

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

Second Day

Tuesday, May 10, 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 Services Manager Stephanie Carlson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy and 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lili Simpson: Quigley Lane, Blaine County

Simpson requested for the bike/ped meeting materials and documents be sent out in a timely manner. She does not believe it is appropriate to have these meetings during the summer when tenants that may be affected by the bike/ped plan are on summer vacation.

CLAIMS - GRETCHEN STINNETT

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the claims for May 4, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Also present; Deputy Assessor Melissa Fry.

New applicant was the Idaho Base Camp. Idaho Base Camp and the Blaine County School District provide outdoor, camping and summer activities for Blaine County youth.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the property tax exemption as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- Contractual Agreement for Equipment Usage

Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle drafted an agreement between Blaine County and East Side Magic, LLC for equipment usage at \$30 per hour not to exceed \$5,400. East Side Magic, LLC was contracted for the Magic Reservoir Waterways Program.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contractual agreement for equipment usage between Blaine County and East Side Magic, LLC in the amount of \$30 per hour not to exceed \$5,400 for the term of the agreement for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.

- Blaine County Public Defender Agreement for Court Appointed Conflict Counsel

Attorney Keith Roark expressed interested in being on call for the Blaine County Conflict Counsel. Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Nelson informed the BCC that there may be times where a case requires more defenders and having Roark on call would be beneficial. The regular case pay is \$150 per hour, first and second-degree murder case pay is \$175 per hour and travel pay would be \$100 per hour.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Public Defender agreement for the Court Appointed Conflict Counsel between Blaine County and Keith R. Roark for FY2022 in the amount of \$150 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

- Contract for Services - ARPA/SLFRF Reimbursement/The Blaine County Charitable Fund

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract for The Blaine County Charitable Fund for the Allocated State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$49,000 to help aid in the recovery of COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion passed unanimously.

- Contract for Services - ARPA/SLFRF Reimbursement/Blaine County Housing Authority

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract for the Blaine County Housing Authority for the Allocated State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$45,000 to help aid in the recovery of COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion passed unanimously.

- Contract for Services - ARPA/SLFRF Reimbursement/Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract with Swiftsure Ranch for the Allocated State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$12,000 to help aid in the recovery of COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion passed unanimously.

- MOU for the Blaine County Bike/Ped Plan Update

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blaine County and the Cities of Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey, Mountain Rides, and Blaine County Recreational District for Blaine County Community Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Updates and approves \$4,400 for funding Blaine County’s portion of the plan from the Road and Bridge Budget, and a contract for services with Harmony Designs and Engineering in the amount of \$16,900 to be equally divided between all the parties. Motion passed unanimously.

- Application - PDC FY23 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Grant

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the amount of \$99,957.37 for FY2023 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance proposal and application. Motion passed unanimously.

- Request to Apply - FY23 EDPRO Rural Economic Development Professionals Grant, Idaho Dept of Commerce. Request for a Match Letter - FY23 EDPRO Rural Economic Development Professionals Grant, Idaho Dept of Commerce

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the request to apply for FY2023 EDPRO Rural Economic Development Grant Program the amount not to exceed \$30,000 with a cost match of \$15,000, the grant award would be for FY2023. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Prosecuting Attorney - Matt Fredback

The Prosecuting Attorney’s Office has seen an increase in substance abuse, DUI’s and drug trafficking cases. The Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Department, and city law enforcement are working together to target drug trafficking and enforcing drug laws. Fentanyl, Fentanyl laced Marijuana, Methamphetamines and over-the-counter medication are the main substance abuse drugs in Blaine County.

Civil Attorney – Tim Graves

The Civil Attorney’s Office is currently litigating two cases; Tidwell #1 Valley Club, Tidwell #2 Idaho Power Transmission Line. Flying Heart Ranch, Imperial Gulch and pending and Lee’s Gulch is awaiting Judge Williamson’s decision.

Land Use and Building Services - Jeff Giese

LUBS ordered two Ford Ranger pickups, due to production delays the two vehicles have not been delivered. LUBS requested funds to purchase a pickup at the local dealership. The pickup is marked up an extra \$2,000. LUBS requested the remaining balance of \$7,500 to purchase the vehicle locally. Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper requested for the LUBS 2007 Ford Escape to be donated to the Idaho Bug Program (Bug Crew). In the past BLM provided transportation for the program. Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham informed the BCC that if the item is under \$250, they do not have to hold a public auction.

- **Request for contingency funds for purchase of vehicle**

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve up to \$7,500 from Contingency for the purchase of a pickup for LUBS. Motion passed unanimously.

