

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

Third Day

Wednesday, June 15, 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-Chairman Angenie McCleary, Commissioner Muffy Davis; County Budget Officer Stephen McDougall Graham; Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; and Recording Secretary Joana Guerrero. Minutes written by Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero.

Chairman Fosbury called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

**FY2023 COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS
WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

FACILITIES: Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle

- FY2022 Highlight: Facilities department completed most of the renovations done in FY2022 in-house. The Facilities Department year to date savings in FY2022 is \$11,400. The department has transitioned almost every county building to LED lighting.
- FY2023 Highlight: Boyle included a new line item for Contract for Services to perform the lawn care at the Carey Fair Grounds and the Public Safety Facility. Boyle added 20% to the associated costs and resources due to price inflation.
- FY2023 Overview: Boyle will be tracking the county's energy cost savings, work order requests and process time for each department.

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WATERWAYS: Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle

- FY2022 Highlight: Facilities department installed new docks at the Magic Reservoir. The request to remove silt from the Hot Spring Lava Landing dredge was approved.
- FY2023 Highlight: Waterways new line item on the budget request is a contract for services to use West Side Magic's equipment for the waterway's cleanup for \$5,400.
- FY2023 Overview: They have not found a contractor for the dredging project. With low waters they expect to be able repair docks, cables and anchor systems at the Magic Reservoir.

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SNOWMOBILE GROOMING PROGRAM: Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson

- FY2022 Highlight: Winter of FY2022 snow trails were groomed nine days due to low snow levels. The groomers keep in contact with Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper to update the BCRD trail website to alert the public of the trail conditions
- FY2023 Overview: Thompson would like to create a MOU with the Sawtooth Snowmobile Club and Blaine County Recreational District to assist in maintaining the trails.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE: Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson

- FY2022 Highlight: The Road and Bridge Department has chip sealed 10 miles, graded 350 miles of gravel roads, highly used roads were graded twice. The Road and Bridge Department will begin to chip seal Buttercup Road and Croy Creek Road in July.
- FY2023 Highlight: The Road and Bridge Department budgeted leasing a new grader for \$40,000 to replace the current grader. The budget request included purchasing two new pickups to replace the older snow plowing pickup and a heavy hauling dump-truck.
- FY2023 Overview: Thompson and Blaine County Engineer Jeff Loomis will work on a rebuild plan for Croy Creek and Buttercup. Thompson suggested turning roads near Magic Reservoir to gravel, since the asphalt is deteriorating.

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NOXIOUS WEEDS: Noxious Weeds Department Head John Cenarrusa

- FY2022 Highlight: The department worked with the GIS Department and created a new “Report a Weed” link. The link helps track noxious weeds, sprayed areas, biocontrol and seeded areas. Noxious Weeds Department was able to send out weed spray reminders, Yew plant letters to county residents. They also informed landscaping companies, property management companies in the Wood River Valley, and surrounding counties.
- FY2023 Highlight: Noxious Weeds Department budgeted purchasing a new UTV trailer to transport ATV’s and UTV’s. The department budgeted purchasing a UTV John Deere Gator for \$18,000.
- FY2023 Overview: The department plans to continue hosting public outreach programs and education workshop on noxious weeds. They will collaborate with local organization to expand the Cooperative Weed Management Area.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: IT Enterprise Architect Ben Parker

Also present; IT Analyst Garrett Boyle

- FY2022 Highlight: IT Department was awarded ARPA funds in FY2022. The department was able to hire two FTE’s, perform a PC refresh, begin the upgrade of Microsoft 365. The department will roll over any remaining funding of the CAI replacement budget into FY2023.
- FY2023 Highlight: IT Department budgeted upgrades to the main commissioners meeting room. The upgrade would improve sound and visual for the video conferences.
- FY2023 Overview: IT will continue with the Microsoft 365 and PC refreshers.

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY; Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Matt Fredback

- FY2022 Highlight: The Specialty Court and Restore Justice Program has been extremely successful. They have been focused on keeping the Blaine County community drug-free.
- FY2023 Highlight: The department budgeted an increase to the pay rate for Administrative Specialist to a Grade 7 position. The department also budgeted an increase to the travel and per diem due to inflation and in-person learning.
- FY2023 Overview: The department plans to host public outreach programs and educational workshops for the public. The department is working on creating the Blaine County Child Abuse Report Team.

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PROBATION: Blaine County Chief Probation Officer Teresa Espedal

- FY2022 Highlight: The department received a full remodel in FY2022. The department now has two separate waiting rooms for juvenile and adult probation and staff offices with more privacy. The department is now administering in-house drug testing and transitioned to a high-level drug testing program.
- FY2023 Highlight: Probation department plans to cross-train staff.
- FY2023 Overview: The department wants to update the juvenile and adult probation policies and procedures. They want to find a program that will train staff on how to assist and support individuals and families that are being affected.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:00 p.m., the BCC, finding no more business before them, adjourned.

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