

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAY 2023 SESSION**

**Fifth Day**

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:50 a.m. Present were Chairman Muffy Davis, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, and Commissioner Lindsay Mollineaux; County Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman, Administrative Assistant Morgan Baird, County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero, and County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham, *Idaho Mountain Express* staff writer Kari Harden was present.

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

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

The Blaine County Commissioners amended the agenda to include an Emergency Flood Update.

**EMERGENCY FLOOD UPDATE**

Present: County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Engineer Jeff Loomis, County Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt, County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin, Big Wood River District #9 Commissioner Bryan Dilworth, Dean Hovencamp.

- The Big Wood River District #9 would like the authority to respond to potential flooding without calling a meeting. Big Wood River District #9 Commissioner Bryan Dilworth would like the authority to take preventive measures to avoid severe damage to their infrastructure, irrigation structures, and head gates.
- County Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt is not supportive of allowing the Flood District to perform any work without conditions. Hilt would like to avoid any consequential damages to the waterways. During the 2017 the County approved numerous Emergency Stream Alteration Permits. As a result, the state issued warnings for improper waterways work.
- County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves informed that the Blaine County Commissioners have the authority to waive the requirements for a limited time or indefinitely. Ultimately the Flood District is subject to the Idaho Department of Water Resources requirements and provisions.

Deliberation

- McCleary and Davis are supportive of waiving the requirements for a limited time for the Flood District, private property owners would still be required to follow the stream alteration permit process. The Flood District would need to continue with routing document submittals.
- Mollineaux would prefer if requests had specific verbiage explaining the type of work and in what area.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to waive the requirements for a Stream Alteration Permit for the Flood Control district #9 for protecting public lands, emergency work being done in the river and waive the Emergency Stream Alteration Permit Ordinance Process.**

**McCleary Amended her motion.**

**And the Flood Control District #9 would follow regular Stream Alteration Permit procedures. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BLAINE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to convene as Blaine County Ambulance District Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

**EMS & FIRE CONSOLIDATION PROJECT KICK-OFF**

Present: Ozzie Gripentrog, Woolpert Consultant Hilary Fletcher, ESCI Senior Project Manager Richard Curtis, ESCI Project Manager Jeff Stone, ESCI Associate Consultant Patrick McIntosh, ESCI Service Director Rodney Masino, ESCI GIS Consultant Laura Schmidt, Carey Rural Fire Chief Richard Kimball, Wood River Fire Protection District Commissioner Jay Bailet, WFRF Operations Chief Bass Sears, Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman, Ketchum Fire Seth Martin, Ketchum Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin, Wood River Fire Department Stacey McLaughlin, Sun Valley Fire Chief Taan Robrahn, Bellevue Fire Department Doug Brown, North Blaine County Fire District Chief and Sun Valley Fire Department Assistant Chief Rich Bauer, Linda Haavik, North Blaine County Fire Commissioner Chair Jed Grey, Bellevue Fire Chief Gary Bauer, Wood River Fire & Rescue Engineer Paramedic Rune Haavik, Jim Keating, City of Hailey Administrator Lisa Horowitz, Hailey Fire Chief Mike Baledge.

- Woolpert Consultant Hilary Fletcher has over 30 years of experience in the EMS field, she has collaborated with several facilities consolidations. Fletcher introduced the ESCI team.

- Fletcher delivered a presentation showing the timeline, project scope of work, the four phases and the different committees and their roles. The project time for the consolidation is approximately two to three years and/or four to five years with complications. Fletcher explained that some of the districts may need voter approval for a consolidation.
- ESCI provided a copy of the data that will be requested from all the districts.

COMMENTS –

- Sun Valley Mayor Peter Hendricks requested a copy of Hilary Fletchers resume and background or experience with fire and ambulance district consolidation in the state of Idaho. Hendricks questioned if Fletcher was familiar with Idaho statute. Fletcher responded to Hendricks, they hired a law firm familiar with Idaho statue, and will forward her resume to Hendricks and provided highlights from her resume.
- Ketchum City Administrator Jade Riley suggested creating guiding principles for the committees to refer to.
- Hailey Fire Chief Mike Baledge is pleased Woolpert is consulting with law firm familiar with Idaho statute, he believes House bill 389 may affect the consolidation.
- City of Hailey Administrator Lisa Horowitz believes it may be complicated to have elected officials work together and agree with the consolidation but would like to emphasize how instrumental this consolidation will be for all the districts.
- North Blaine Fire District Chair Jed Grey invited the Blaine County Commissioners to the groundbreaking for the Greenhorn housing project on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 11:00 a.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen McDougall Graham Muffy Davis  
County Clerk Chair