

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

Third Day

Thursday, June 16, 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 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

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

CORONER: Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel

- FY2022 Highlight: The Coroner's department processed 46 full investigations, 35 additional cases, 12 autopsies.
- FY2023 Highlight: The budget did not have major changes. It is difficult to estimate the budget since it is based on the demographic.
- FY2023 Overview: In FY2027 the budget will include change in personnel, a request for a new facility that includes a lab, office, garage and a refrigerator.

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

CLERK: Blaine County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham

- FY2022 Highlight: The Clerk's Office received a successful audit for 2021 with no weakness or significant deficiencies. The Clerk's Office was able to purchase new budgeting software ClearGov for the FY2023 budget requests. The department now is better able to assist Spanish speaking clientele.
- FY2023 Highlight: The clerks budget included one FTE and one PTE due to possible retirements.
- FY2023 Overview: The recording office would like to digitalize documents and records in the vault. The Clerk would like to improve the public access workspaces.

**FY2023 COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS
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INDIGENT: County Services Manager Brooke Baird

- FY2022 Highlight: The Idaho Code 31-35 Repeal ended the medical indigent program. The program has a deadline of March 2023 to submit all pending applications. The program will be dissolved on June 30, 2023. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham explained that other counties are waiting until the FY2023 to dissolve the program. The department has been working on back logged payments.
- FY2023 Highlight: The indigent budget includes the five pending cases that are currently suspended.

ELECTIONS: County Services Manager Brooke Baird

- FY2022 Highlight: The Elections department received new ballot cameras, new election equipment. The department has performed two elections in FY2022, so far, and an anticipated August election.
- FY2023 Highlight: The election laptop that is utilized on election night for reporting data needs to be replaced. The department requested an increasing in pay for the poll workers.
- FY2023 Overview: The annual security updates is included every year in the budget.

GRANTS: County Services Manager Brooke Baird

- FY2022 Highlight: The Grants department received a new FTE that is cross training to assist in other departments within the Clerk's Office.
- FY2023 Highlight: There is a budget request for education, travel and per diem for the new FTE. The new FTE will be required to travel to receive a grants certification.
- FY2023 Overview: The department added a new line item for publishing legal notices.

**FY2023 COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS
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LAND USE AND BUILDING SERVICES: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin

- FY2022 Highlight: The LUBS purchased two new vehicles, hired a new FTE for the Zoning Specialist I position. The LUBS has staff scheduled to complete education training and receive a Certified Permit Technician in FY2023. The department successfully designed river access signage for Blaine County.
- FY2023 Highlight: The department budgeted four contracts for services. One contract for a consultant to focus on Comprehensive Plan Implementation Action Plan, and Sustainability goals. Another contract for Water Advisor, Building Inspector & Fire Code and a General Planning Consultant.
- FY2023 Overview: The department also budgeted for Bluebeam software, scanning and paper conversion.

**FY2023 GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUDGET HEARING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BLAINE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to convene as the Blaine County Ambulance District. Motion carried unanimously.

Carey Rural Fire District: Carey Rural Fire Chief Richard Kimball

- FY2022: The fire department received a new heart monitor in FY2022.
- FY2023 Highlight: CRFD increased the weekend pay for employees.
- FY2023 Overview: Kimball increased the overall budget by 3% that is the max allowed by Idaho state law.

Wood River Fire and Rescue: Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman

- FY2022 Highlight: Wood River Fire and Rescue dispatched an ambulance with a paramedic on scene within 10 minutes 89% of the time.
- FY2023 Highlight: WRFR increased the budget by 3% and included a new FTE position. WRFR is planning to station four persons at both stations 1 and 3. The department is considering transition to a fifty-three-hour week.

Ketchum Fire District: Ketchum Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin

- FY2023 Highlight: The budget request included back country vehicles and a redundant fire communications channel for the Baldy Mountain fire repeater. The KFD requested a FTE position.

Sun Valley Fire and North Blaine County Fire District: North Blaine County Fire District Chief and Sun Valley Fire Department Assistant Chief Rich Bauer

- FY2023 Highlight: Sun Valley Fire and North Blaine County Fire District requested to be an ambulance district contract holder.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 4:00 p.m., the BCC, finding no more business before, them adjourned.

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