

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

Fourth Day

Tuesday, June 13, 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, and Commissioner Lindsay Mollineaux; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy, County Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman, Administrative Assistant Morgan Baird, Blaine County Treasurer John David Davidson, County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse; Grants, Elections and County Services Specialist Deidre Dolce, Appraiser Erin Swanson, Appraiser Gretchen Stinnett, Appraiser Alyssa Cenarrusa, Land Use Services Office Manager Tina Lewis, Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero, Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman, Mark Sindell, Zack Lanier, Idaho Mountain Express staff writer Kari Dequine Harden, Boise State Radio Reporter George Prentice.

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

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Claims date June 13, 2023.
- Beverage License Transfer: Artichokes Are Hearts LLC dba The Haven to Salted Sprig LLC dba Salted Sprig
- Beverage License Renewals: Buxman Enterprises LTD dba Village Market; Sun Valley Company dba Carol's Dollar Lodge/Elkhorn Golf; Sun Valley Company dba Sun Valley Resort; Sun Valley Company dba River Run Lodge/Warm Springs Lodge/Seattle Ridge Lodge Roundhouse.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to amend the agenda and include additional Beverage Licenses. Motion passed unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, approve the Consent Calendar for June 13, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Present: Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin

Disaster Services - Chris Corwin

- Flooding Update
The Disaster Declaration expires the following week, Corwin does not believe it is necessary to renew the declaration. The water level has remained the same and is not expected to rise. The County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy submitted a damage report to the State Office for public assistance for damages that are beyond repair.

Clerk - Stephen McDougall Graham

- Budget and Finance Analyst Ozzie Gripentrog and the Blaine County Budget Officer Stephen McDougall Graham are working on the budget.

County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy

- The County Corner Department, Emergency Communications Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the Disaster Services Coordinator attended the Emergency Preparation Exercise workshop held by the Friedman Memorial Airport.
- Sustainability Manager Andrew Mentzer recommended withdrawing the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Fund for Microgrid Projects (HMGP) Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) grant application. The grant application needs be revised and included requested information from FEMA. Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) encouraged Mentzer to reapply for BRIC Grant in the fall.

Human Resources – Justin Highhouse

- The Annual Summer BBQ will be held June 21st from 11:30 to 1:30. The annual employee appreciation gift will be during the holiday celebration.
- The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on July 7th at the Community Campus Building.
- The County will be participating in the Fourth of July parade.

BOARD LIAISON LIST REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Blaine County Commissioners discussed, assigned, and exchanged liaison roles.

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- **Wood River Wolf Project**

- The Wood River Wolf Project is focused on raising awareness for nonlethal methods to manage wolves.
- **Idaho Transportation Department Projects in Blaine County Update**
 - Davis wants to submit a letter of thanks to the Idaho Department of Transportation Board regarding the Ohio Gulch Traffic Signal Project.
- **Correspondence**
 - The Blaine County Commissioners have the authority to declare the current conditions in Blaine County dangerous enough to ban aerial fireworks. The Blaine County Commissioners will adopt a resolution banning aerial fireworks for a limited time.
- **Other**
 - Idaho Transportation Department District 4 Engineer Jesse Barrus informed Davis the Tomcat Hill Curves project was modified. ITD does not intend to straighten the road out, they will only be repaving the highway.

BREAK

MOUNTAIN RIDES FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOLLOW-UP

Present: Mountain Rides Executive Director Wally Morgus, Mountain Rides Director, Assets and Infrastructure Ben Varner, Mountain Rides Manager of Transit Operations Jamie Canfield

Mountain Rides provides public transportation in the Wood River Valley. Mountain Rides has a route for commuting Shoshone residents, a Twin Falls non-emergency medical route, and is considering adding a route to the City of Carey, Picabo, and Gannett.

Mountain Rides intends to apply for a \$4,800,000 federal grant to build a new electric bus depot. The grant application requires a 20% cost match of \$1,200,000. Mountain Rides included a onetime request of \$160,000 in their FY24 budget request. If Mountain Rides was unable to secure the 20% match the application for \$4,800,000 would be denied. Mountain Rides included onetime budget requests to the Cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley.

The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive of the project. The project meets the Blaine County Strategic Priorities. The Blaine County Commissioners would need to deliberate the amount requested of \$160,000 during budget deliberations.

DISTRICT 26 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Present: Idaho Representatives Ned Burns and Jack Nelson and Senator Ron Taylor.

Senator Ron Taylor District 26

- Idaho House Bill 292 was passed it will provide tax relief to qualified homeowners.
- Idaho House Bill 24 Workforce Development Launch Grant Program was passed. This bill will provide funding for "In Demand Careers".
- Idaho House Bill 92 requires public school to include a financial literacy course as a graduation requirement.
- During Legislative session they discussed the misuse of public education funds awarded to homeschool parents.
- During Legislative session they discussed proposed medical marijuana bill, a bill allowing undocumented immigrants to take drivers education classes and apply for a restricted driver's license and insurance.

Representative Jack Nelson

- Idaho State has a surplus of funds intended for road, water, and sewer development.
- The Idaho Workforce Training Council will prick "In Demand Careers or Trades" needed in the State of Idaho. They will have shadow programs and Trade School workshops for highschoolers.

Representative Ned Burns

- Idaho Power Company V. Idaho State Tax Commission may result in Idaho counties owing Idaho Power Company tax monies. Ned estimates Blaine County may have to refund Idaho Power Company \$150,000, Jerome County approximately \$1,000,000. Ned suggested contacting the Idaho Association of Counties Idaho Power Company Liaison.

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES HEARINGS

- **Blaine County/City of Hailey & City of Bellevue Area of City Impact Agreement: Public hearing and consideration of ordinances and related to amending the Blaine County/Hailey Area of City Impact map and the Blaine County/Bellevue Area of City Impact map (Adopted in 2021) and associated draft ordinances. Amendments pertain only to the land lying between the cities of Hailey and Bellevue on the east side of Highway 75.**

Present: County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy, Zoning Specialist I Rachel Martin, Blaine County Senior GIS Analyst Kelly Green, and Oppenheimer Development Corporation Present/Oppenheimer Companies, Inc Chair and CEO Skip Oppenheimer, Oppenheimer Companies, Inc Doug Oppenheimer, Oppenheimer's Company, Inc attorney Gary Slette, Oppenheimer Development Corporation Attorney Evan Robertson, Bellevue

Mayor Kathryn Goldman, Hailey Mayor Martha Burke, Bellevue City Councilman Doug Brown, Blaine County Recreation District Executive Director Mark Davidson, Community Development Director Robyn Davis, Galena-Benchmark Associates David Patrie, RS Idaho Law Attorney Gary Slette, Idaho Mountain Express reporter Emily Jones, Boise State Public Radio Reporter Rachel Cohen.

Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy read published public notice.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineux, that notice for this hearing is adequate. Motion passed unanimously.

No disclosures.

New Material – Public comment by Jane Phillips Exhibit 11 was forwarded to the Blaine County Commissioners for review.

Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy explaining the County's role in the Area City Impact Agreement (ACI) and the procedures for this hearing.

- Hailey Mayor Martha Burke assured the Blaine County Commissioners that all the partners are satisfied with the terms of the application.
- On behalf of the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission Galena-Benchmark Associates David Patrie conveyed their support of the proposal.
- City of Bellevue Council President Doug Brown is confident the project will provide some relief to the housing crisis. Brown is pleased with the city mayors and the Oppenheimer's effective collaboration.
- Oppenheimer Development Corporation Present/Oppenheimer Companies, Inc Chair and CEO Skip Oppenheimer is working diligently with both cities, so they both may benefit from the project.
- Oppenheimer Companies, Inc Doug Oppenheimer wants to begin this project immediately to provide more housing to the Wood River Valley.
- Oppenheimer Development Corporation Attorney Evan Robertson noted both the Cities of Hailey and Bellevue are working with Blaine County Recreational District regarding the open space, that will maintain the separation between the two.
- Blaine County Recreation District Executive Director Mark Davidson is supportive of the application. The open space intended for the BCRD would allow them to develop additional programs.

Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy informed the Blaine County Commissioners that the municipalities and Blaine County's interpretation of the Mountain Overlay District is different. Kennedy suggested using the Blaine County Mountain Overlay District verbiage in the Ordinances.

Deliberation –

- The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive with including a Mountain Overlay District clauses using Blaine County's Mountain Overlay District interpretation. McCleary requested the clauses be very explicit.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineux, to approve a Blaine County Map Ordinance indicating the amended Area City Impact Boundary and the Blaine County Area City Impact agreement Ordinance of Hailey as presented in the map with the additional recitals speaking to the of importance of the open space in the Mountain Overlay district included in the Map Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineux, to approve the Blaine County Map Ordinance indicating the amended Area city Impact Boundaries recommend by the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission and the Blaine County Area City Impact Agreement Ordinance of Bellevue as presented in the map with the additional recitals speaking to the of importance of the open space in the Mountain Overlay district included in the Map Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Blaine County Commissioners Board Initiated Text Amendment Request - Heavy/Light Industrial Rezone -Glendale Area.**

Present: County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves, County Code Compliance Specialist Kristine Hilt.

The FedEx building that is being constructed on Glendale Road has generated the interest of surrounding neighbors to amend their zoning designations. Blaine County Code Compliance Specialist Kristine Hilt presented the proposed text amendments to rezone parcels of land around the Glendale Road Bridge area.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineux, to initiate text amendments to rezone several segmented parcels of land immediately south of Glendale Road Bridge area. Motion passed unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION OFFICE FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOLLOW-UP

Present: U of I Extension Office 4-H Educator Chandra Vaughan, Blaine County Extension Administrative Assistant Rebekah Johnson, University of Idaho Blaine County Extension Educator Grant Loomis.

- University of Idaho Extension Office Administrative Specialist Rebekah Johnson manages the Extension Office and assist staff with programs offered by the Extension Office.
- University of Idaho Extension 4-H Educator Chandra Vaughan manages the 4-H Youth Development program, 4-H summer program and camps.
- University of Idaho Extension Office Department Head Grant Loomis assists County residents with horticulture questions, collaborates with local farmers and the County Noxious Weeds Department.

The University of Idaho Blaine County Extension Office has two budget requests.

- The University of Idaho Extension Office is requesting cellphone reimbursement. Staff currently use their personal cell phones while out in the field.
- University of Idaho Blaine County Extension 4-H Educator Chandra Vaughan requested a parttime summer position to assist with summer programs. In the past ARPA funds were used to fund a summer parttime position.

The Blaine County Commissioners requested for Blaine County Extension present quarterly updates.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:48 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____

Stephen McDougall Graham
County Clerk

Muffy Davis
Chair