County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy

- First Opioid Settlement meeting will be on May 13, 2022.
- The BCC will be submitting recommended candidates for the Development Impact Fee Committee.

COVID UPDATE

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

Blaine County is currently at the “low risk level”. BCC doesn’t believe positive case numbers are accurate with home testing now available. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham suggested for the BCC to modify the COVID-19 isolation/quarantine policy.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

- **Housing Action Plan**

The McHanville landlord extended the eviction date for another month. The Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA), Blaine County Charitable Fund (BCCF) and Crisis Hotline are working together to find housing for the families.

BCHA, BCCF, Crisis Hotline and Fosbury toured the Silver Creek Assisted Living Facility. The vacant units are for independent living. The facility has sixteen studios, a business room, great room, community kitchen, and a conference room. Six of the units do have a kitchen in the unit. The landlord offered \$17,000 per month for the entire facility that would include management services, snow removal and continental breakfast.

The BCHA board are in favor of the BCHA undergoing a restructure. The BCHA and BCCF have secured new office space.

- **Ambulance District Updates**

McCleary discovered a first responders support group that assists with the loss of a colleague to suicide. These groups are made of first responders from different districts. McCleary suggested Blaine County set funds aside to fund possible events for Blaine County's Ambulance District.

- **5B Restoration Coalition/Bald Mountain Working Group Meeting**

McCleary suggested having Northern Rockies Region Director Dani Southard present at a meeting to inform the BCC and the public on weed and fire mitigation and riparian restoration related to the Joint Chiefs grant for work on public and private land.

- **Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee Meeting**

McCleary and Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker will meet with the Shoshone District Engineer to discuss how to process the transportation funds that will be available.

- **Consideration of Policy for Private Utilities in Public Rights of Way**

A Triumph resident submitted a request to run a private utility line through the public right of way. Utility lines are typically owned by an entity or HOA. McCleary asked for this to be added to the agenda in the future and would like more time to review application.

- **Correspondence**

ARCH Executive Director Michelle Griffith requested a letter of support from the BCC for a housing grant of \$500,000.

- **Other**

BCC was in agreement for McCleary to be Fosbury's proxy at the South-Central Public Health District budget and approval hearing for FY2023.

Wood River Land Trust is planning on hosting a workshop regarding Blaine County's future growth.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- **Junior College Certificate of Residency forms**

College of Southern Idaho, Fall 2021/Spring 2022: Kyra Griffith Newlin.

College of Western Idaho, Spring 2022: Vanessa A Laureano.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the consent calendar for May 10, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

Also present; Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Land Use and Building Services Deputy Director Kathy Grotto, Zoning Specialist Racheal Martin, Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper, Peter Whitehead.

- **21 Golden Currant Drive - Plat Amendment. Public hearing and consideration of an application by Peter G Whitehead and Laurie C. Sammis to amend Lot 1, Block 2, Croy Creek Preserve Subdivision by shifting the existing building envelope to a location lower on the lot.**

No New Disclosures.

No New Comments.

No New Documents.

Grotto read public notice.

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

Applicant agreed to the conditions.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the application by Peter Whitehead and Laurie C. Sammis to amend Lot 1, Block 2, Croy Creek Preserve Subdivision modifying the existing building envelope finding the application complies with the applicable criteria set forth under Title 10 Subdivision Regulations and Title 9 Zoning Regulations subject to the conditions in the staff report. Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES

- **Findings of Fact: Lot 5C, Bullion Creek Subdivision Plat Amendment**

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the finding of facts of conclusion of law and decisions regarding an application of Eric Fishburn to amend Lot5c, Bullion Creek Subdivision by relocating a portion of the plating building and revising plat note. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(a) - Interview of applicant for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(a) for Interview of applicant for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Davis (aye), McCleary (aye) and Fosbury (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

SPECIAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE - Potential ARPA Funding.

Also present; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy, Blaine County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham, Blaine County Charitable Fund Executive Director Mary Fauth, Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Herbert Romero.

The BCHA is requesting for funds to secure the Silver Creek Assisted Living Facility for the McHanville displaced families. BCHA would be the lease holder and collect the rents. The deposit/cleaning fee would be \$15,000 and monthly rents would be \$17,000. The total requested amount is \$32,000 to secure the location and first months rent. The rents would be deposited in to a trust account to assist with future housing. The BCC had questions on how the facility would be run and if the non-profits organization would be providing life skills workshops. The BCC did not take action on this item and will discuss the topic further.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- April 11, 2022 ARPA Fund Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Special Meeting minutes of the Board of County Commissioners for Monday, April 14, 2022 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

- April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of the Board of County Commissioners for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 5:00 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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