

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
March 14, 2016
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioners Hoagland, Aberasturi and Merrick, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Saari, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Dewey Crane with Snake River Rubbish, Ron Parks with Simplot Land and Livestock, Joe Langdon with Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Ivy Cardenas with Owyhee County Probation and Sean Chaney with the Owyhee Avalanche.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-11; Authorizing the payment of a portion of the prosecutorial conference training expenses of Deputy Canyon County Prosecutor Erica Kallin. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the new hire of Noah Paul Duffy as Detention Deputy to begin March 21, 2016 at the rate of \$13.67. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve 11 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Marisol Garcia, Holly Hobbs, Angela Draper, Makenna Renteria, Avery Villa, Clayton King, LeAnn Garcia, Zoe Kish, Dylan Westrand, Samuel Galligan and Norma Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Dewey Crane with Snake River Rubbish met with the Board to discuss the price increase of tire disposal at the Elmore County Landfill. Tire disposal is now \$6.00 and \$8.00 with a tire and rim.

At 10:00 a.m. the Jacks Creek Road hearing deliberation was held. In attendance were Commissioners Merrick, Hoagland and Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Hearing Officer Desmond, Ron Parks representing Simplot Land and Livestock, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Saari and Sean Chaney with the Owyhee Avalanche. Commissioner Merrick voiced his findings, followed by Commissioner Hoagland and Aberasturi. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny the abandonment of Jacks Creek Road. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Hoagland with a request for a “yah” or “nay” vote. Commissioner Merrick, “against”, Commissioner Hoagland, “no”, and Commissioner Aberasturi “don’t”. Hearing Officer Desmond asked Commissioner Hoagland to clarify his vote, Commissioner Hoagland voted “yes” to abandon the road. Commissioner Aberasturi stated Jacks Creek Road will not be abandoned. Hearing Officer Desmond will give a written decision, and after that the appeal process can begin. At 10:28 a.m. the hearing deliberation was closed.

The Board was given a report from the Natural Resources Committee, in the report was discussion about the SODA Fire, coordination and various other updates. No action was taken by the Board.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the request from Homedale Highway District to purchase 8 non-P25 radios to be purchased through Haz-Mat funds. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to the Idaho Transportation Department regarding rural address zip codes. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a letter to the BLM regarding the Boardman to Hemmingway new alternative routes. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

At 11:00 Joe Langdon with Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections and Ivy Cardenas with Owyhee County Probation met with the Board to give a 2015 overview of the department.

At 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) (f) for possible litigation. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Hoagland – aye, Aberasturi - aye. Motion was unanimous. Commissioner Aberasturi made a roll call. No action was taken. At 11:31 a.m. the Board resumed open session.

The Board canvassed the votes from the March 8, 2016 election.

At 1:27 Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to amend the agenda to include a letter regarding funding for USDA ARS. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Chairman Aderholt with the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee regarding USDA ARS. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 1:30 a discussion regarding Gateway West was held with Idaho Office of Energy Resources employees John Chatburn, Scott Pugrud, Shannon Graham and Matt Wiggs. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2016.



Kelly R. Aberasturi, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk