windmill farms are surrounded by dead

wildlife. He questioned if BLM performed a wildlife impact study? Mead questioned what the approval process would be if this project were to be in Blaine County.

Davis replied that if projects are on private or County owned land, the applicant would submit a request to the Board of County Commissioners. If the project is on state land, the applicant would submit the request to the Governor. However, this project is on Federal lands and is reviewed by the federal government, not by state or county officials.

The board postponed this item to be discussed at a later date. Date to be determined.

RESOLUTION 2023-08 ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Present: Anne Wescott

- The committee will have five members. They will review findings and create advisory opinions for the Blaine County Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve Resolution 2023-08 a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Blaine County Establishment and Organization of a Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Motion passed 2/0. Record #699145

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy

- Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse will be presenting the modifications made to the Blaine County Handbook.
- Pomeroy alerted the commissioners that she will be attending the Wood River Solid Waste meeting while Commissioner Fosbury is absent.
- The City of Sun Valley would like to establish an agreement with Blaine County to share the building inspector. The building inspectors for the City of Sun Valley and Blaine County would share workloads and assist each other with inspections.
- Homeless Shelter
 - The shelter is collecting slightly used linens.
 - The shelter's common area is having heating issues and is using space heaters. Pomeroy is concerned that space heaters are a potential fire risk. Pomeroy suggested offering monies reserved for the Blaine County Charitable Fund to be reallocated and be used to resolve the heating challenges at the shelter. The City of Ketchum had an HVAC company to inspect the heaters. The HVAC recommended having an electrical company inspect the wiring.
 - Pomeroy was informed that the shelter will be shut down at the end of March. Pomeroy was under the impression that the shelter would be running through May.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Idaho State Behavioral Health Meeting
 - Idaho Behavioral Planning Counsel prepares a governor's report every year that is available to the public. The report shows challenges and accomplishments.
 - SAMSA Block Grant for behavioral health is a national funding source available for every state. For the state to receive the funds the state needs to have a State Planning Council.
- Fly Sun Valley Alliance

A volunteer group is launching an initiative for the Ketchum Lot Tax.

- Housing Action Plan

The Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) has become a part of the City of Ketchum. The Mountain Express inaccurately reported the BCHA's staff structure. BCHA staff will be reporting to the City of Ketchum Administrator Jade Riley.

- Correspondence
 - The Blaine County Commissioners will be submitting a letter supporting the Idaho Rural Water Administration to the governor's office.
 - The Legislature is drafting a bill that would tax vapes the same tax amount as tobacco products.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- November 1, 2022, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended for November 1, 2022. Motion passed 2/0.

- November 7, 2022, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for November 7, 2022. Motion passed 2/0.

- November 8, 2022, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended for November 8, 2022. Motion passed 2/0.

- January 9, 2023, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for January 9, 2023. Motion passed 2/0.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES

Present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Deputy Director Kathy Grotto

- **Findings of Fact: Deep Creek Subdivision**

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Finding of Facts Conclusions of Law and Decision regarding application by Lee Ritzau to subdivide 109.37 acres into two subdivisions located on 17926 US Highway 20. Motion passes Motion passed 2/0.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- June 15, 2017, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for June 15, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- June 19, 2017, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for June 19, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- June 20, 2017, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for June 20, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- June 21, 2017, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for June 21, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- July 11, 2017, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended for July 11, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- July 12, 2017, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for July 12, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- July 13, 2017, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes as amended for July 13, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- July 18, 2017, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended for July 18, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- July 25, 2017, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended for July 25, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

- October 3, 2017, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended for October 3, 2017. Motion passed 2/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 (1)(a) Personnel, (1)(b) Personnel; (1)(c) Property Acquisition (1)(d) Confidential Records; (1)(f) Potential Litigation; and (1)(j) Risk Management

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-

206 (1)(a) and (1)(b) for Evaluation, Dismissal or Disciplining of Employees or Public Officers. Davis (aye), McCleary (aye) and Fosbury (absent). Motion passed 2/0.

No action will be taken.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 2:27 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
Stephen McDougall Graham Muffy Davis
County Clerk Chair