

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

**Third Day**

**Tuesday, January 10, 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; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham, Elections Supervisor Hayleigh Simpson 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.

Commissioner Fosbury was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Present; Hunger Coalition Co-Director of Operations Brooke P. McKenna, Hunger Coalition Co-Executive Director Naomi Spence, Advocates Representative Maria Conlago, Hunger Coalition Program Manager Blanca Green, Blaine County Charitable Fund Executive Director Mary Fauth, Deborah Lenapp, Tommy Green, Diego Rosales, Carl Massaro

- Hunger Coalition Co-Director of Operations Brooke P. McKenna read the BCC a letter on behalf of The Alliance of Idaho, Blaine County School District, Blaine County Charitable Fund, The Hunger Coalition, Blaine County Recreational District, St. Luke's for Community Health regarding affordable housing, emergency housing for the homeless.
- Deborah Lenapp posted a condo for rent under \$2,000 and received 70 phone calls within 2 hours. She received phone calls from residents who have lived here for over 25 years, residents with large families. It was heartbreaking.
- Carl Massaro - would like to discuss the Encroachments on East Fork Road. There was a road realignment, fencing, and trees that were planted on the roadway. He would like to discuss with the commissioners the negative impacts it could have on the ecosystem.

McCleary will forward the public comment to the Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson, Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Engineer Jeff Loomis.

**CLAIMS** –Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Hal Jardine

- Claims for January 3, 2023

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the claims for January 3, 2023. Motion passed 2/0.**

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS and AGREEMENTS**

- **US Digital Designs Station Alerting Service Agreement** – Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers

Phoenix Dispatch system project that began in 2020 that was funded with LAPC grant money. It is a three-part project that is a fire station alerting system. Ketchum Fire District utilizes this service, other districts are not currently using this system they are utilizing 911 paging. The contract is a yearly maintenance for the support of the dispatch system and gateways that is located at the Public Safety Facility. Dispatch has not gone live with the services, but they are working out how calls will be dispatched. They are scheduled to go live soon.

**Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve US Digital Design Service Agreement to provide software maintenance and hardware preparation services for fire station alerting system in the amount \$2,217.69 for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.**

**Motion passed 2/0. .... Record #698468**

- **Nearmap GeoDataLink** – GIS Manager Sam Young

The Assessors department requested an amendment to the current contract for additional data.

**Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Nearmap GeoDataLink contract in the amount of \$1,327.40 for a term of 1 year. Motion passed 2/0. .... Record #698397**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Clerk – Stephen McDougall Graham**

- McDougall Graham and Elections Supervisor Hayleigh Simpson attended the annual elections conference. They attended a Cyber Security training with CISA, a woman's suffrage presentation, a Poll worker training workshop. Simpson also attended the Capital inauguration ceremony.
- The external auditors will be presenting the annual audit on February 7, 2023.

- Chief Deputy County Clerk Leslie Londos will have a retirement party on January 12, 2023. Payroll/Insurance Analyst Barbie Royal will be assuming the role of Chief Deputy County Clerk.

## **BREAK**

### **BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

- **Blaine County Comp Plan Implementation Meeting and Update**

Land Use and Building Services Deputy Director Kathy Grotto and Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin met with Jayco Consultants Betsy Roberts and Daren Fluke who are working on the Comp Plan. They also met with Watershed consultant Wendy Pabich, Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy, and Flood Plain Manager Kristine Hilt to discuss current projects. Bergin and Grotto met with Ketchum Housing Strategist Carissa Connelly, Roberts, and Fluke to discuss the Ketchum Action Plan.

- **Blaine County Flood Risk Review Meeting**

Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt explained how flood plain maps are created and the amount of work and time it takes to create them.

Hilt is working with Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin on possible future flooding with the amount of snow that has fallen.

- **IAC Legislative Conference and Steering Committees**

Davis and McCleary will attend the annual IAC Mid-Winter Legislature Conference. They will each attend difference committees so that the commissioners can vote on certain items.

