## OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES June 23, 2014 MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Joe Merrick, Jerry Hoagland, and Kelly Aberasturi, Clerk Angela Barkell, Assessor Brett Endicott, Sheriff Perry Grant, Planning & Zoning Administrator Mary Huff, Treasurer Brenda Richards, Natural Resources Director Jim Desmond, Prosecutor Doug Emery, Deputy Prosecutor Chuck Saari, Building Clerk Kristal Soland, Jon Brown representing the Owyhee Avalanche, Simplot Representatives Tom Basabe, James Alderman and Ron Parks.

Assessor Endicott reviewed estimated values of properties across the County.

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

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2014 Commissioners meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a catering permit for the Y-Bar Café LLC for June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lyons Park, Grand View, for Grand View Days. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into Closed Session for Indigent & Charity matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-20. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-21. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to deny cases 14-17 and 14-18 IC 31-3511 – applicants failed to cooperate with the County. Motions were seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motions carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve case 14-19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve case 14-21. Motion seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi, Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go out of closed session.

A contract with Idaho Department of Transportation for weed spraying in FY 2015 was presented to the Board. Commissioner Aberasturi recommend that any action should be tabled

until he has had a chance to discuss the contract with ITD. The matter was tabled and no action was taken.

Mr. Tom Basabe representing J.R. Simplot Company reported to the Board that they have entered into the bidding process, but have not yet been awarded a contract with the BLM to feed wild horses and wanted to clear the record regarding comments made during the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the feedlot and answer any questions that the Board might have. Mr. Basabe reported that the contract could possibly be awarded to the successful bidder sometime around July 15<sup>th</sup> and it is the position of the J.R. Simplot Company that changing the old Davis Feedlot (which they purchased in 2009) from a cattle feeding operation into a horse feeding operation did not constitute a change of use and would therefore not require a conditional use permit. Mr. Basabe also reported that the feedlot has been in use as a feedlot since 1960. He requested that the Board reconsider their decision of June 16<sup>th</sup> directing J.R. Simplot Company to go through the Owyhee County Conditional Use permitting process to change the old Davis feedlot from a cattle feeding operation to a horse feeding operation. The Board directed further investigation and took no formal action.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to send a letter to Owyhee County Planning and Zoning requesting a fee waiver for the Conditional Use Permit for the Tyson Gravel Pit. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to authorize Jim Desmond to begin the Conditional Use Permit process for the Tyson Gravel Pit and for Jim Desmond to act as an agent of the Board during the process. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Jim Desmond reported to the Board about his discussion with the BLM regarding the use of the Murphy Airport by BLM during the firefighting season. Mr. Desmond suggested that the Board execute a memorandum of understanding with the BLM outlining the proper procedure for use of the Murphy Airport. No action was taken.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1) (a) (f) for personnel matters and possible litigation. Commissioner Hoagland seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland – aye, Merrick – aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to amend the agenda to include a response letter to be sent to City of Marsing Mayor Keith Green. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to send a response letter to City of Marsing Mayor Keith Green regarding the prosecuting and handling of Marsing City ordinance violations. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to amend the agenda to include sending a letter to the Boise and Twin Falls District BLM requesting an immediate meeting regarding the Appeal and Remand of the DECISION RECORD for the Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers Management Plan, Bureau of Land Management Environmental Assessment No. DOI-BLM-ID-B000-2011-0001-EA. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to send a letter to the Boise and Twin Falls District BLM managers requesting an immediate meeting regarding the Appeal and Remand of the decision record for the Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers Management Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

Je Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk