

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
November 27, 2017
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Indigent and Charity Clerk Evans, Deputy Prosecutor Blocksom, Natural Resource Director Jim Desmond, Road & Bridge Supervisors Jewett and Best, Assessor candidate James Ferdinand, Assessor Gruenwald, Treasurer Dygert, Todd Kloppeinger with the Owyhee Avalanche, Deputy McCormack and Citizen Tim Arent. Also, Deb Nelson representing Givens, Pursley participated telephonically.

At 8:37 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(d)&(f) records exempt from public disclosure and communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

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

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2001 Sterling from Nuss Truck for \$29,000 and the that the Chairman sign for the member the purchase agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2017-157, 2017-158 and 2017-159. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student 2017-160 and 2017-161. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 17-61 and 17-62. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 17-57. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 17-56. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Murphy Flat Power Agreement Addendum. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi welcomed both Assessor candidates and invited them to speak. Neither took the opportunity and after a brief Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to appoint Toni Gruenwald as the new Owyhee County Assessor. Seconded Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Clerk Barkell swore Toni Gruenwald into the office of Owyhee County Assessor and Lesli Hinton as the new Chief Deputy Assessor.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the renewal of the Rough Mountain Communication site. ROW Serial #032266. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

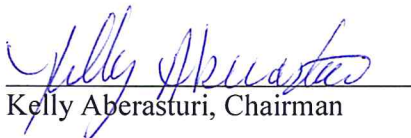
Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a scoping letter be sent to the BLM Sage Grouse Planning group regarding the secretarial order 3353. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Court Security Deputy McCormack updated the Board on the Court Security Plan. They are in the process of soliciting applications for part time security for the front door and should be ready to have full time security soon. Signage for doors and fences has been ordered. Additionally, the courthouse rear entrance will be locked to the public effective January 29, 2018. Also, the front entrance may have to be modified to accommodate the x-ray machine.

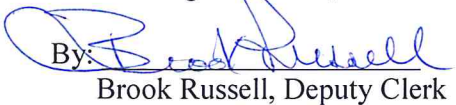
Citizen and property owner Tim Arent reported to the Board that he owns a parcel of ground that he cannot obtain a building permit for until he applies and gets a one lot subdivision approved. Planning Administrator Mary Huff explained that the person who originally split the property did not follow through and obtain the subdivision plat as required and at this point there is little the County can do unless he goes through the process. Commissioner Aberasturi explained that while they are sympathetic to his plight, there isn't anything the County can do and suggested he group with the neighbors that are suffering from the same issue and see if they can do it as one process to share the expense.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2017.


Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk