

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MARCH 2023 SESSION**

BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

Second Day

Monday, March 6, 2023

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 9:30 a.m. Present were Blaine County Board of Commissioners Chair Muffy Davis and Vice-Chair Angenie McCleary; County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham; Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; and Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

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- **Recap and feedback from last session**

Pomeroy reviewed the discussion from the strategic planning retreat session held on February 16, 2023.

- **General review of current budget development process and review of changes incorporated last year**

Pomeroy and McDougall Graham provided an overview of historical practice for Blaine County's budget development process, including timelines and milestones.

- **General roundtable discussion to refine the process for this upcoming budget year**

Davis, McCleary, McDougall Graham, and Pomeroy discussed the pros and cons for the different approaches to the budget cycle taken last year, discussed possible changes, and set preliminary calendar dates for budget presentations, deliberations, and statutory milestones.

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Roundtable discussion continued concerning the previous item, addressing such questions as: How will funding of outside/community service organizations be handled; what will be the criteria for determining who makes budget presentations to the Board? What will be the impact to the budget of anticipated large increases to the benefits packages offered to employees? Should the Board follow historical practice regarding making market increases to salaries in line with local CPI?

- **Discussion around strategic priorities for FY24**

Davis, McCleary, McDougall Graham, and Pomeroy engaged in roundtable discussion concerning starting assumptions for the FY24 budget, including: Assumed 3% plus new construction increase to the County's property tax revenue; the intention to make last year's market increase to salaries permanent; different scenarios to run for proposed cost of living adjustments to salaries for FY24; and proposed Capital Improvement Projects, such as Indian Creek Rd., and Colorado Gulch.

Discussion continued on the topic of how to incorporate previously-discussed strategic priorities into the coming budget process, including how to communicate said priorities to Department Heads and other Elected Officials to ensure their budget requests align with and support said strategic priorities.

ADJOURN

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

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