- **Central Idaho Coordinated Community Response Team Meeting**

Davis attended a group meeting that the Advocates hosted; they gathered community leaders to work together against domestic abuse. St. Luke's Community Health, Blaine County School District, Senior Connection, city and county leaders, law enforcement made a commitment to meet once every other month for a year.

- **Coroner Meeting**

Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel advised the BCC that he is seeking to retire, and the County will need a new Coroner. Davis requested for IT to setup Mikel with a newer computer, so that he can access the County cloud. The files Mikel is storing at the funeral home will be moved to the Judicial building's basement.

- **Housing Action Plan**

Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin explained the county can declare a Local Disaster Declaration, but it would only be valid for 7 days. It would allow for the county to spend monies for the 7 days without rules and regulations. The State of Idaho would have to accept the declaration and cost share the monies spent. FEMA does not consider homelessness/housing crisis a disaster.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR, ACTION ITEM**

- **Resolution 2023-01 Sheriff Budget Adjustment**
- **Resolution 2023-02 Sustainability Budget Adjustment**
- **Resolution 2023-03 Recycle Center Budget Adjustment**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Consent Calendar for January 10, 2023, as presented. Motion passed 2/0.**

## **BREAK**

### **LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS**

Also present: County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Code Compliance Specialist/Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt, Biota Principal Ryan Colyer, Russel Hadyma, Cory McLuffery,

- **Zinc Spur Levee – Stream Alteration Permit – Big Wood River. Public hearing and consideration of an application by the Flood Control District #9 to halt the active erosion of the northernmost end of the Zinc Spur Levee. The proposal includes log jam structures, bank grading, rock riprap and revegetation treatments. The project site encompasses three separate private properties: Lot 6A, Block 1, Zinc Spur Ranch – Unit 3; Lot 55 (Park Area), Starweather Subdivision; and Fraction of Sec 20, T3N, R18E, BM, Blaine County (Tax Lot 8637).**

Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt read public notices.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, that notice for this hearing is adequate. Motion passed 2/0.**

The applicant has requested a fee waiver. Hilt recommended to waive all fees except for the \$75.00 for administrative processing costs. County Engineer Jeff Loomis's time will be billed separately, and not at the taxpayer's cost.

Davis moved, seconded by McCleary, to waive the permit application fee of \$657.50 minus the \$75.00 staff processing fee that is payable to Blaine County. Motion passed 2/0.

Disclosures: NONE

- Biota Principal Ryan Colyer presented to the BCC.
- Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt suggested conditions for approval.
- The BCC agreed with Hilt requesting for written approval from property owners.

Public Comment:

- Zinc Spur resident Russel Hayman is supportive and would like for this project to be done as soon as possible.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve with conditions the application by the Flood Control District #9 for a Stream Alteration Permit (SAP) on the Big Wood River at Lot 6A Block 1, Zinc Spur Ranch – Unit 3; lot 55 (Park Area), Starweather Subdivision, and Fraction Sec 20, T2N, R18E, BM, Blaine County (Tax Lot) 8637, finding the proposal complies with applicable criteria set forth under Title 9 Zoning Regulations Chapter 17, Flood Plain Overlay District and Riparian Setback District, subject to the conditions of approval. Motion passed 2/0.

**LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES**

- Reappointment of Planning & Zoning Commissioner: Stephanie Eisenbarth.

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to reappoint Stephanie Eisenbarth to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the term to begin January 2023 and end January 2026. Motion passed 2/0.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

- August 2, 2022, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2022, as amended. Motion passed 2/0.

- August 11, 2022, Special Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022, as amended. Motion passed 2/0.

- August 16, 2022, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2022, as amended. Motion passed 2/0.

- August 23, 2022, Special Budget Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2022. Motion passed 2/0.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 2:56 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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