

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

Third Day

Tuesday, April 19, 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, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, and Commissioner Muffy Davis; Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse; Administrative Assistant Morgan DeWitt; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy and County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham, Human Resources Justin Highhouse, Chief Prosecuting Attorney Doug Nelson, County Attorney Tim Graves *Idaho Mountain Express* staff writer Mike Shultz was present.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Agreement between Blaine County and Regents of the University of Idaho.**

This contract has an annual cost of \$135,814, and was approved in the budget last fall. Fosbury explained that this program helps the 4-H Program and they develop programs for the youth to participate in farming and ranching activities. Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy explained to the BCC that there were modifications made to the agreement and that the University of Idaho just now returned the contract. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham stated that the amount was the same as budgeted in FY2022.

Public Comment: NONE

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract between Blaine County and Regents of the University of Idaho for the term of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$135,814. Motion passed unanimously.

Independent Contract for Services Agreement between Blaine County and WM Equity

Also present; Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker

Professional services contract with WM Equity for developing and presenting training on Diversity Equity and Inclusion concepts to raise awareness and understanding for volunteer committee members and employees. Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker stated that this committee recommended providing training for the volunteers so they fully understand how to apply DEI concept when creating goals and strategies. Inclusive Idaho Co-Founder Whitney Mistelle was contracted to aid in the training seminar. Mistelle has done other DEI training in the state of Idaho and Barker believed that getting an Idaho-based expert would be beneficial.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract with WM Equity Professional Services in the amount up to \$5,000 for a term of April 10, 2022 to May 30, 2022 for diversity, equity and inclusion training. Motion passed unanimously.

LHTAC Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program - Request to Apply

County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham explained that Idaho Governor Brad Little signed Bill 1359 into law which provides 200 million dollars for local bridge maintenance. The program opened for application submittals on April 11, 2022 and closes on June 8, 2022. In order for the county to submit an application it would first need to have an MOU with LHTAC. The Road and Bridge Manager created a list of the 4 top priority bridges that need renovations, Blaine County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham asked the BCC make a motion to approve the request to apply, a motion to approve the MOU and a motion to pass Resolution 2022-13. Resolution 2022-13 was drafted with the language that LHTAC provided. LHTAC will determine the cost after their inspections are complete.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, approve the request to apply for the Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Memoranda of Understanding as presented between Local Highway Jurisdiction for The Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2022-13 which is a resolution authorizing Blaine County to enter in the Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program and the MOU with the Local Highway Jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - John David Davidson

- 2nd Round of Property Tax Notice's

Davidson reported that his department is currently preparing the second round of Property Tax Notices which will be shipped out electronically through USPS. He stated they have had trouble in the past with notices being emailed and sent to the recipient's spam folder.

- Payment Portal

Davidson is working with Point and Pay to set up a portal where a resident can receive an E-Bill directly to their email. Blaine County residents can choose to pay their property tax bill monthly, bi-monthly or every 6 months. He is working on getting the portal set up to where if a Blaine County resident has multiple properties in Blaine County or other counties that use Point and pay, they can merge all their properties into one account.

- State Tax Workshop

Last week his department attended an Urban Rural Workshop in Boise. There was a presentation on homeowners' exemption. His staff received 14 credited hours from State Tax Commission.

- Tax Deeds

Treasurer's Department has been working diligently on getting all the Tax Deed Properties current. They successfully got all the past due residents to get current and as a result there were no seized properties or property auctions.

Assessor's Report - Jim Williams

- Circuit Breaker Program

Assessor's Department posted reminders of the Circuit Breaker Program on social media outlets; sent notices that the deadline was April 18th. They did receive new applications and were able to get previous residents to reapply.

- Property Appraisals

They are finalizing property appraisals so that Property Appraisal Notices can be sent out on time. They are running some final tests to ensure assessments are accurate. Agricultural land is appraised by The State of Idaho and the appraisal is based on their assessments.

- DMV

The check-in system is working well, it has been determined that 80% are scheduled and 20% are walk ins. ITD has started a new program allowing Idaho residents do certain DMV services online. Thus, taking revenue away from local DMV departments all over Idaho.

Williams is a member of Idaho Association of Counties and Idaho Transportation Department and they are meeting in two weeks to discuss alternate funding methods for the DMV. Williams is still calculating the impact his department will endure due to the funding cut. He plans on making spending cuts to lessen the impact. He does not want to use property tax funds to fund the DMV.

ITD will reimburse the DMV for the next two years. The first year ITD will reimburse the county 100% of the revenue accrued through online services. The second year they will reimburse 50% of the revenue they accrued from online services and after the second year ITD will stop all reimbursements.

- Employment

The Assessors Department has an open position available that is 35 hours per week. Fosbury suggested hiring a new employee to fill the position at 40 hours per week. Williams was not in agreement with Fosbury's suggestion. He is concerned that this transitioning will affect his budget and his department doesn't need an employee at 40 hours.

Blaine County Treasure John David Davidson, Blaine County Assessor Jim Williams and Stephen McDougall Graham all stated they are not prepared to discuss work week hour changes at the moment but should discuss in the future.

Williams will proceed with advertising and schedule interviews for a new hire at 35/40 hours a week.

Human Resources - Justin Highhouse

- New Hires

Blaine County has hired 8 new employees in 2022, but still have three to four available positions. Highhouse created a new hire orientation that introduces new employees to all the departments. Orientation includes a presentation explaining employment benefits, policies and procedures. The orientation explains how local government and elected official structure works. He also shows a short video regarding sexual harassment and common cognitive biases.

- Human Resource Survey

Highhouse sent an employment satisfaction surveys for all Blaine County Employees. He received mixed reviews. There were some topics that received 50% satisfied and 50% not satisfied such as competitive vacation time, compensation, cost of living adjustment. Based on the survey's results he will report to department heads to discuss results.

- Handbook

Highhouse is working on updating the handbook and ensuring the verbiage matches county procedure. The last time it was updated was in 2020, there will be some changes to the sick time policy. The County wants to add a sick time bank. Where an employee can donate sick time to the bank and if there comes a time where an employee needs more sick time it would be available through the sick bank.

- Performance Reviews

Highhouse is exploring alternate methods to review employee performances.

- Destruction of Documents

Highhouse is sorting ex-employee documents and sorting HR documents that are no longer necessary to keep. He will be adding a resolution to destroy aged documents in the near future.

Administrative Services Department – Stephanie Carlson

- Blaine County Website

Carlson asked the BCC if they would like to remove the COVID-19 resources button from the Blaine County Website. The BCC agreed that the COVID-19 button should remain on the website along with the COVID dashboard but removing COVID-19 resources tab.

County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy

- Blaine County Benefits

Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy alerted the BCC that while she became aware that there will be a 9% increase on employee benefits costs.

- Ketchum Fire Department and St. Luke’s

Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy, Commissioner McCleary, Ketchum Fire Chief Bill and Air St. Luke’s Blane Patterson had a meeting regarding the proposal for Ketchum Fire to do the ground transport for Air St. Luke’s. Air St. Luke’s is looking to have a contract with the Ambulance District. McCleary and Pomeroy asked what the compensation from St. Luke’s would be and how many new staff members would Ketchum Fire Department need. McCleary is going to reach out to Wood River Fire to alert them that these conversations are being had. The meeting ended with each party needing to evaluate budgets and researching further before drafting a contract.

- Public Defender Budget

Pomeroy attended the webinar by The Idaho Association of Counties on The Public Defender Transition. There are still questions that they don’t have answers. Every county will need to reduce their FY23 property tax budget in the amount that was reserved for the public defender’s budget.

By FY25 The State Public Defense fund will be allocating funds to pay Idaho county’s Defense Program through the PDC Grant. It is still not determined how much funding will be available and if the Public Defense Program will be a state or regionally run program. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham added that it was not clear that the FY23 budget needed to be reduced. He also attended a quarterly Idaho Clerks Meeting and Idaho State Property Tax Bureau Chief Alan Dornfest explained that the law was clear that it was Tax Year 2023 not FY23. House Bill 375 relieves the county of responsibility for providing public defense and also removes the ability for the county to use property taxes to fund the defense program.

- ARPA Contracts

County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy, County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham and County Attorney Tim Graves are working on drafting the contracts for the ARPA grant applicants. Pomeroy and McDougall Graham are both in agreement that the required reporting that is expected from the applicants as currently conceived may be too burdensome and may discourage other potential applicants from applying. The annual ARPA spending and activity report is due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury at the end of April. The County is required to make a one-time decision concerning how much of its award will it elect to claim as a standard allowance for lost revenue or “government services”. The proposal is to elect a significant portion, if not all of the received funds under the category of Lost Revenue of Government Services. Doing so would not impact on the BCC’s commitments or intent regarding the allocation of ARPA funds thus far, e.g, the \$1.5 earmarked for internal requests, the funds set aside for housing. Community contracts, would not be impacted. Blaine County Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Leslie Londos, Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy and County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham are in agreement in this approach and will have an action item on next week’s agenda for the BCC to make a motion.

FY 2022 SAWTOOTH SOCIETY FUNDING REQUEST

Also present; Sawtooth Society Executive Director Kathryn Grohusky

This was received last year and was added to the preliminary budget and was approved but was not finalized in deliberation. Kathryn Grohusky explained that this funding will assist with education and lessons on how to prevent wildfires and catastrophic wildfires. Fosbury asked staff to create a contract for services with The Sawtooth Society in the amount of \$3,000 for FY2022.

Public Comment: NONE

COVID UPDATE

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

Blaine County is still at “low level” risk rate, but is slightly higher compared to other surrounding counties. Blaine County does have higher travel traffic due to being a resort town.

- **COVID-19 Mayors Meeting**

Next meeting is April 20, 2022

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Authorization for ITD to Access County Property

ITD would like permission to access Blaine County-owned property. The parcel is between Timmerman and Timber Way on Highway 75. They are going to preform geotechnical investigating that will aid with the highway 75 project. They will not be causing any damage to the property. BCC is in support to granting ITD permission to access the property.

Discussion of Bellevue/Hailey Area of City Impact area at Eccles Ranch

Fosbury received a common letter from the City of Hailey Mayor Martha Burke, City of Bellevue Mayor Kathryn Goldman and Blaine County Recreation District Executive Director that they have been having constructive meetings regarding the city impact of East Eccles Ranch. The two cities are negotiating and are planning on approaching the BCC to modify the City Impact Boundaries. Fosbury believes this is a good plan and is pleased that they have agreed on the same objectives. The plans are to create a buffer between both cities, protect the hillside, provide adequate circulation and possible workforce housing, create a recreational plan with the possibility of building facilities for the BCRD.

South Central Behavioral Health Board Meeting

The South-Central Board Meeting received 25 grant requests; the board has \$100,000 available funds. Next month they begin evaluating requests and awarding grants.

Correspondence

- SNRA

Fosbury and Davis both received a phone call from Francie at St. Onge at Sun Valley Mountain Huts. She asked to meet with Fosbury regarding new requirements that SNRA made this year. They are looking for guidance from Fosbury.

- Government Exchange

Davis attended an event in McCall with other Blaine County Officials, Elected Officials and City Leaders. They met with other Idaho County Elected Officials, City Administrators and Leaders and Non-Profit Leaders. Davis stated that other counties are facing similar challenges that Blaine County is currently facing. Davis enjoyed collaborating with other officials and believed it was very constructive for leaders and elected officials to meet share ideas.

Other

- CSI

Fosbury and McCleary received an email regarding The College of Southern Idaho evaluating if they will continue the CSI extension in Blaine County. BCC believes the BCC needs to make contact with CSI and discuss if there is something Blaine County can do so that the CSI extension remains in Blaine County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Junior College Certificate of Residency forms

College of Southern Idaho

Spring 2022

- Brenda Navarrete
- Todd Walter

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, approves the consent calendar for Tuesday April 19, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

Also present: Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson, Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis, Galena Consulting Representative Ann Wescott.

- **Development Impact Fee discussion with consultant and Road & Bridge.**

Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy explained Blaine County interviewed three consulting firms regarding Road and Bridge Impact Fees and Priorities. Blaine County chose Galena Consulting. Galena Consulting Representative Ann Wescott, Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis and Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson have been working on a priority list of roads that need to be reconstructed or repaired. The Land Use and Building Services Department are in the process of creating the Impact Fee Ordinance. The builder will be required to pay the impact fees when they apply for their building permits. This will then create funds for the County to use on repairing and reconstructing roads due to population growth. County Attorney Tim Graves advised the BCC that they can discuss this topic but there will be no action taken today. He will aid LUBS in the verbiage when they are ready to prepare an ordinance. Wescott explained that today's meeting is to revise the priority list they created so then she can prepare a plan with estimated costs. Westcott explained that they cannot use impact fees on roads that were already a safety precaution. They can use impact fees to repair or add right of way to roads that are narrow and could be a safety issue with the increase of population. They could also use funds if they are adding bike path to roads.

- Glendale Road

East Glendale and West Glendale are both expected to grow in the near future. On East Glendale they are going to construct Lateral 75 Subdivision. On West Glendale they are constructing a package distribution center. The distribution package facility drafted three possible intersection designs for the

Glendale intersection. ITD and the distribution package facility are still negotiating on what design will be constructed. Wescott suggested having these new constructions pay impact fees.

- Ohio Gulch Intersection ITD Project

ITD driven project that also has Ohio Gulch Residents and Blaine County assisting in the reconstruction of the intersection. ITD has not provided a time frame, cost or design for this project. The Ohio Gulch intersection is on Thompson's top five in the priority list.

- Gannett Road

Gannett road is one of the top five busiest roads in Blaine County. Gannett road connects Carey & Picabo residences to Blaine County. This road is also highly used by street cyclists. Thompson believes there is enough right of way on Gannett Road to make it wider and add a pedestrian/cyclist stripe. He has received many requests from cyclists to make the shoulder wider so that it is safer to ride on.

- Baseline Road

Baseline Road is an agricultural road that is used by heavy farming equipment. The road does not require extensive repairs, but could use wider shoulders and some chip and seal. Thompson doesn't receive many complaints regarding the road condition, just that it is narrow.

- Broadford Road

There was a safety audit 3-4 years ago on Broadford Road. The county added reflectors to telephone poles, mowed any tall grasses, marked and trimmed trees but they have not done any actual repairs to the road. Once they alert the community of possible repairs, they may get pushback from the home owners on Broadford Road. The Broadford community has made it clear they don't want Broadford to become the alternate route for commuters. Thompson suggested smoothing the road, repairing the corners and making the road wider and leaving the speed limit as-is.

- Buttercup Road

Buttercup Road will be a complete reconstruction, they will have enough room to widen the shoulder. There won't be a bike lane since it is parallel to an existing Bike Path. They are contemplating creating a center turn lane with all the new subdivision construction and the existing surrounding subdivisions.

- East Fork Road

East Fork Road was built on an existing mining road that leads to Triumph. There is no room to widen the road. In order to widen the road, it would be a major reconstruction of the road. They would need to build retaining walls on the hillsides. Cold Creek Road is in the process of new construction and an application for a new subdivision in Triumph was just submitted. East Fork Road is already busy and Thompson believes it will only get busier with all the construction in the area.

- Croy Creek Road

Croy Creek Road is number 1 or 2 on the priority list. It will have to be a complete reconstruction. The question is if the county want to widen the road or add a separate biking lane. Croy Creek Road is a high traffic road with a 2ft right of way. Wescott suggested adding a designated shoulder with a rumble strip for cyclists. Thompson would prefer to have a designated shoulder, so that Road and Bridge Department could maintain the shoulder vs treating it as a bike path and having to create a separate budget for the maintenance.

- Trail Creek Road

Trail Creek Road was originally in The Blaine County Transportation Plan. Thompson stated it does need maintenance but only wants to do a chip and seal on the road. Thompson would like to continue to grade and leave the non-paved part of the road as-is. Making it smoother would make it easier for vehicles to travel at high speeds on the narrow road making it a safety hazard. BCC all agreed this road should be taken off the priority list.

- Muldoon Canyon Road

Muldoon Canyon was on transportation plan; it was listed as an alternate route to exit Blaine County if Highway 75 was closed. They all agreed this road could be removed from the list.

- West Magic – Highway District

The West Magic residents are trying to construct a Highway District, Camas County has made them aware that they will be in charge of the road if they become their own district. Thompson agreed with Camas County that Blaine County should follow in Camas County's footsteps and grant them the 3-4 miles of road.

Wescott made it clear that these roads are based on a 10-year time line. None of these plans are immediate constructions but more or less a refined list of priorities. The list will only have the projects Blaine County is committed to repairing and has committed funds to repair. Blaine County will still have the option to shorten the list in the future if necessary. They can also decide in the future if other roads are a higher priority. Wescott asked for the BCC to establish a Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee of five active members by June 2022. Two members have to be active in building real estate or construction development, three members cannot be involved in any construction development or building real-estate. Some counties advertise the open seats on the committee and some counties appoint the individuals. Wescott would like to meet with the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee in June.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES

Also present: LUBS Deputy Director Kathy Grotto, Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker

- **Ordinance adoption: Ordinance 2022-02 Title 9, Chapter 15 - Light Industrial District - Text Amendments related to employee dwellings.**

LUBS Deputy Director Kathy Grotto informed the BCC of the amendments and requirements made to the ordinance based on the BCC suggestions made at the presentation.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to adopt Blaine County Ordinance 2022-02 an Ordinance of Blaine County Idaho to amend Title 9 Zoning Regulations, Chapter 15 – Light Industrial District by revising Section 3 Accessory uses Section A regarding dwelling units. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

FUTURE OF THE BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY DISCUSSION

Also present; County Land Use Director Tom Bergin, County Attorney Tim Graves, Accounts Payable Clerk Gretchen Stinnett, Ketchum City Administrator Jade Riley, Blaine County Housing Authority Executive Director Nathan Harvill, Appraiser David Vanderpool, Ketchum Housing Strategist Carissa Connelly, Agnew Beck Senior Representative Seana Doherty, Blaine County Charitable Fund Executive Director Mary Fauth, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Operations Director Herbert Romero, County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael.

County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy met with Ketchum Mayor Neil Bradshaw, Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael, Ketchum Housing Strategist Carissa Connelly, Ketchum City Administrator Jade Riley, Agnew Beck Senior Representative Seana Doherty to discuss the proposals of reconstructing the Blaine County Housing Authority.

Pomeroy alerted everyone that the budget requests for BCHA needs to be submitted by May 5th and believes that this constructive conversation needs to happen before the deadline.

Commissioner Fosbury stated that he has been the liaison for the BCC and has attended BCHA board meetings for several years and has been informing the Commissioners on activities and updates on BCHA projects and plans. The BCHA, ARCH and Blaine County have been in a lawsuit for several years now due to a low-income housing in a subdivision that was not considered low income. This lawsuit has been financially strenuous for both non-profit organizations.

BCHA, ARCH and The Blaine County Charitable Fund have been working together to tackle the housing crisis. Fosbury stated that BCHA has shown strength in leadership and believes they are capable of sustaining themselves. Fosbury has noticed a positive change within BCHA since the transition to new administration.

Commissioner McCleary pointed out that she believes everyone knows how critical the housing crisis is and that if everyone can work together to take action then a restructure would be beneficial. She would like to see all the jurisdictions, local government officials, non-profits, business partners and stakeholders working together towards the same goal. She asked what resources would be available for BCHA if all the entities worked together. She also questioned how committed everyone would be on working together.

Commissioner Davis believes that there has been a lot of progress since Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael has taken charge. She also met with Connelly and Agnew-Beck's Representative and believes the reconstruction could make more resources available for the BCHA. She added that having city officials may help with holding people accountable. BCHA would need to meet with all jurisdictions and be on the same page. All jurisdictions would need to be actively communicating and working towards the same goals.

Commissioner Fosbury stated that he has not seen any City Leadership Members attend BCHA Board meetings. By not attending these meetings city officials are not informed on BCHA's plans or progress. Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael has been working with the City of Ketchum, Commissioner Fosbury and Agnew Beck Senior Representative Seana Doherty on hosting a meeting for stakeholders to attend and be informed on current progress and future plans.

Ketchum City Administrator Jade Riley explained that while creating The Ketchum Action Plan they also brainstormed how to help the housing crisis for the whole county. They knew that to start they needed to focus on Ketchum. Riley would like for everyone to attend monthly meetings to discuss everyone's needs, status and progress. Ketchum is supportive of having a Regional Action Plan that would be broadening The Ketchum Action Plan and would be assisting the entire Wood River Valley. Fosbury asked if Riley or Connelly had any specific recommendation or request for The Blaine County Housing Authority to accomplish. Riley responded that they are questioning if The BCHA staffing has the capacity to accomplish any recommendations. Riley stated that BCHA needs to have more accountability. Fosbury agreed that BCHA low staffing and funding is a current weakness. Fosbury asked for Riley and Connelly to present a restructure model or templates for the BCC to consider. Riley shared that there are other models that are being used in Idaho. Riley and Connelly are going schedule a meeting with different city officials and ask for feedback and suggestions on how they believe the Housing Authority should be structured.

Carissa Connelly stated that the Housing Authority is not currently managed like other authorities in Idaho. Connelly explained that they performed a study and it concluded that Blaine County as a community doesn't fully trust or have faith in the Blaine County Housing Authority. That a rebrand and restructure would be beneficial and could help earn the community's trust and faith in the BCHA. A restructure could possibly attract new stakeholders and partners that in the past were discouraged. Connelly does not fully believe the BCHA can successfully tackle the housing crisis without the restructure.

Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael explained that they have been working a 5-year strategic plan. Cities need to also communicate on what their needs and expectations are from the BCHA. Michaels and Agnew-Beck Senior Representative Seana Doherty met with Twin Falls Housing Authority Executive Director Sunny Shaw and discussed different government housing authority models with joint power leadership that are very effective. Sunny believes a housing authority structure with elected city or county officials strengthens the board. The BCHA is currently working on their financials and putting together their ARPA fund application. Michaels stated that she has asked Blaine County staff for an extension on submitting the ARPA application. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham shared that they can extend the deadline by a couple days due to the BCC interest in supporting the BCHA but will need an estimated amount on May 5th.

The Blaine County Housing Authority is currently reviewing their five-year strategic plan and updating the plan as needed. Fosbury explained he is open to the restructure of the BCHA and having elected officials working together under a joint powers' agreement. Fosbury is questioning if BCHA can endure a restructure, prepare ARPA fund request, finalize budgets, and revise the strategic plan all at once.

- **Consideration of Agnew-Beck proposal Option 1 - Tasks 1 and 2**

Agnew Beck Senior Representative Seana Doherty has been working with the City of Ketchum on The Ketchum Housing Action Plan and with BCHA on Blaine County Housing Authority Strategic Plan. They are finalizing their work with both the City of Ketchum and The BCHA this month. Agnew-Beck created a proposal with two options for Blaine County to review. Doherty stated these options are very simple and can be amended as needed. Agnew-Beck would coordinate Blaine County and all the jurisdictions and Blaine County Housing Authority and help structure a plan to combat the housing crisis. Fosbury thinks that Agnew-Beck can help strengthen the Housing Authority and create a housing authority matrix for the entire county. Pomeroy is supportive in having a partnership with Agnew-Beck and suggested doing a cost share program with Ketchum. Ketchum would manage the coordination with Agnew-Beck and rename the Ketchum Housing Action Plan to the Regional Housing Plan. The plan would aid the entire county in the housing crisis. Agnew-Beck would be a third-party consultant and Agnew-Beck would have a core team advising that BCHA, Blaine County Jurisdictions, BCC, Stakeholders in housing crisis tasks. Agnew-Beck suggested the BCHA be the contract holder. Having The City of Ketchum as contract holder could create a bias. Pomeroy is going to meet with Ketchum officials and Agnew-Beck to discuss drafting a contract.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:45 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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