



City of Ketchum

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date: May 28, 2026 Staff Member/Dept: Jade Riley – Administration

Agenda Item: Briefing regarding Blaine County Housing Authority contract transition

Recommended Motion:

No motion is required at this time; staff are seeking general direction.

Background:

- On February 26, the City Council voted to cancel the staffing services contract with the Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA). Following the initial 60-day transition window, an additional 30 days were offered (May 27th) due to the schedule of County Commissioners in setting direction related to the future state of BCHA.
The County Commissioners were briefed initially on the matter and then held deliberations on May 19th. The conclusion was to retain BCHA as a legal stand-alone entity and not transfer the existing deed restricted units back to each city. Due to time constraints, the commission could not articulate the specific go-forward scope for BCHA and associated staffing/funding.
City staff updated the BCHA Board on May 20th and reviewed potential scope/staffing options to better inform upcoming discussions with the County Commissioners.
Staff, the Mayor, Commissioner Davis, the County Administrator, and the BCHA Board Chair are set to meet again on May 27th. Updates from that meeting will be shared during the May 28th Council meeting.
Staff would like Council feedback regarding:
- The continuation of staffing support to BCHA from the Ketchum Housing department
- Direction on the Silver Creek Living lease
- Remaining questions

Sustainability Impact:

None.

Financial Impact:

None OR Adequate funds exist in account: No financial action is required at this time.

Attachments:

1. None