

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
May 16, 2016
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioners Aberasturi, Hoagland and Merrick, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Saari, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, Indigent and Charity Director Evans, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Sheriff Grant, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Southwest District Health Department Director Nikole Zogg and Finance Manager Shannon Thomas, Owyhee Initiative Executive Director Jaurena, Joyce Barcus and Cathie Mickelsen with Good Sam Club, Keith Whitworth and Michelle Ryerson with BLM, Betty Ackerman and Ted Blackstock with Marsing Ambulance, Lisa Rittenhouse with Homedale Ambulance, Brian Showalter and Jeff Peroifield with Marsing Fire, Ric Uria with Homedale Boise BLM Employees and Sean Chaney with the Owyhee Avalanche.

In old business the CAFO Site Suitability report for the Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch. Planning and Zoning Director Huff stated the report came back as “moderate risk”. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the use of the report for the Planning and Zoning Boards decision. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

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 May 9, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to pay all outstanding bills from the following funds; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland and carried.

Current Expense	\$65,041
Road and Bridge	\$14,069
District Court	\$6,672
Probation	\$903
Health District	\$4,363
Historical Society / Museum	\$234
Indigent and Charity	\$6,096
Revaluation	\$5,950
Solid Waste	\$10,794
Weeds	\$808
911	\$2,183
Off Highway Vehicles	\$60
Economic Development	\$878

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for the Area Agency on Aging, which will be known as Area 3 Coalition. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the private road name of Clearwater Drive in Homedale (not in City limits, but in Impact Area). Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to cancel the ICRMP policy for the Grasmere Airport (not a county airport). Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve 2017 Idaho Retail Alcoholic Beverage License #15 for the Idaho Hotel. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 9:37 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into closed session for Indigent and Charity matters. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Commissioner Merrick – aye, Commissioner Hoagland – aye, Commissioner Aberasturi – aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-13. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 16-06. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 16-09. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 16-08. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 16-11. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

At 9:51 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go out of closed session.

At 10:30 a.m. Southwest District Health Department Director Nikole Zogg and Finance Director Shannon Thomas met with the Board for the annual budget presentation. Ms. Zogg reported the proposed 2017 budget request is \$8,678,992, a 2% increase from the 2016 budget to help offset the increase in employee benefits, compensation and the 27th pay period. County Appropriations are being asked at a 3% increase over the 2016 budget. The proposed 2017 appropriation for Owyhee County is \$54,773.

At 11:15 a.m. Joyce Barcus and Cathie Mickelsen with Idaho Good Sam Club met with the Board to inform them of potential grant monies the county could apply for. Ms. Barcus explained that a portion of the annual registration fees for RV's goes to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This money is available to any entity to apply for, government or not, for the improvement of RV / recreation facilities. It was also reported that the Good Sam Club held their annual week long Spring Fling at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds with 81 participants.

The group held activities at the Armory and under the canopy, frequented local shops and businesses. They voiced interest in returning with the possibility of a scenic ATV ride included in the activities if at all possible. The Board asked the group to notify them in advance of their plans and they will try to accommodate.

At 11:45 a.m. BLM representatives Whitworth and Ryerson, Marsing Ambulance representatives Ackerman and Blackstock, Homedale Fire representative Uria, Homedale Ambulance representative Rittenhouse and Marsing Fire representatives Showalter and Periofield met with the Board to discuss the increase in the number of recreationalists at Jump Creek which increases the number of ambulance / rescue calls. The increased response calls are a physical burden on the volunteer ambulance and fire workers taking these calls. The presence of abundant poison ivy and poison oak pose yet another problem with contamination to the workers as well as supplies. It was brought up to see what other counties are doing to help with these sort of issues. The thought of a 'day fee' was brought up, but those fees can only be used for improvements to the area. Search and rescue services can only be charged if the area is closed and exceeds \$4,000.00. BLM and Owyhee County Sheriff will be working on a press release to inform the public of this concern.

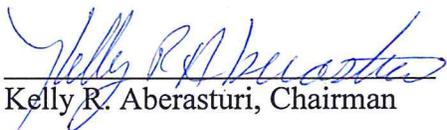
At 1:30 p.m. the Boise District BLM coordination meeting was held and ended at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion regarding the Black Sands Bid Package. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Black Sands Bid Package, no action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2016.


Kelly R. Aberasturi, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk