

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

First Day

Tuesday, May 3, 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; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Fredback; Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney County Tim Graves; County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham; IT Enterprise Architect Ben Parker; IT Security/Network Engineer Jon Eaton; Communications Director Robin Stellers; GIS Manager Sam Young, Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis; Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse; Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper; Administrative Assistant Morgan DeWitt; Accounts Payable Clerk Gretchen Stinnett; Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero; Grants, Elections and County Services Specialist Deirdre Dolce; *Idaho Mountain Express* staff writer Mike Shultz, Boise State Public Radio News Reporter George Prentice; and Lili Simpson.

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

PROCLAMATION 2022-03 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Also present; Blaine County Assessor Jim Williams; Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman, WRFR Kelly White and Cecily Moore; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Executive Director Brittany Shipley, NAMI Bluebirds; Melanie Gonzalez and Ava Angell; Wood River High School Social Worker Julie Carney; Blaine County School District social worker Laurie Strand; Select Health LCSW Cecile Heath; and Idaho Health and Welfare May's Health Matters Hero! Sammy Warren.

McCleary is hoping Proclamation 2022-03 will help spread and promote mental health awareness in Blaine County. She is pleased that NAMI and 5B Suicide Alliance are providing education on how to recognize the five signs of suicide throughout Blaine County.

Raising awareness has helped Blaine County residents understand that mental health crisis can happen to anyone of any age.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman submitted a letter thanking the BCC for their continued commitment to mental health in Blaine County. Chief Bateman said he is in frequent contact with Kelly White, widow of WRFR Captain/Paramedic Tom White, who took his own life. They are taking steps to change the culture of WRFR and Blaine County as a whole to deal with mental health stress disorders as a norm and not an anomaly.
- NAMI's Bluebird Program participant Ava Angell read her short story on personal boundaries.
- NAMI's Bluebird Program participant Melanie Gonzalez read her short story on being different but equal.

NAMI Executive Director Brittany Shipley explained that Bluebird is paid internship by—the Spur Foundation. NAMI Bluebirds are writing short stories on past uncomfortable experiences. These short stories will be published and distributed to local social workers and local elementary schools.

- Wood River High School Social Worker Julie Carney explained that Blaine County School District is dedicated to provide mental health assistance to their students.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve Proclamation 2022-03. Proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-15 CELEBRATING SNRA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Also Present; Idaho Conservation League Conservation Associate Josh Johnson; Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center Director Janet Kellam; Sawtooth Society Executive Director Kathryn Grohusky, National Forest Foundation Northern Rockies Program Manager Dani Southard; Stanley Mayor Stephen Botti; and Backwoods Mountain Sports Owner Andy Munter.

The SNRA will be hosting a number of celebrations this summer in honor of its 50th Anniversary. Both Cluster and Blaine County passed resolutions for the SNRA's 50th Anniversary. Blaine County is supportive of educating the public on how to treat public lands.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stanley Mayor Stephen Botti is thankful that Blaine County passed this resolution. He stated it is

important to preserve the Sawtooth's and hopes future generations continue the preservation.

- Sawtooth Society Executive Director Kathryn Grohusky read the Sawtooth Society mission statement: Protect, preserve and enhance Sawtooth National Recreation Area. They are dedicated to preserving its natural, scenic, historic and recreation value. She believes that the SNRA is also a mental health resource and is grateful Blaine County will consider passing Resolution 2022-15.
- Idaho Conservation League Conservation Associate Josh Johnson is supportive of Blaine County passing Resolution 2022-15.
- National Forest Foundation Northern Rockies Program Manager Dani Southard appreciates Blaine County and the Mayor of Stanley for their strong-willed leadership and support in protecting and preserving the SNRA.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve Blaine County Resolution 2022-15 a Resolution of Blaine County Idaho Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of The Sawtooth National Recreation Area for the benefit of the people of Idaho and the United States. Motion passed unanimously.

INDIAN CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION RFP-2022-BCRB-001 BID OPENING

Blaine County did not receive any sealed bids for this project. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham advised postponing this project for a future date to give contractors more time to submit bids.

Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson stated that they sent bid requests to contractors too late in the season. Most companies are scheduled out and cannot take on more projects. He agreed on postponing the project for Summer of 2023. He will send another notice in the Fall of 2022 requesting bids.

NO ACTION TAKEN

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Enterprise Messaging Migration and Modernization contract with CompuNet.**

Blaine County will be transitioning to Microsoft Office 365 with the assistance of CompuNet. The overall transition will take three years. There may be additional charges if CompuNet Inc. has to purchase additional equipment or software for the transition.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the contract with CompuNet Inc. in the amount of \$19,980.00 for FY2022. The budgeted funds will come from ARPA funds. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Blaine County Clean Energy Coalition Comments to Idaho Public Utility Commission Case No. IPC-E-21-40: Idaho Power Company's Application to Expand Optional Customer Clean Energy Offerings through the Clean Energy Your Way Program.**

Idaho Power Company has three cases before the Idaho Public Utility Commission. Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker believes Blaine County and Cities within Blaine County should provide public comment on the cases. Barker applauded their efforts and the programs they have recommended for Blaine County to procure clean energy. She asked Idaho Public Utility Commission to consider this application with the other cases to provide a range of opportunity to allow communities to reach their clean energy goals.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **IT - Jon Eaton and Ben Parker**

IT Department ordered four new firewall appliances. They won't begin the firewall transition until July 11. IT submitted the first round of billing for the upgrade in the amount of \$89,000 and will bill another \$119,000 at the end of July for professional services.

IT Analyst Josh Maxwell is currently performing a PC refresh on all county computers. IT is upgrading all the old wiring and cabling in the Annex building to meet current standards.

IT will be updating the Cyber Security Policy in the handbook that will require all employees to participate in an online training.

IT is budgeting to upgrade production processing servers in FY2024. They will need to be upgraded before they begin to fail. The manufacturer no longer maintains those servers.

IT requested that each department create a desired equipment list for the upcoming years, so IT can order equipment in bulk at a cheaper price.

- **Road and Bridge - Steve Thompson**

County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham requested for the BCC to approve funds from contingency to purchase a trailer for the Road and Bridge Department. Northwest Equipment has a dump trailer on site for a total cost of \$87,114. County Attorney Tim Graves advised to remove emergency from the purchase agreement, and stated that they can move forward with the purchase.

Fosbury moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the purchase of sales order from Northwest

Equipment Sales for the 15ft Dump Trailer in the amount of \$87,114 to come from contingency. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Clerk - Stephen McDougall Graham**

Idaho State Legislature passed House Bill 316 and House Bill 735. House Bill 316 made anyone who was eligible for Medicare or private insurance ineligible to apply to the county's medical indigent program. House Bill 735 removed the county medical indigent program entirely. March 31, 2022 was the deadline to submit medical indigent application.

The Indigent Department has four suspended cases pending that need to be resolved before the program is dissolved. County Services Manager Brooke Baird will contact St. Luke' to resolve pending applications and present any pending applications to the BCC.

The BCC requested for McDougall Graham and Baird discuss any changes that may need to be done within the department and if there are any services the county may need to budget for in FY2023.

- **Emergency Communications - Robin Stellers**

Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers applauded two employees; one of her employees was promoted to Emergency Communications Officer II and another employee graduated Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). Emergency Communications Department has not been fully staffed since 2008.

The department is adapting to new reporting software they purchased with the IPSCC grant. They are also learning the new Digital Dispatch System that Emergency Communications Department and First Responders will be utilizing going forward.

Stellers stated that her department participated in the 911 at Ease International for mental & heart health conference. Stellers attended the Navigator Conference regarding employee retention and how to deal with mental health, trauma and stress and the effects it can 911 dispatchers.

Emergency Communications Department is currently taking 911 calls and 988 Crisis Intervention calls. They are looking for ways to manage the two lines. Medical Dispatch Center is working on how they will adjust and handle each call.

- **County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy**

County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy and Facilities Manager Pat Boyle reviewed the ADA project bids. They selected a bid that was under the budget; the contractor will begin when available.

BCC has the authority to utilize funds from the Transportation Plan to fund the Bike/Ped Plan update. The bike/ped plan is an attachment to the Transportation Plan. Pomeroy is currently working on getting all the MOUs from all the jurisdictions and waiting on Mountain Rides to confirm their participation.

Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves advised that Blaine County can participate in the Tri-Guardianship cases. He suggested the contribution should be minimal due to Blaine County not having many garden cases.

COVID UPDATE

Blaine County COVID-19 Risk Level Plan - Blaine County is currently in the "low level" risk category.

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Also present; SCPHD Family and Children's Health Division Administrator Logan Hudson, SCPHD District Director Melody Bowyer, Linda Montgomery, SCPHD Environmental Health Division Director Craig Paul, Human Resource Director of South-Central Public Health District Brett Hall.

The South-Central Public Health District presented an updated FY2023 budget proposal. They revised the previous budget request after receiving the updated Twin Falls 9% increased CPI. SCPHD is hoping a 4% cost of living and 3% merit increase will assist in retaining staff in Blaine County.

SCPHD distributed 122,000 COVID-19 vaccines with Blaine County rating #1 in the state of Idaho. SCPHD, Dr. Archie and St. Luke's collaborated in administering COVID testing and vaccinations at the Sun Valley resort. They scheduled staff for weekly visits to perform testing and vaccinations on guest and employees.

A Blaine County resident had rabid bats in their living unit. SCPHD dispersed medication and vaccinations to all the tenants that may have been exposed. Tuberculosis is rising, due to public not getting tested regularly. SCPHD has commenced routine tuberculous testing. SCPHD has begun to provide services that stopped due COVID. They are now providing suicide, vaping, tobacco and drug use training for employees. Trained employees will be able host educational workshops at the high schools.

The Idaho Commission of the Hispanic Affairs Executive Director Margie Gonzales is pleased that the SCPHD is working on making a strong relationship and assisting the Hispanic community.

The State of Idaho did not provide SCPHD state funding for FY2023. SCPHD will be depending on subcontracts and county contracts for funding. The SCPHD is strategizing how they will fund a new Health

Specialist without state funding.

Blaine County residents Dr. O' Connor, Valley Apothecary and Men's Second Chance Living Executive Director Sonya Wilander received the Health Heroes Awards.

FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING PREVIEW

Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Chris Pomeroy

The FMAA will have an action item. They will get an update on the restoration project status.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Catering permit Warfield Brewery Company for Sawtooth Botanical Gardens / Senior Connection on May 7th, 2022 101 Aspen Hollow Road, Ketchum

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve consent calendar for Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST

Also present: County Services Manager Brooke Baird.

A public test of tallying equipment to be used for the May 17, 2022 election was conducted. Every ballot style and every valid ballot position was tested and the results were compared to a precinct report for each precinct. All processes were accurate and approved.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

105 Bullion Gulch Road - Plat Amendment. Public hearing and consideration of an application by Eric Fishburn to amend Lot 5B, Bullion Creek Subdivision by relocating a portion of the platted building envelope and revising Plat Note 30 regarding maximum building area.

Also present; LUBS Deputy Director Kathy Grotto, Erik & Amy Fishburn, applicant's representative Sean Flynn, Joan Master.

LUBS Deputy Director Kathy Grotto read public notice.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, that notice is adequate. Motion passed unanimously.

Disclosures: NONE

New Materials: NONE

They are requesting to amending the building envelope to construct a new horseback riding arena. The arena will replace the existing arena. The arena will be hidden by trees and will not be visible from the road. The new arena will be constructed to code with a 100 ft set back. The existing arena only has a 25ft set back. They will also be repairing the riparian area with noninvasive plant life. They will install solar panels on the roof to provide clean energy.

Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt will contact the applicant in regards to the riparian area repairs and will provide applicant with the approved plant life list. The agreement and standards for riparian repairs have a three-to-five-year monitoring period.

Fosbury questioned if the applicant had implemented any fire precaution or protection. The applicant's property has an underground pump system with 4in pipe by the road with 2 fire hydrants around the property. Applicant is in agreement with the conditions listed in the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Marston 100 bullion Gulch Neighbor

Does not object to the construction and believes it will be a great addition.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve this application by Eric Fishburn to amend lot 5B, Bullion Creek Subdivision, finding the application complies with the applicable criteria set forth under Title 10 Subdivision Regulations, Subdivision Regulations and applicable criteria of Title 9 Zoning Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

P&Z Discussion: Water Futures Inc.: Contract with Updated Scope of Work

Also present; County Land Use Director Tom Bergin, Water Futures President Wendy J. Pabich.

