

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

First Day

Tuesday, June 7, 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 Attorney Tim Graves; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper; Administrative Assistant Morgan DeWitt; Chief Deputy Clerk Leslie Londos; Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker; Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse; Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero; County Land Use Director Tom Bergin; IT Enterprise Architect Ben Parker; County Treasurer John David Davidson.

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

PUBLIC AUCTION

- In the past BLM used to provide transportation for the Biological Control of Noxious Weeds (Bug Crew). This year they were unable to accommodate transportation.
- The BCC is authorized to hold a public auction to dispose of the 2003 Ford Escape. BCC may reject all bids and award the vehicle to the Bug Crew.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Fosbury opened public auction, no bids were submitted.

Fosbury closed public auction.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- Contract for Services between Southern Idaho Biological Control and Blaine County.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve a contract for services between Blaine County and the Southern Idaho Biological Control, also referred as the Bug Crew, for a 2006 Ford Escape that will be used to support the Bug Crew's educational programs and provide services for biological control of noxious weeds. Motion passed unanimously.

- Independent Contract for Services Agreement between Blaine County and Power Engineers.

Power Engineers will be performing a Solar Potential Analysis for all the municipalities. The analysis will provide the highest potential energy per municipalities.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve an Independent Contract for Services Agreement between Blaine County and Power Engineers in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 with Blaine County's portion being \$1,000, with a term of June 8, 2022 through and including September 15, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recycle Center - Lynne Barker

- The Recycling Center's 1998 loader was serviced and the mechanics identified a broken pin. The estimate to repair the loader was \$12,000. The Recycle Center is requesting to lease a loader for five years. The Recycle Center reserve has adequate funds for this purchase. Sustainability Manager Lynne Barker will prepare a purchase agreement.

County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy

- Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Greer and Administrative Services Manager Stephanie Carlson will prepare a press release regarding Lee's Gulch legal status. Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves will revise the press release before it is published.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION FY2022 FUNDING REQUEST
TO THE BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mountain Humane/Animal Shelter Budget Request

- Mountain Humane Senior Director of Shelter Operations and Outreach Kelly Mitchel explained the FY2023 budget increase. Mountain Humane would prefer if Blaine County was the contract for all impound services for all the municipalities with in Blaine County. Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves is reviewing Idaho Code if the cities are required by statute to provide impound services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Junior College Certificate of Residency forms
College of Southern Idaho
Fall 2021
Cassidy R. Conley

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the consent calendar for June 7, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

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COLORADO GULCH BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Also present; County Engineer Jeff Loomis; Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin; County Land Use Director Tom Bergin; Flood Plain Manager Kristine Hilt; County Fire Consultant Mike Elle; Galena Engineering Sean Flynn; Wood River Land Trust Restoration Specialist Ryan Santo, Biota Consulting Fluvial Morphologist / Fisheries Biologist Ryan Colyer; Biota Senior River Engineer Chad Bailey.

- Pomeroy briefed the BCC on the history of Ohio Bridge damage in 2017. Blaine County submitted a grant application to FEMA and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management for replacement funding.
- Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin explained the applications Blaine County applied for and what the grants funded. Blaine County applied for an alternative project funding, and did not choose to rebuild the bridge for vehicle travel. Blaine County decided to make the bridge for pedestrian and emergency access. Blaine County and Wood River Land applied for a restoration plan to repair the riparian and the surrounding areas above the bridge.
- Biota Consulting Fluvial Morphologist / Fisheries Biologist Ryan Colyer explained Biota Consulting is removing debris that may disturb side channel flow. They will be restoring the floodplain and floodplain flows. Galena Engineer and Biota were able to determine when water would flood the side channel. They will begin the project late summer into early fall.
- Colyer described the seven different types of bridges that could be installed. He explained the pros and cons of each bridge along with the impact to the sounding area.
- Blaine County Engineer Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis explained how the bridge would be installed to prevent corrosion and be able to withstand floods. He asked if they could increase the width to 10ft to allow Wood River Fire and Rescue to be able to cross the bridge.
- Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt clarified she is not involved in the planning or construction process of this project. She will be inspecting the final project and has not been involved in any of the planning process. Hilt is supportive of the 10ft access and limit to public vehicle access. She would like for the bridge installation to be a priority. Hilt would like for the side channel to be evaluated after the bridge restoration is completed.
- Corwin explained that once the BCC approves the plans. FEMA and Idaho Office of Emergency Management have to review and approve the plans to begin construction.
- BCC confirmed they would prefer to have a bridge with minimal impact to its surrounding.
- Pomeroy will schedule a site visit for Commissioner Davis. She will regroup with contractors regarding a side channel crossing. They will present this item in the future for a decision.

SUN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Harry Griffith

- Sun Valley Economic Development requested to apply for the FY2023 Rural Idaho Economic Profession grant in the amount of \$24,150 with a support letter confirming Blaine County's cost match of \$12,000 or more.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve a Rural Idaho Economic Profession Grant State of Idaho Department of Commerce amendment to the grant to increase the grant amount to \$27,200 with a minimum match of \$12,100 for FY2023. Motion passed unanimously.

- The EDPRO Grant #004693 Agreement has a surplus of funds available for FY2022 grantees in the amount of \$3,000. SVED is requesting an MOU from Blaine County to apply for the surplus grant.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve Blaine County FY2022 Rural Economic Profession Grant in the amount of \$24,150 with a match of at least \$15,000 from Blaine County. Motion passed unanimously.

- Lease to Locals is a program that provides affordable housing for the local work force. The pilot program successfully provided housing in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The program offers homeowners a premium of \$10,000 - \$18,000 to offset monies lost due to lowering rental fees to local workers. The program would require contributions from the county, cities, non-profits.

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LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES

Also present; County Land Use Director Tom Bergin, Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy, Zoning Specialist II Rachael Martin, Galena Engineering Sean Flynn.

- **Draft Recommended Findings & Decision, Minor Plat Amendment: Lots 2 and 3A, Block 1, Woodgrove Farm Subdivision; application by Kimberly and Robert Shepherd.**

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the application by Kimberly P. Sherperd for minor plat amendment for Lots 2 and 3A, Block 1, Woodgrove Farm, finding compliance with applicable notice requirement and applicable Title 9 Zoning Regulations and Title 10 Subdivision Regulations standards and to adopt Findings of Fact Law and Decision. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Ordinance adoption: Ordinance 2022-03 Title 9, Chapter 2, Definitions and Chapter 3, Section 11, Accessory Dwelling Units. Text Amendments related to Tiny Homes on Wheels.**

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 Title 9, Chapter 2, Definitions and Chapter 3, Section 11, Accessory Dwelling Units to provide a regulation on Tiny Homes on Wheels a separability clause in an effective date. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Appointment: Appointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioner - Lori Nakaoka**

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to appoint Lori Nakaoa to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Term to commence now until January 31, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

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LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Also present Administrative Services Manager Stephanie Carlson; Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper; Environmental Resource Center Executive Director Lindsay Mollineaux, Water Feature Founder and President Wendy Pabich; Southern Idaho Solid Waste Environmental Manager Nate Francisco.

Request by Environmental Resource Center (ERC) for funding of a proposal for its Weed Warriors Action Program. The ERC requests \$25,000 or 48% of the total project costs to pay for a Program Manager (May-Oct), four seasonal summer staff, transportation and seed for over 300 local students who will participate in targeted weed pulling and native reseeding events.

- Environmental Resource Center (ERC), Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Advisory Board (LAB), Forest Service and Sawtooth Society are preparing for another Weed Warriors Action Program. This year they will be collaborating with the Forest Service. They will assist with long term bio-control, reseeding, data collection on top of their weed pulling program. They are working with Blaine County staff to create educational programs on Noxious weeds.
- Weed Warriors Action Program will be covering more ground this year. The ERC has created a list of priorities. Noxious Weeds Department and the ERC are creating a map that will provide insight on the spraying areas, weed pulling areas.
- The ERC would like to attract more volunteers. They are planning on possibly rewarding volunteers with gift certificates, and having local celebrities participate in the weed pulling events. The ERC publishes public notice of the date and location of the weed pulling event. They provide training and trained noxious weed expert to guide the groups. They provide necessary equipment, shirts, drinks and snacks for the volunteers.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Land, Water and Wildlife Program funding request for the ERC for Weed Warriors Action Program in the amount of \$25,000 or 48% of the total project cost and direct staff to prepare a resolution and funding agreement for the Blaine County Commissioners consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Elizabeth "Lili" Simpson is pleased the commissioners approved the Weed Warriors funding request.

VISIT SUN VALLEY RESIDENT SURVEY RECAP - Scott Fortner

- Visit Sun Valley conducted a 2022 Resident Survey. The Survey was available for local year-round residents and second home residents. The primary goal was to gather data from all residents in the Wood River Valley.
- The survey included a wide variety of questions concerning the needs and hardships in the Wood River Valley. The survey concluded that Blaine County's current challenges are staffing and affordable housing. Residents believe that local leaders need to address the staffing challenges. The majority of residents who have lived in Blaine County over twenty years voted that the quality of life in Blaine County is declining. The small-town feeling is declining due to the demographic growth.

COVID UPDATE

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

California and Colorado are showing an increase of COVID-19 cases. COVID home tests being administered at home are not being reported to authorities.

• **Updates**

Fosbury would like for Blaine County to conducting a COVID-19 water waste testing.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

• **Fly Sun Valley Alliance**

The airport remodel was finalized and is now open for flights. The 2022 legislature proposed a bill in which property tax would be replaced by an increased sales tax. If that happens the airport 1% tax could be impeached.

• **Southern Idaho Solid Waste Board Meeting**

The Southern Idaho Solid Waste Board adjusted the FY2023 to accommodate the increased fuel prices. Solid Waste Board will request for increase in the FY2022 budget to purchase necessary equipment before the price increases.

• **Housing Action Plan**

BCHA is helping relocate all but two of the McHanville displaced families. The two families have struggled to secure housing because of the pet restrictions on rentals.

The Fair Housing Commission organized a workshop with an organization from Ada County to be held at the local Hunger Coalition.

Executive Director of the Jackson-Teton County Housing Authority in Wyoming explained to the BCHA the structure of their housing department. They have three separate entities that work together to provide housing. They have a housing authority with board members, an in-house Housing Department that is funded by the city, and a housing trust for housing development. They develop an average of 60 affordable units per year.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- June 12, 2017 Budget Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Board of Blaine County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes of June 12, 20217 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

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