

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

**Third Day**

**Monday, March 14, 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; Blaine County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy; Administrative Services Manager Stephanie Carlson; Recording Secretary Sunny Grant and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham was present for part of the morning session. Administrative Services Support Specialist Kay Draper, Administrative Assistant Morgan DeWitt.

Some participants in this meeting were by web conference or teleconference.

Chairman Fosbury called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ARPA FUNDING REQUESTS REVIEW**

- **Sun Valley Culinary Institute**

Also present: via teleconference Sun Valley Economic Development Executive Director Harry Griffith  
Sun Valley Culinary of the Arts board member Harry Griffith applied for an ARPA grant to reimburse SVCI for a ventilation system installed October, 2020. Cost for this ventilation system was not previously reimbursed though The Cares Act. The ventilation system allowed them to resume operations, host events and classes while creating a safe space.

**Public Comment: NONE**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to direct staff to create a contract with Sun Valley Culinary Institute for \$2,889.00 for ARPA funding for COVID mitigation measure and air quality improvement measures that were conducted in October 2020, Motion passed unanimously.**

- **North Blaine County Fire District**

Also, present; Sun Valley Mayor Peter Hendricks, Sun Valley Fire Chief Taan Robrahn, Sun Valley City Administrator Walt Femling, Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman, North Blaine County Fire District Treasurer Sarah Michael.

Sun Valley Fire Chief Taan Robrahn is working with Sun Valley Mayor Peter Hendricks, Sun Valley City Administrator Walt Femling and North Blaine County Fire District Treasurer Sarah Michael on creating affordable housing for first responders. They have secured three hundred and twenty thousand dollars from the City of Sun Valley and have secured more funds through private philanthropists and local banks. They have also secured a nine-year lease for two and half acres in the Greenhorn area from ITD. They want construct eight deed restricted units on that land.

County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham stated if this project is eligible for EPA's water programs; The Clean Water State Revolving Fund & The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund then it is also eligible for ARPA funds. McDougall Graham instructed the BCC they could pass a resolution to designate units for first responders impacted by the pandemic. County administrator and county clerk are work together to prepare a resolution for first responders housing. They will direct applicant where they can reference what funds they could apply for. Applicants will resubmit new proposal with modified budget.

**Public Comment: NONE**

**BREAK**

- **Blaine County Emergency Communications**

Also present: via teleconference Blaine County Communications Director Robin Stellers.

Blaine County Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers wants to replace current emergency communications software. Current software is approximately fourteen years old and is no longer upgradable. Blaine County Emergency Communications Department runs twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week, making it crucial they have a reliable program. They need to the upgrade current program to keep in contact with statewide law enforcement, fire and medical agencies.

**Public Comment: NONE**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve up to \$350,000 of Blaine County's ARPA Funds for lost revenue to be used for Blaine County Communications radio consult replacement. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Blaine County Facilities Department**

Also present: Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle.

Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle wants to remodel Blaine County's restroom facilities to be ADA accessible. They will be adding another restroom on the third floor and adding toilet stalls to the restrooms on the second floor.

**Public Comment: NONE**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve up to \$50,000 of Blaine County's ARPA Funds for county loss revenue to be used to upgrade bathrooms in the Blaine County Court House to make them ADA acceptable. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Blaine County Charitable Fund**

Blaine County Charitable Fund Executive Director Mary Fauth, Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael.

Blaine County Charitable Fund Executive Director Mary Fauth is requesting for \$49,000 to provide emergency housing assistance for residents who have been displaced from their homes. These funds aid residents with securing rentals, helping with first & last and security deposits. BCCF also communicates with landlords to prevent evictions. This charity helps residents find other organizations who could also assist in a crisis.

**Public Comment:** Sarah Michael is an advocate for Blaine County Charitable Fund and strongly believes in objectives.

**McCleary moves, seconded by Davis, to direct staff to draft a contract with Blaine County Charitable Fund in the amount of \$49,000 for extended emergency program funding from ARPA funds. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Blaine County Clerk's Office**

County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham and County Administrative Services Manager Mandy Pomeroy presented ClearGov Budget Cycle Management Solution to assist with budget management.

This program is cloud based and can be integrated with Computer Arts. ClearGov would be more time efficient for all departments in regards to data entry. ClearGov has a public dashboard that would be more transparent when it comes to budgets and finances. This will not replace budget presentations but help organize budget funding and financing.

**Public Comment:** Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael strongly supports this type of upgrade, so that general public can see Blaine County's accomplishments, timelines, analysis.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the contract with ClearGov Budget Cycle Management Solution up to \$20,000 for the fiscal year 2022 to be paid from Blaine County's ARPA lost revenue allocation. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **ARCH**

Also present; ARCH Executive Director Michelle Griffith, Gretchen Stinnett, Wendy Jaquet, Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Blaine County Housing Authority Board Chair Sarah Michael.

ARCH Executive Director Michelle Griffith modified ARCH's request of one million dollars to nine hundred and ninety thousand dollars and added three additional units making it eleven total units. Griffith suggest the BCC could pass a resolution so that anyone up to 380% federal poverty guideline that were negatively impacted by the pandemic and cannot afford market rate rent could apply for these units.

HOME grants and ARPA funds are both following the same federal housing guidelines. The HOME program partially funded the three additional ownership units that will be for households earning up to 80% area median income. Future revenue from the eight rental units will be used to invest in future housing projects.

The lot on Robert St in Picabo is owned by BCHA and needs to be transferred to ARCH. 49 Waterford Park in a subdivision in The City of Carey requires a ten-day notice and will be in the April 12, 2022 agenda for transfer. 8 Pumpkin Center Road requires lot line shift but it has not been determined who should do the lot line shift. Realtor fees, marketing, cost of sale are not eligible expenses and ARCH pays those fees out of pocket. The homes above are intended to be single family home of three bedrooms. ARCH received a PUD agreement from The City of Hailey on a subdivision that would allow for ARCH to address the need for one-bedroom units. The homes that are bought are required to remain affordable housing in perpetuity by federal law. The buyer would have to sign a land lease document capping the appreciation of the home. It requires for the home to be sold to someone at 80% or less the area median income.

**Public Comment**

Wendy Jaquet supports ARCH's objective and pleased with the 150 homes that have been built since 2008.

Gretchen Stinnett Blaine County local has benefitted from ARCH and has witnessed the housing crisis and the effects it has had in the community. Strongly supports ARCH and thanks them for everything they have done to help the community.

Sarah Michael strongly supports ARCH and expressed that they deliver and are cost effective.

**The BCC was supportive of the ARCH application and asked staff to prepare a contract of service not to exceed nine hundred and ninety thousand dollars. In addition, BCC asked staff to include 380% of federal poverty rate in resolution related to the eligible population for housing.**

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 12:00 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen McDougall Graham Dick Fosbury  
County Clerk Chairman