In FY2022 Water Features President Wendy Pabich was contracted to provide advice on water conservation projects. Pabich was not presented with a service contract for FY2022 and was unaware of what was expected or needed. The BCC requested that for FY2023 Pabich present a progress report. They also requested for Pabich to attend the Water District Meetings on Blaine County's behalf. The BCC suggested that Pabich meet with Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker and discuss any possible

sustainability project collaborations.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Housing Action Plan

Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA), Blaine County Charitable Fund (BCCF), Crisis Hotline and the City of Ketchum are working together to relocate the McHanville mobile homes to the Meadows Mobile Home Trailer Park. The Meadows Mobile Home Trailer Park has a pending application with the Planning and Zoning Commission to extend the overlay boundaries so they may add more mobile home spaces.

BCHA Chair Sarah Michael arranged a tour at the Silver Creek Assisted Living facility for BCCF, Crisis Hotline and Fosbury. The assisted living facility has a vacant building with studio, kitchen and bathrooms. The facility maybe a possible option for the displaced McHanville families. BCHA has two more sessions scheduled with Agnew-Beck on the strategic planning and structure of the BCHA.

Ketchum Mayor Neil Bradshaw may appoint a City of Ketchum representative to the Blaine County Housing Authority Board. The City of Ketchum presented a Lease to Locals program that allows homeowners to rent to the local working force with compensation. Lease to Locals program would compensate the home owners who participate. The compensation would offset the monies lost due to lowering the rents. This company is from Santa Barbara and has housed 70+ local workers and families. The city of Ketchum submitted an application for ARPA funds to apply for this platform.

- Fly Sun Valley Alliance

The airport is closed for the month of May for the reconstruction. Summer and Spring bookings for are up 130% from the normal.

- Southern Idaho Solid Waste Board Meeting - Strategic Plan adopted

The BCC will tour the Ohio Gulch transfer station.

The strategic plan has been beneficial in providing the different necessities for each transfer station. The plan has allowed for the board to prepare for future purchases. Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker is working with the transfer station for improvements at the Recycle Center.

The transfer station will no longer be accepting sludge. Winn's Composting consumes a large amount of the sludge. The Waste department is looking for a cost-effective solution on how to dispose of the remaining sludge. Hauling the sludge to Milner Bute would be costly. Blaine County's tipping fee is \$65 dollars per ton and \$16 dollars per ton in Milder Bute. Blaine County's tipping fee is the highest in the district due to the travel cost.

- Carey Town Hall Meeting

The City of Carey is repaving and constructing sidewalks on the main streets. The City of Carey contributes \$2,000 to its airport. Carey residents are questioning the benefits of having an airport. Aviation groups explained the benefits the Forest Service, State of Idaho and BLM. They asked Fosbury to talk with Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Chris Pomeroy about collaborative efforts to help improve the development of the Carey Airport. They constructed new hangers and have mechanics that are interested in servicing aircrafts. Itty Bitty Farms has a small grocery store available for the residents of Carey. The main request from Carey residents was for additional law enforcement in Carey.

- SNRA - Yurt visit limitations

St. Onge's requested for BCC to communicate with the SNRA regarding the new Yurt visit limitation. The new limitation and restrictions on yurt usage would put a strain on the seasonal business. SNRA Area Ranger Kirk Flannigan would like to discuss the issue with the BCC after today's meeting.

- Correspondence

Road and Bridge received a request from a Triumph resident to connect a sewer line from one side where he has property to the other side crossing the road's right of way to the other side where he has property. Fosbury is reluctant to approve the extension of a private service line in a public right of way. Services lines are typically owned and operated by public utility company, HOA or municipality. McCleary would like to have County Land Use Director Tom Bergin provide more background before it is added to the agenda as an action item.

- Other

McCleary expressed that she would like for Blaine County to pass an ordinance or a resolution for Safe Communities with Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Matt Fredback, Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves and Blaine County Sheriff Steve Harkins. Harkins expressed he was not in accordance and would no longer be presenting his quarterly department updates. McCleary suggested the BCC meet with Harkins, Fredback, Graves and Pomeroy to discuss concerns. She would like to resolve the issue before the budget presentations begin.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- May 3, 2017 Special Public Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve May 3, 2017 Special Public Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve November 9, 2021 Special Meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

- November 30, 2021 Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve November 30, 2021 Special Meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

- April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

- April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Minutes not reviewed.

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