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Blaine County Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

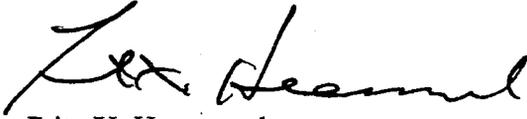
I just learned about your meeting today during which time you will be discussing "Blaine County Road and Bridge Funding – Needs and Options." I will not be able to attend your meeting but in this letter, I will set forth Hailey's position on this topic. Last August, Commissioner Schoen sent the City of Hailey a letter asking for our input about various options to fund maintenance and construction of roads and bridges. During an August 26, 2013 meeting attended by Commissioner Greenberg, the City Council discussed the various options allowed under Idaho Code § 40-801(1).

To better understand Hailey's position, I will briefly explain Hailey's bio-solids project. As you may recall, our sewer facility is in dire need of improvements based on a rather aged, antiquated and dangerous dome facility. To remedy this problem, Hailey is proceeding with the necessary and expensive engineering to design a bio-solids project for our sewer plant. The engineers have assured us that we will have a design in the near future which will be able to estimate the costs of the project. We have planned to submit a bond issue to the residents of Hailey in May, 2014.

In the August meeting, Hailey decided to support a temporary levy under Idaho Code § 40-801(1)(b). The City felt there should be some consideration to perhaps a lesser amount of a levy. As you know, the maximum levy under Idaho Code § 40-801(1)(b) is .084% of market value. More importantly, the City felt it was important not to schedule both the bio-solids bond election at the same time as any county road levy.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hailey and City Council