

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

Sixth Day

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair Muffy Davis, Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Lindsay Mollineaux; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; County Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman, Administrative Assistant Morgan Baird, County Treasurer John David Davidson, IT Enterprise Architect Ben Parker, IT Analyst Garrett Boyle, Assessors Clerk Gretchen Stinnett, County Senior GIS Analyst Kelly Green, County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse, and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero, *Idaho Mountain Express* staff writer Mike Shultz, Boise State Public Radio Reporter Rachel Cohen, Boise State Radio Reporter George Prentice, Chad Blink, Steve Gerrish, Idaho Power Local Area (Blaine County) Energy Advisor Amber Perkes, Mike Durkin, Kim Hyde, County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham was present for the morning session.

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

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

CANVASS OF VOTES

Present: County Elections Supervisor Hayleigh Simpson

Commissioner McCleary read the canvas into the record.

BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO
MAY 16, 2023 ELECTION RESULTS

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	IN FAVOR	AGAINST	IN FAVOR	AGAINST
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Precinct	CITY OF KETCHUM	
	1% Local Option Tax, Ordinance 1244	
	IN FAVOR	AGAINST
03 NORTH KETCHUM	260	104
04 SOUTH KETCHUM	317	81
CO. TOTAL	577	185

BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO
MAY 16, 2023 ELECTION RESULTS

Precinct	CITY OF SUN VALLEY			
	0.5% Local Option Tax for Air, Ordinance 572		0.5% LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR HOUSING, ORDINANCE 573	
	IN FAVOR	AGAINST	IN FAVOR	AGAINST
02 SUN VALLEY	291	52	293	51
CO. TOTAL	291	52	293	51

McCleary read the canvas into the record.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Canvas Votes as read into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Claims for May 23, 2023.
- **Resolution 2023-13 GIS Budget Adjustment**
- Junior College Certificate of Residency forms
College of Southern Idaho – Fall 2023 & Spring 2024
Joseph Frye

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Consent Calendar for May 23, 2023.

Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- **Dillon Toyota Lift Quote**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the purchase for a Toyota Forklift Model 50-8FGU25 in the amount of \$49,675. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Finding Good Speaker/Training Proposal**

Mollineaux moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the contract between Blaine County and Finding Good for Transformational Listening for Validation workshop in the amount \$7625. Motion passed unanimously.

BID OPENING: BLAINE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER ADDITION & REMODEL, RFP-2023-BCFA-001

Present: County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle, Vital Ink Architecture Owner Jolyon Sawrey, Connor E Nevin.

The Blaine County Commissioners read the bid package from Elevation Builders on the record.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to accept the bid and direct staff review the bid and return to the with a recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Present: County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin, County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson, County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle, Facilities Maintenance Technician Tim Green, Facilities Maintenance Technician Jose Hernandez, Greg Peterson, Dennis Kavanagh, Sheri Thomas, Jim Strong, Nat Campbell.

Disaster Services - Chris Corwin

- **Flood Updates**

A portion of Gimlet Subdivision was evacuated, Gem Ridge Road was closed due to river eroding the road and driveways. Corwin suggested the County setting funds aside to purchase LIDAR photos showing erosion or river migrations.

Human Resources - Justin Highhouse

- **Employee Recognition**

County Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman would like to thank Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle for assisting with Waterways Department and the entire Facilities Department for their efforts.

Road and Bridge - Steve Thompson

- **Indian Creek Update**

County Road and Bridge Departments FY23 budget does not have sufficient funds to perform the major repairs on Indian Creek Road. The Road and Bridge department budget is funded with registration fees and fuel tax monies, high amount request for equipment repairs, equipment replacements and unforeseen special projects are funded with contingency funds. Asphalt resurfacing projects cost approximately \$1.2 million per mile. The County has a priority list of roads that need to be repaired, Indian Creek is high on the list along with Gannett Road and Buttercup Road. The County is contemplating proposing a Road and Bridge Levy for Blaine County residents to vote on. The Road and Bridge Levy would fund road and bridge repairs. The County is not always successful in securing LHTAC grants are very competitive and are usually award to high traffic roads, and the grant funds are not always distributed in a timely manner.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 201 Indian Creek resident stated former Commissioners Fosbury and Greenberg assured the Indian Creek Homeowners Association that the repairs to Indian Creek Road would be done. The road's condition has caused several biking accidents on Indian Creek Road.
- 105 Indian Creek resident Greg Peterson questioned if any repairs will be done around the pond and culvert.
- Indian Creek resident Jim Strang has lived in the Indian Creek Subdivision for over 17 years and stressed that the road is becoming a safety concern. Strang's wife found it difficult to ride on the road due the deterioration. He appreciated the County performing chip seal on the road but emphasized that the road is beyond minor repairs and needs to be full resurfacing.
- Indian Creek resident Sheri Thomas implied that Indian Creek Road should have been redone in 2017 based on 2012 Capital Resource study. Thomas urges the County do a full resurfacing on Indian Creek Road. Thomas suggested using property tax monies to fund the resurfacing.

McCleary does not believe the County will be able to fund a full resurfacing of Indian Creek Road without a Road and Bridge Levy. She proposed having the Road and Bridge Levy in the next election.

- The Road and Bridge department are working on getting Trail Creek open for the public.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on issues and committees they were involved in:

- **Board of Health Appointment**

The Board of Health for South Central Public Health District has nine voting members, each member representing their county. The County Commission appoints their members.

- **South Central Public Health District Board Meeting**

The Board of Health is working on the SCPHD budget.

- **Support Local Gems Initiative**

U.S. Senator Jim Risch is promoting the Support Local Gems Initiative on Friday, June 9th. The Local Gems Initiative encourages the community to shop and support local shops and restaurants.

- **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance**

The 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance is experiencing employee turnover, funding has made it challenging. Davis would like to discuss the possibility of the County funding a fulltime community assistance position to aid in suicide prevention.

Blaine County School District Social Worker Tod Gunter won the Health Hero Award, and a Wood River NAMI Blue Bird won the Child Hero Award.

- **Other**

Mollineaux visited the Solid Waste Milner Butte Landfill site; she was informed that the Solid Waste Board is interested in partnering with a private company who is reinventing recycling.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- **July 18, 2018, Budget Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Budget Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

- **July 19, 2018, Budget Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Budget Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

- **July 23, 2018, Special Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

- **July 24, 2018, Regular Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

- **July 25, 2018, Budget Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Budget Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

- **July 26, 2018, Special Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

- **July 30, 2018, Sharps Fire Emergency Meeting**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Emergency Meeting Minutes for July 30, 2018, as amended. Motion passed 2/0, Mollineaux Abstained.

WEST MAGIC ROAD DISTRICT DISCUSSION

Present: West Magic Village Association Chair Stacey McLaughlin

- West Magic is split over Blaine and Camas County, a vast majority of West Magic is in Camas County, however Camas County does not have the resources to maintain West Magic Road. Camas County expressed interest in collaborating or having a Memorandum of Understanding with Blaine County to maintain the West Magic Road on their behalf. In the past West Magic Village Association has petition to establish their own Highway District for West Magic Village

but was unsuccessful.

- West Magic Village Association Chair Stacey McLaughlin is a full-time resident at West Magic Village. She is a volunteer first responder for Rural Wood River Fire District. McLaughlin suggested the Blaine County Commissioners have a public meeting with Camas County to discuss a maintenance agreement for West Magic Road.
- County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves explained the process to create a Highway District. The municipalities within the County would need to dissolve their Road and Bridge Department. The Highway District would maintain all the roads within the municipalities and Blaine County. Most counties in Idaho have the municipalities maintain their own roads, and the county maintains county roads. West Magic Village would need submit a petition requesting to detach from the Blaine County Road and Bridge Department to the Secretary of State. The Blaine County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham would verify all the petitioners are qualified voters.
- County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson doesn't believe the West Magic Village meets the criteria for Fuel Tax Funds. Thompson explained that difficulties the Highway District may face such as: funding source, equipment cost, and the road does not meet ITD road standards.
- The Blaine County Commissioner would like for the West Magic Village to identify eligible voters in the area, before proceeding. Graves suggested if there was an election, the ballot could include if the request is not approved by both Blaine and Camas County it would not be considered passed.

The Blaine County Commissioners did not make a motion.

CITY OF KETCHUM/HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE

Present: Ketchum City Administrator Jade Riley, Ketchum Housing Strategist Carissa Connelly, Shaw & Associates Compliance Consultant Sunny Shaw, BCHA Rain Rooney, Blaine County House Authority Bilingual Program Administrator Kylie Anderson, Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Keith Perry, Courtney Noble, Blaine County Housing Authority Housing Assistant Thecla Campbell.

Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) staff and consultants introduced themselves and projects they are working.

- Courtney Nobel is the City of Ketchum's Housing Consultant. Nobel participated in the organization of the shelter. Nobel is streamlining the application procedures for applicants and updating and developing the wait list. Nobel wants to connect property owners, housing property managers and create a master application.
- Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Keith Perry is the newly appointed Chair of the Blaine County Housing Authority. The Board is focused on assessing the community needs, revising policies, guidelines and documents. The BCHA Board currently has four board members and would like to recruit a Hispanic member.
- Sunny Shaw is revising the Blaine County Housing Authority's guidelines and policies.
- Kylie Anderson is the new Blaine County Housing Authority Administrator. The former BCHA Administrator is guiding Anderson with administrative procedures, responsibilities, current projects. Anderson is bilingual and will be able to assist Hispanic applicants with their applicants or questions.
- City of Ketchum is now maintaining the accounting and finances for the BCHA.

Ketchum Housing Strategist Carissa Connelly and Ketchum City Administrator Jade Riley presented a slide show with FY23 housing and income data, assessment data, housing needs. They are working on ways to produce and preserve housing, creating appealing incentives for the Lease to Locals Program, and engage with employers who are interested in collaborating with the BCHA.

The Blaine County Commissioners are not prepared to join the Lease to Locals Program. The Blaine County Commissioners would like a monthly housing update, and the BCHA and the City of Ketchum to connect with the other municipalities for potential funding.

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SOUTHERN IDAHO SOLID WASTE DISTRICT UPDATE

Present: SISWD Executive Director Nate Francisco, SISWD Board Chair Brent Reinke.

SIR RR, a Resource Recovery Company, proposed to the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District an innovated method of recycling materials. The Southern Idaho Solid Waste District and SIR RR would have a Memorandum of Understanding. SISWD Executive Director Nate Francisco stated the SISWD and Counties would have no financial risk nor be required to providing funding for this project.

SIR RR would construct three facilities that would sort waste, break waste down and convert and produce natural gas. This would reduce waste being stored at the landfill, extend the life of the landfill,

and produce revenue for the SISWD.

This project will provide the SISWD guaranteed revenue with the lease agreements, profit for the natural resources produced. There will be external audits, environmental analysis, and surety bond insurance.

Update –

- The Southern Solid Waste District submitted their FY24 preliminary budget request. The district’s budget increased by 3.5%, the request submitted to Blaine County was 3%. The Southern Solid Waste District increased the tipping fees.
- The City of Carey and Ohio Gulch transfer station will undergo repairs and improvements. The repairs and improvements will be included in the FY24 budget request.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES

Present: County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Certified Building Official Jeff Giese, Zoning Specialist I Crystal Rigby, Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy, County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program Coordinator Wendy Pabich, Galena Benchmark Associates David Patrie, Eric Fishburn.

- **Bullion Creek Subdivision, Lot 5B: The applicant is requesting an extension to the one-year deadline to record the final plat.**

County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin is supportive of the extension.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to extend the recording requirement for a final plat for an additional 12 months to May 2024 for Eric Fishburn Bullion Creek Subdivision lot 5B. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Hiawatha Canal Application before Idaho Department of Water Resources**

The Hiawatha Canal application is requesting to divert seasonal surface water to a groundwater recharge pond. Pabich stated it would be approximately 60cfs which is large amount of water. County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves drafted an informational letter to the Idaho Department of Water Resources that the County would like to participate as protestor or commentor in any proceedings regarding the Hiawatha Canal application.

- **Discussion: Water Services Budget and Energy Mitigation Program Update**

McCleary would like for Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program Coordinator Wendy Pabich to provide an update on projects she was working on with former Commissioner Fosbury, and/or any projects she’s currently involved in. Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program Coordinator Wendy Pabich suggested Land Use and Building Services staff review the legal notice in the *Idaho Mountain Express* for any water applications, or issues. She also suggested possibly adding a water clause on building applications or an application regarding water for staff to review.

- **Discussion: Energy Mitigation Program Update**

Blaine County Certified Building Official Jeff Giese updated the Blaine County Commissioner of the proposed amendments made to the Energy mitigation program. The Blaine County Commissioners did not make a motion, the discussion was not listed as an action item on the agenda.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:36 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____
 Stephen McDougall Graham Muffy Davis
 County Clerk Chair