

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

Fifth Day

Tuesday, July 18, 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, County Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman, Administrative Assistant Morgan Baird; Blaine County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Tim Graves; Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse; IT Security/Network Engineer Jon Eaton; Budget and Finance Analyst Ozzie Gripentrog, and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Josh Selter lives close to the Big Wood River and informed the Blaine County Commissioners of inappropriate activities happening in the waterways. Selter has informed local law enforcement and Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson regarding activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) Indigent - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(d) for Indigent - Consideration of records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code. Davis (aye), McCleary (aye) and Mollineaux (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 9:18

INDIGENT CONSIDERATIONS

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the request number 2023-1175-1 with zero reimbursement. unanimously approved.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve from application #124 to temporarily release current lien. The lien will be replaced three months from today. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR, ACTION ITEM

- Beverage License Renewals for: Barbara's Party Rentals Inc dba Barbara's Party Rentals; Albertsons LLC dba Albertsons #130; Blaine County Senior Council Inc dba The Senior Connection; I'm Fine LLC dba Mahoney's Bar & Grill; New Endeavor LLC dba Ida Thai; Bigwood Bread LLC dba Bigwood Bread Cafe,; Fox Creek Realty, LLC dba Fox Creek Wines; Wood River Valley Enterprises LLC dba Hailey Grocery Outlet; Roots Wine Bar LLC dba Roots and Burger Grill Ketchum, Inc dba Burger Grill.
- **Resolution 2023-21 Clerk, Auditor, Recorder Destruction of Accounts Payable Records**
- **Resolution 2023-22 Public Defender Budget Adjustment**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Consent Calendar for July 18, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS, GRANTS and AGREEMENTS

Present: Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers, Sustainably Manager Andrew Mentzer

- **Contract for Services Agreement with TUSA Consulting Services II, LLC.** Record #**701444**
Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers requested to postpone this request to a date to be determined.

- **Request to Apply for the HMGP Grant - Revised Application**

The grant will fund the microgrid project evaluation for the Wood River Valley. The County cost share match is \$10% \$28,185.03.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Request to Apply for the Revised Hazzard Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$281,850.29 with a cost share/match of 10% for a Microgrid Project Scope. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Integrated Technologies Maintenance Agreement**

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the maintenance agreement, to be billed monthly. Motion passed unanimously.

BLAINE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Present: Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman, Kelly White.

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

- **BCFIRST First Responder Mental Health Support Contract Discussion**

This will allow first responders to receive mental health support from another provider.

Public Comment –

- Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman is supportive of the application. BCFIRST will be more hands on compared to 911 at Ease Program. The program includes first responders' family members as well.
- BCFIRST Secretary Justin Highhouse is supportive of the request.

The Blaine County Ambulance District Commissioners are supportive and directed staff to prepare a contract.

The Blaine County Commissioner reconvened.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Present: Blaine County Assessor Jim Williams, Appraiser Erin Swanson, Appraiser Gretchen Stinnett, Appraiser Alyssa Cenarrusa, GIS/Certified Mapper/Roll Clerk Joanne Freeman, Blaine County Treasurer John David Davidson; Blaine County Facilities Manager Pat Boyle.

- **Treasurer's Report - John David Davidson**
 - The Treasurer's Department collected 98% of property taxes to date, issued 850 late payment notices.
 - The Idaho State Commission misvalued certain county properties, the total amount is unknown.
 - The Treasurers Administrative Budget will show a negative amount of \$150,000; they will include a note for the Auditors report for the end of the year.
 - The Treasures Office will be closed August 7th through the 11th, staff will be attending the 2023 Idaho Association of County Treasurers Annual Conference.
- **Assessor's Report - Jim Williams**
 - The Assessor's Department and Board of Equalization finished reassessing properties for FY23.
 - The County's scored 98% accurate for FY23 property evaluations.
 - The Assessor's Office staff will be attending property appraisal classes held by the Idaho State Tax Commission.
 - The Department of Motor Vehicle Department is typically busier in the summer. They have a 94% approval rate on the appointment system the DMV utilizes.

Facilities - Pat Boyle

- **FY 23 Contingency Request for Approval for Judicial Building HVAC Unit**
Blaine County's Facilities Manager Pat Boyle is requesting to purchase a HVAC unit for the Judicial building and have the unit be installed in-house. The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive of the request.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Judicial Building HVAC unit in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 to be paid from the FY23 Contingency Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

IT - Jon Eaton

- **FY 23 Contingency Request for Printers**
The printers in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Commissioners Assistants Office have high printing capacity printers that could be downgraded since both offices use electronic record management systems.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the IT Department request for two printers in the amount of \$10,500 to be funded through FY23 Contingency Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk - Stephen McDougall Graham

- **Secure Rural Schools Payments to States Election Form for FY24 Payment Year**
Blaine County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham explained the difference between SRS and 1908 Act. Blaine County has the option to elect the 1908 option. McCleary is supportive of both and reevaluating the designation every two years. Mollineaux is supportive in continuing what has been done in the past years.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the election to receive payments under the 1908 Act for the FY23 payment year and report to the state and authorize the chair to sign the documents. Motion passed unanimously.

County Administrator - Mandy Pomeroy

- **Internal ARPA Requests – Sheriff’s Office Boat Match**
Agenda items will be postponed until the July 25th.
- Pomeroy is exploring Road and Bridge Levy consultant options.
- Pomeroy questioned if the Blaine County Commissioners were interested in facilitating a formal Strategic Planning Workshop. The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive.

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BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

The Commissioners reported on issues and committees they were involved in:

- **Idaho Transportation Department Letter of Thanks**
The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive of submitting a letter of support.
- **Wood River Land Trust Request for Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Fee Waiver**
The Wood River Land Trust is requesting a collection fee waiver. The WRLT will be cleaning up wood and concrete debris from a property across the water way from Lions Park. The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive of submitting a letter of support for the WRLT to the Southern Solid Waste District.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to recommend the Southern Solid Waste District to waive the collection for the Wood River Land Trust for the disposal at the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station in the amount of \$24,500 for the removal of material for the benefit of fire mitigation. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Blaine County Community Bike Ped Plan Meeting**
Harmony Design is finalizing the updated chapter implementation and project prioritization. The draft will be available for the public to review.
- **South Central Behavioral Health Board Meeting**
There will be a reliable transportation provider offering on-demand transportation at a reasonable cost for youth 12 years or older unless accompanied by a parent in Twin Falls.
- **Idaho Behavioral Health Planning Council Meeting**
The State of Idaho submitted a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant. The Planning Counsel provided input on the grant. The grant would provide funding for mental health services.
- **Correspondence**
 - The Idaho Public Defense Commission will be dissolved at the end of the next fiscal year. Commissioner Davis has been appointed by Governor Little to the Public Defender Nomination Committee which will recommend candidates for the State Public Defender to Governor Little.
 - Mountain Rides submitted a letter requesting for ITD to reconsider the EIS 2008.

COLORADO GULCH BRIDGE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Present: Blaine County Disaster Services Chris Corwin, Former County Commissioner Larry Schoen, Wood River Land Trust President Scott Boettger

The 2016 and 2017 snow years caused severe damage to the Colorado Gulch Bridge. The Road and Bridge Department removed the bridge in 2019, after the bridge was deemed insufficient. The public expressed they preferred a pedestrian bridge that would allow UTV/Emergency Services access to the west side of river. The Wood River Land Trusts is supportive of a pedestrian bridge.

The Blaine County Commissioners and the Wood River Land Trust need to decide if there should be a side channel crossing at the bridge. The Wood River Land Trust is working with Blaine County to ensure public access. Davis clarified they are not replacing the previous bridge; they are constructing a new bridge that is not funded through tax revenue.

Public Comment –

- Former County Commissioner Larry Schoen strongly encouraged keeping the bridge out of the waterways to minimize erosion.

The County will receive funding from FEMA. The County will then direct funding to the contracts who are constructing the bridge. Wood River Land Trust President Scott Boettger proposed the County partner with the WRLT to raise additional funds for the construction of the bridge.

BREAK

LAND USE and BUILDING SERVICES

Present: Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy, Blaine County Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt

- **Findings of Fact: Stream Alteration Permit-Loving Creek; Golden Willow Short Plat Subdivision; Lee’s Gulch Lot 1 Replat**

The Blaine County Commissioners had no questions or comments regarding the Stream Alteration Permit-Loving Creek

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Finding of Facts Conclusion of Law, and Decision regarding an application by Katherine Gardner for a Stream Alteration permit within Loving Creek. Motion passed unanimously.

The Blaine County Commissioners had no questions or comments regarding the Golden Willow Short Plat Subdivision

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Finding of Facts, Conclusion of Law, and Decision regarding an application by Chase Gouley to subdivide Tax Lot 7408 to two lots to be reamed Golden Willow Subdivision. Motion passed unanimously.

The Blaine County Commissioners had no questions or comments regarding Lee's Gulch Lot 1 Replat

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Finding of Fact Conclusion of Law and Decision regarding an application by Wendy Chase to replat Lee's Gulch Subdivision Lot 1. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

- May 2, 2023, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2023, as amended. Motion passed 2/0 Mollineaux abstained.

- May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Blaine County Commissioner Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 2/0; Mollineaux abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – §74-206 (1)(b) – Evaluation, Dismissal or Disciplining of Employees or Public Officers.

McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b) for – Evaluation, Dismissal or Disciplining of Employees or Public Officers. Davis (aye), McCleary (aye) and Mollineaux (aye). Motion carried unanimously.

No action will be taken.

ADJOURN

At the hour of 3:02 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.

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