

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

**Fifth Day**

**Tuesday, August 22, 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, Commissioner Lindsay Mollineaux; County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy, County Administrative Services Director Kristy Heitzman, Administrative Assistant Morgan Baird; Budget and Finance Analyst Ozzie Gripentrog, Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Brooke Baird, County Elections Supervisor Hayleigh Simpson; Chief Deputy Clerk of the District Court Andrea Logan, Court Operations Specialist Yessenia Lopez; County Treasurer John David Davidson, Deputy Treasurer Jessica Baird; Deputy Assessor Melissa Fry, GIS/Certified Mapper/Roll Clerk Joanne Freeman, Appraiser Erin Swanson, Appraiser Gretchen Stinnett; Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers, Human Resources Generalist Justin Highhouse, County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson; IT Enterprise Architect Ben Parker, IT Analyst Josh Maxwell, IT Analyst Garrett Boyle, GIS Manager Sam Young, Sustainability Manager Andrew Mentzer; Zoning Specialist I Rachel Martin, County Engineer Jeff Loomis, Land Use and Building Services Administrative Assistant Sonia Lopez; Wood River Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Bateman, Idaho Power Local Area (Blaine County) Energy Advisor Amber Perkes, Susie Lambert, Boise State Radio Reporter George Prentice, *Idaho Mountain Express* staff writer Kari Dequine Harden, and Deputy Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joana Guerrero. County Budget 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** – NONE

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

Also present:

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(d), to consider indigent medical records that are exempt from disclosure. Roll call: Davis (aye), McCleary (aye), and Mollineaux (aye). Motion carried unanimously.**

OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 9:11

**INDIGENT CONSIDERATIONS**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, regarding case number 2014-33, for Client # 140, the Blaine County Board of Commissioners agrees to accept the settlement offer of \$1,000.00 and write-off the remaining balance of \$11,319.07. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Claims date August 15, 2023.
- Beverages License: Wood River Pizza Company LLC dba South Valley Pizzeria at 108 Elm Street Bellevue
- Retail Alcohol Beverage License Renewal: JC Perfect Roast Chicken & Pasta LLC dba Jhony's Peruvian Cuisine

- College Residency Form
  - College of Southern Idaho; Fall of 2023: Sheryl Laureano, Alison Hidalgo, Maciel Hidalgo, Kimbely Hidalgo, Kayden Ratliffe, Connor Kelsey, Genoveva Ortiz, Eva Burse

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Consent Calendar for August 22, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS and AGREEMENTS**

- **Extension of Agreement of Mountain Rides Transportation Authority to Provide Multimodal Public Transportation Services in Blaine County.....Record#702067**

The Multimodal Public Transportation Services agreement provides public transportation throughout Blaine County. The Blaine County Commissioners are supportive in extending the agreement for another four years.

**Mollineaux moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Extension of Agreement of Mountain Rides Transportation Multimodal Public Transportation Services expiring September 30, 2023, for an additional 4 more years, until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Strategic Initiatives Grant Program Application (FY2024 Local Transportation Project Grant Program) – Buttercup Road Grant Application**

The FY24 Local Transportation Project Program funds are intended to aid rural and urban areas with local transportation projects such as developing or restoring public highways and streets.

**Mollineaux moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Grant Application for the Strategic Incentives Grant Program for the FY24 Local Transportation Grant Program for the Buttercup Road Replacement Project. The grant amount to not to exceed \$2,000,000 and overall project amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

**BLAINE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

**Resolution 2023-27 to set the FY2024 Blaine County Ambulance District Budget.....Record#701740**

No changes were made to the approved Blaine County Ambulance District Tentative budget.

**Public Comment –**

- Ketchum Resident Tom Bowman questioned why the budget did not show future revenue projections?

Blaine County Budget Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham explained the different revenues that are collected, and how they reflect on the Ambulance District Budget.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve Resolution 2023-27 a Blaine County Board of Commissioners Resolution Adopting the FY2024 Blaine County Ambulance District Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$3,702,906. Motion passed unanimously.**

Blaine County Board of Commissioners reconvened.

**RESOLUTION 2023-26 TO SET THE FY2024 BLAINE COUNTY BUDGET.....Record#71739**

Blaine County Budget Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham informed the Blaine County Commissioners of the budget adjustments made to the approved Tentative budget.

**Public Comment – None**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to adopt Resolution 2023-26 a Blaine County Board of Commissioners Resolution Adopting the Blaine County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 Commencing October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and Ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$41,765,608. Motion passed unanimously.**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Present: Applicant Mimi Crocker, Dennis Higgins, Tom Bowman, Barbara and Barry Neiwert.

