

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARCH 2022 SESSION**

Second Day

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chairman Dick Fosbury and Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, and Commissioner Muffy Davis; County Attorney Tim Graves, Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse; Administrative Assistant Morgan DeWitt; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero, County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham was present for part of the morning session.

Some participants in this meeting were by web conference or teleconference.

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

Commissioner Davis was absent from meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 (1)(d) INDIGENT - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code

Also present: County Services Manager Brooke Baird.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, that the BCC convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(d), to consider indigent medical records that are exempt from disclosure. Roll call: McCleary (aye) and Fosbury (aye). motion carried 2/0.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

INDIGENT CONSIDERATIONS

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Request 2022-1161-1 with reimbursement in the amount of \$25.00 per month. Remaining dates of service qualified for Medicaid. Motion passed 2/0.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to deny Request 2022-1166-1. The applicant qualified for Medicaid for some days of service and did not meet program requirements for the remaining dates of service. Motion passed 2/0.

CLAIMS – Gretchen Stinnett.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve claims for March 3, 2022. Motion passed 2/0.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Western States Cat Standby Preventative Maintenance Agreement**

Facility Manager Pat Boyle presented a three-year price cap maintenance contract with Western Cat for the amount of \$800.00. There is a price increase this year and the County can choose to opt out of contract at any time.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve customer support agreement between Blaine County and Western States Cats for standby preventative maintenance. The agreement will be in place for a term of three years to start October 1, 2022 and end September 30, 2024. Motion passed 2/0.

- **Amendment to Contract for Services - Interim Chief Public Defender**

Amendment extends the contract with Public Defender Keith Roark to April 22, 2022.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve the amended contract for chief public defender services between Blaine County and Keith Roark for FY 2022 in the amount of \$11,000 per month to include additional months of March and April 2022. Motion passed 2/0.

- **Request to Accept - FY22 Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) grant, Idaho Dept of Parks and Recreation**

This grant is approved every year for waterway safety. Part of proceeds are reserved for the purchase of a new boat. Will Fruehling stated it would be approximately three years before they are ready to purchase the boat.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to accept grant funding for FY2022 from Idaho Dept. of Parks Recreation District for Recreational Boating Safety Program in the amount of \$8,218.00, which requires 50% match from Blaine County. Motion passed 2/0.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Public Defender - Keith Roark**

There are 175 cases being divided by the three public defenders. They are receiving approximately six to eight cases per week. The new public defender is a veteran from Canyon County's Public Defender's Office. Roark is working on an extensive office manual to aid Blaine County public defenders in the future.

- **Sheriff's Department - Will Fruehling**

Request to Hold Public Auction of County Property

Two of Blaine County's Drug K9 handlers are resigning leaving the dogs with no one to care for them. Blaine County Sheriff's Department is asking BCC to allow for the K9 handlers to purchase dogs in the amount of \$3,000 each. The \$6,000 sale proceeds would go towards starting a new K9 unit. Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves notified BCC that the only legal way is through Idaho Code 31-808. Blaine County would need to hold a public auction, but BCC could reject all auction bids, so that the handlers could purchase the dogs. The BCC agreed to hold the auction as advised and thereafter allow handlers to purchase K9's and for funds to be used to rebuild program.

- **Land Use and Building Services - Kristine Hilt**

River Access Signage Update

Senior GIS Analyst Kelly Green and Floodplain Manger Kristine Hilt created a map that indicates public access roads, trailheads, right of ways and stop signs. Hilt and The Wood River Land Trust partnered up to work on Project Big Wood. They visited twelve public access points along the river where signage could be useful. Hilt displayed river access signs that are similar to City of Ketchum's signs. Hilt displayed a parking lot sign for BCC approval. County Attorney Tim Graves informed Hilt that the parking sign needs some adjustments. Custom Map Designer Evelyn Phillips created a map that will be added to trailhead signage. Hilt wants to add a QR code to the trailhead sign that will provide a map of public access points and fishing regulations. Hilt will be sending homeowners notices of installation of signage. Fosbury asked Hilt to please coordinate with The Blaine County Recreational District so that signs can stay consistent. Trails Unlimited, WRLT and Project Big Wood are also going to do an adopt-a-trailhead program to keep the areas clean. The BCC will approve the parking sign once revisions are made.

- **Sustainability - Lynne Barker**

Blaine County Solar Statement for the SolSmart Designation

Hailey and Ketchum and Blaine County have committed to the SolSmart technical assistance program developed by the US Department of Energy to help communities adopt best practices to encourage solar deployment. Blaine County, Ketchum and Hailey are pursuing silver designation. SolSmart is working with other Idaho communities to achieve SolSmart designation; Boise has a gold designation.

Barker submitted a letter of support for SolSmart designation for County Commissioners' signatures, which is one requirement to achieve SolSmart designation. Blaine County will be hosting a SolSmart webpage as part of a regional website.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Blaine County Solar Statement as part of submittal for SolSmart designation. Motion passed 2/0.

COVID UPDATE

- **Blaine County COVID-19 Risk Level**

Local case numbers are currently inflated by cases in previous weeks that were stuck in back log. Blaine County is in the yellow moderate risk stage. The City of Hailey is re-evaluating mask requirements later this week. Fosbury is concerned with surrounding counties that are still in the critical risk but is pleased with Blaine County's high vaccine rate. The BCC still recommends using masks, but does not believe given the current case numbers positive rate and hospital impact that it needs to be required.

- **Consideration of Face Covering Ordinance No. 2021-13 Repeal**

Tim Graves presented Ordinance 2022-01 to repeal Ordinance 2021-13. Fosbury asked to remove City of Hailey from ordinance since they have not removed mask mandate. The Ordinance will be published in five public places.

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve Blaine County Ordinance 2022-01 in ordinance of Blaine County order of County Commissioners repealing Blaine County Ordinance 2021-13 requiring face covering as amended. Motion passed 2/0.

- **Updates**

Blaine County Humane Resource Justin Highhouse asked if The BCC wanted to adjust any COVID policies. McCleary does not want to adopt CDC guidelines completely. She and Highhouse are going to work on COVID policies and present to The BCC when completed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Resolution 2022-02 Transfer of Funds to Ketchum Police Department Trust Account
- Resolution 2022-03 Probation Budget Adjustment
- Resolution 2022-04 E-911 Budget Adjustment

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve consent calendar. Motion passed 2/0.

BREAK

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee

ITD will be repaving the HWY 75 North of Hailey up to Eastfork Road and will be adding a different stripe pattern at the Ohio Gulch intersection. ITD is having a meeting with Ohio Gulch homeowners March 30, 2022 to discuss safety improvements at the intersection.

Snake River Juvenile Detention Center - Joint Powers Advisory Board

Fosbury attended the 2021 report presentation. The report showed that Blaine County's local programs are working as there is a decrease of juveniles in the detention center. Blaine County didn't have any incidents in 2021.

Rinker Rock Creek - University of Idaho

University of Idaho has set up a lab at the ranch. They are doing studies on botanical grasses; the effects that grazing has on willows, and different types of cattle feeds. They have a program in the summer where public can volunteer and witness studies. Fosbury wants to have The Rinker Rock Creek webinar link uploaded to Blaine County's website or social media outlets.

Housing Action Plan

Blaine County House Authority is still looking for an Executive Director. Board Chair Sarah Michael is pleased The Blaine County approved its ARPA grant request. BCHA and local architects are surveying Lift Tower Lodge in Ketchum as a possibility for temporary housing. They confirmed that sewer lines and the sewer main have complications. Ketchum's sewer department is working on fixing sewer issues. Fosbury communicated with the McHanville developer regarding families that are being relocated from that site. The Meadows in Ketchum has mobile home spaces available that is being offered to McHanville families. They are evaluating which mobile homes can be relocated there.

Fosbury requested Lisa Horowitz to survey and evaluate vacant houses in Hailey. Houses may need to undergo remodeling to make them livable. Fosbury suggested that city and county APRA funds could be used on remodeling.

BCC is still discussing how to incorporate Agnew-Beck with BCHA and ARCH. Once BCHA has secured a new director they will be providing a six-month report on their financial status.

Fosbury attended the City of Bellevue Council meeting. Engineer Keller Associates provided a report on the sewer facility. They didn't provide enough clarity as they are still finishing the study. Based on capacity estimates Bellevue has adequate capacity for current residences in the city. Bellevue is interested in The State's Workforce Housing funding and DEQ sewer and water grants.

Sun Valley Sewer and Water District are studying the capacity of the lift station. They are making sure the station has adequate carrying from any potential impact from expansion by the hospital and McHanville.

Correspondence

Fosbury received an inquiry from Stacey McLaughlin from West Magic. She is asking what Blaine County needs for the West Magic Highway District. Fosbury forward correspondence from Ex Commissioner Greenberg and a list of items that Tim Graves provided. Fosbury will forward the list to Camas County Commissioners so that there can be a discussion before elections this fall.

Kim Hayes wanted to discuss with BCC regarding Blaine County participating or owning a substance abuse counseling center. The BCC doesn't think Blaine County has the capacity to run a program of this magnitude. McCleary believes Blaine County needs this service but it should be offered through a private entity or a St. Luke's branch. The BCC would consider funding if they received an actual proposal. Family Health Services is having its Grand Opening March 9, 2022.

Mountain Rides is asking for county staff to provide an analysis of county demographics. They are going to apply for a grant to expand services to lower income neighborhoods. Fosbury contacted GIS and Sun Valley Economic Development to ask if they have or could create an analysis. Census data from 2016-2020 is going to be available next week which could provide information. The BCC may need to contract outside the county for this kind of analysis.

Other

McCleary attended Wild Life Smart Community meeting, during which they discussed how to educate public on the Yew plant's impact on local wildlife and removing the plant from Wood River Valley. The committee is working with Clear Creek Disposal on bear proof trash cans for neighborhoods in Ketchum. BLM's social media is asking public to avoid conflict with game when on trails or back country.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2021 Special Contracts Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve meeting minutes for Special Meeting of Board of County Commissioners for Monday October 4, 2021, as amended to include term FY 2022 in all motions of contracts where FY is not stated. Motion passed 2/0.

February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Fosbury, to approve meeting minutes for Regular Meeting of Board of Commissioners for February 15, 2022 as amended. Motion passed 2/0.

Fosbury stated that the date for the Strategic Plan meeting for Blaine County Ambulance District has been changed to a later date and will be posted when scheduled.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 12:00 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
Stephen McDougall Graham Dick Fosbury
County Clerk Chairman