**• Road & Bridge – Steve Thompson**

- Speed Bump Permit for 317 Bay Horse Road

Bay Horse residents applied to install temporary speed bumps, lower the speed limit, and post signage on Bay Horse Road during the summer months. The applications specified they would incur all costs and surrounding neighbors are supportive of the application.

The Bay Horse Road speed limit is consistent with other County Roads that are typically posted at 35 mph. After a traffic count was performed on Bay Horse it resulted that 93% of drivers are following the posted speed limit.

Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson recommended the Blaine County Commissioners deny the request until the County can consider a county wide residential speed limit reduction.

**Public Comment –**

- Applicant Mimi Crocker has communicated with Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Steve Thompson for over two years regarding high-speed drivers on Bay Horse Road. Bay Horse Road attracts recreational horseback riding, pedestrians, and wildlife.
- Muldoon Canyon Resident Dennis Higgins claimed that Muldoon Road, Muldoon Canyon, and Bay Horse Road have a major highspeed traffic problem and it’s a matter of time until there is a terrible accident. He is supportive of Mimi Crocker’s application. He also requested the Blaine County Sheriff’s increase patrolling of the area.
- Bay Horse Road Resident Barry Neiwert claimed he rarely sees law enforcement in the area unless there is a criminal incident. He is supportive of Mimi Crocker’s application.

The Blaine County Commissioners received emails supporting the application, and one opposing email. The Blaine County Commissioners did not approve the application. They are supportive of doing an in-depth analysis of County speed limits and encourage law enforcement to increase their presence in the area.

**• Clerk – Stephen McDougall Graham**

- Discussion of Blaine County Indigent Case Settlement/Release Policies

Blaine County has approximately 150 active indigent cases with a total outstanding balance of \$1,600,000. The current indigent case manager utilizes Indigent Health Care Systems to track payments, and balances. However, the IHS balance does not reflect actual amounts owed to the County and actual amounts owed to the State. Indigent cases are divided into different categories: paying clients, deceased, collections, and cases with outdated contact information. The County does not have any policies, or procedures on how to handle indigent cases, the Clerk’s Office is requesting the Blaine County Commissions to provide the Clerk’s Office with direction.

The Blaine County Commissioners requested additional data.

- **County Administrator – Mandy Pomeroy**

- Pomeroy informed Mollineaux she would only need to attend a DIGB Meeting if both Emergency Communications Director Robin Stellers and Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Chris Corwin could not attend the meetings.
- Robin Tomasi widow of former Commissioner Dick Fosbury is supportive of renaming the Colorado Gulch Bridge in honor of Dick Fosbury. Fosbury’s memorial will be held at Bellevue Park on September 24<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner McCleary will attend.
- Blaine County Disaster Services Coordinator Corwin and the Wood River Land Trust are concerned there may be erosion on the west side of the Colorado Gulch Bridge in the Big Wood River. Biota Researching & Consulting will re-evaluate the bridge and surrounding area.
- The Ambulance District Consolidation Steering Committee workshop will be held in October, Hawley Troxell Law Firm will attend the meeting and present a legal memo describing the consolidation. Woolpert Consulting Hilary Fletcher is working on scheduling the Technical Committee workshop for the Blaine County Commissioners, Fire Chiefs and ESCI.

## **BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

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

- **Opioid Settlement Fund Committee’s recommendations for program funding FY24**

The Opioid Settlement Fund Committee approved the Service Contract Agreements for Men’s Second Chance Living Sober Facility, KH Counseling, and the Drug Court Program.

The Blaine County Sheriff’s Office used to offer a substance abuse program pre-COVID. Men’s Second Chance Living Executive Director Sonya Wilander would like the program to be reinstated. The FY23 Jail budgeted \$10,000 for jail programs, Mollineaux will discuss the request with Blaine County Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis.

- **5B Suicide Prevention Alliance**

5B Suicide Prevention Alliance replaced “Know the Signs” campaign with “Be the One”.

- **District 4 Meeting**

Davis, Mollineaux, and the County Clerk Stephen McDougall Graham attended the District 4 meeting. During the meeting they approved the minutes and the Treasurer report.

- **South Central Public Health Board Meeting**

The SCPHD was able to secure funds to continue providing the Pregnancy Prevention Program.

- **Sawtooth Valley Wildland Fire Collaborative Meeting**

The public shared their frustration with the Ross Creek Fire support. Blaine County and Custer County, and Stanley Mayor will meet and discuss the Sawtooth Valley Wildland Fire Collaboration’s purpose and mission.

- **Sheriff/Jail Liaison Update**

County Sheriff Steve Harkins, Chief Deputy Sheriff Will Fruehling, and County Jail Administrator Captain Jay Davis gave Commissioner Mollineaux and County Administrator Mandy Pomeroy a tour of the Public Safety Facility.

- **Blaine County Fair Update**

Mollineaux attended the annual 4H Livestock Auction, it was well attended.

- **Magic Reservoir Community Meeting**

Mollineaux attended the meeting; it was well attended. Mollineaux will add East and West Magic as an agenda item to discuss questions and concerns made by constituents.

## **BREAK**

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

Present: Blaine County Land Use and Building Services Director Tom Bergin, Zoning Specialist I Rachel Martin, Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy, Blaine County Code Compliance Specialist Kristine Hilt, Zoning

Specialist I Crystal Rigby, Larry Schoen,

- **Title 10 Subdivision Regulations – Text Amendment – Continuation of a public hearing on and consideration of County-initiated amendments to Blaine County Code, Title 10, Subdivision Regulations. Multiple revisions are proposed within Chapter 2, Definitions; Chapter 4, Procedure for Approval and Plat Contents; Chapter 5, Design, and Improvement Standards; and Chapter 8, Enforcement, Violations and Penalty. This hearing was continued from August 1, 8, and 15, 2023.**

Blaine County Code Compliance Specialist / Floodplain Manager Kristine Hilt presented the amendments made to the Wetland and Riparian Area, and Setback Zone sections. Zoning Specialist I Rachel Martin and Land Use Planner Allison Kennedy presented the amendments made to Variances and Mitigation sections.

**Public Comment –**

- Larry Schoen expressed what amendments he is supportive of and what amendments are concerning.

The Blaine County Commissioners requested to continue the hearing.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to continue this hearing to September 23, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.**

**LAND USE and BUIDLING SERVICES**

- **Findings of Fact - Lot 5, Blk. 1, Red Devil Mountain Subdivision Plat Amendment**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the Find of Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Decision regarding an Application by Deidra Marie Runswick for a Plan Amendment at the Red Devil Mountain Subdivision Lot 5 Block 1. Motion passed 2/0, McCleary abstained.**

- **Plat Recording Extension - Request for Amendment on Lots 8 & 9, Marvin Gardens Subdivision**

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to approve the request by Lili Simpson and Debbie Town for a Plat Recording Extension to Amend Marvin Gardens Subdivision for 180 days. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Adoption of Ordinance - Number 2023-05 Airport Overlay District, Map and Text Amendment**

The Blaine County Commissioners approved the amendments in July.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to adopt the Ordinance 2023-05 a Blaine County Commission Ordinance Amending the Airport Overlay District Map and Text. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Reappointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioner - Susan Giannettino**

Susan Giannettino has served as the Planning and Zoning Vice Chair since 2017.

**McCleary moved, seconded by Mollineaux, to reappoint Susan Giannettino for a three-year term beginning October 2023 to the Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL of BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

- **June 12, 2023, Special Meeting**

**Mollineaux moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**Mollineaux moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2023, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**Mollineaux moved, seconded by McCleary, to approve the Blaine County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2023, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

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- **Correspondence**

- Davis received multiple letters asking for the County to do a County-wide fire ban all summer. If the County were to implement a fire ban, it would only apply to unincorporated areas within Blaine County.
- Men's Second Chance Living Executive Director Sonya Wilander is hosting a meeting to discuss the effects of Kratom.
- Idaho Transportation Department District 4 Engineer Jesse Barrus will be doing an ITD update on September 26<sup>th</sup> and requested the Blaine County Commissioners forward topics they want to discuss.
- Mollineaux attended the Sawtooth Society Soirée; it was well attended.
- Mollineaux received complaints regarding the sewer plant smell, the City of Bellevue is aware of the issue.
- City of Bellevue Council President Doug Brown is now acting as the City of Bellevue Interim Mayor until a new mayor is appointed.
- Mollineaux received several questions regarding Clear Creek Disposal and the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District fees increase. Davis also received several questions regarding the Smiley Creek fee increase.

- **Other**

- Davis will be at the Cordella Deposition for an accident that occurred at the intersection of Main and Maple Street.

**ADJOURN**

**At the hour of 4:12 p.m., with no more business before them, the County Commissioners adjourned.**

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