

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
September 15, 2014
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Joe Merrick, Jerry Hoagland, and Kelly Aberasturi, Sheriff Perry Grant, Deputy Sheriff Lynn Bowman, Clerk Angela Barkell, Assessor Brett Endicott, Treasurer Brenda Richards, Administrative Assistant Brook Russell, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Emery, Natural Resources Director Jim Desmond, 911 Supervisor Christine Ballard, Planning & Zoning Administrator Mary Huff, Resident Chad Nettleton, Economic Development Representative Tina Wilson, USDA Rural Development Representative Carol Garrison, Amy Woodruff representing Civil Dynamics, John Richards with the College Of Idaho, South Mountain Mine representative Mike Smith, Thunder Mountain Gold representative Jim Collard, ISR Capital representative Sima Muroff, and representing Marsing Ambulance Betty Ackerman and Pete Smit, Boise District BLM and Jon Brown with the Owyhee Avalanche.

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 September 8, 2014 Commissioners meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Owyhee County Extension Office budget in the amount of \$139,153.00. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve donating to the committee for the Owyhee Research and Restoration Roundup in the amount of \$250.00. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the progress payment for the Idaho Department of Commerce Idaho Gem Grant for the construction progress of the Bruneau QRU Building in the amount of \$29,492.00. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Owyhee County Historical Society. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 pathology agreement between Ada and Owyhee Counties. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve setting a public hearing for October 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom #1 for the RS2477 public input. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the naming of a road, maintained by North West Pipeline, to Juniper Basin Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a Certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Emmanuel Lagunas. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Carol Garrison with USDA Rural Development met with the Board to discuss the various grant opportunities available to the county for the proposed sewage system and possible water system. Different options were discussed, ranging from grant options for a courthouse / jail system, as well as a community wide system. Amy Woodruff with Civil Dynamics explained how the 2 systems would vary greatly in price, she also explained the difference between the lagoon system vs. a drip system, and the various pros and cons for both. The Board discussed having a public meeting to discuss the different options with the community prior to making any decisions.

Mike Smith representing Owyhee Gold Trust LLC as well as Jim Collard with Thunder Mountain Gold, Inc., and Sima Muroff with ISR Capital presented the annual update for the South Mountain Mine progress. This update is a condition for the conditional use permits that were approved in October 2013. So far, 7,589 ft. of surface drilling and 1,869 ft. of underground drilling has been completed since being approved in 2013. 360 additional acres have been purchased and 2 temporary "tents" have been approved and erected. They employed 70 total workers at the peak of employment and have donated to several local activities including the Big Loop Rodeo, 4H projects and various other groups. Maintenance and construction of roadways, culverts and cattle guards have been an ongoing project. Mr. Smith stated that they are making progress on receiving easements from surrounding neighbors to ensure work and maintenance is agreed upon. The Board stated that communication and coordination with the road district must be done prior to any further work on county roads.

Betty Ackerman and Pete Smit representing Marsing Ambulance proposed to the Board their need for a power cot and lift system. This system will make it easier for the EMT's to lift patrons and load them into the ambulance. Ms. Ackerman said it is a real concern as the strength that it takes to lift some of the patients, putting the EMT's at a risk of injury, or longer wait time for additional help to load a patient, putting the patients at risk. They received a \$10,000.00 grant from the state of Idaho, and are requesting \$26,090.00 for the remainder of the unit. The Board tabled the request and will make a decision at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve an easement between Owyhee County and the Joyce Ranch for re-alignment of a ditch to make best use of county owned property and at the same time deliver sufficient water to the Joyce Ranch. County will maintain the re-aligned portion of said ditch. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into closed session for Indigent & Charity purposes. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

There being no Indigent & Charity business, Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go out of closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

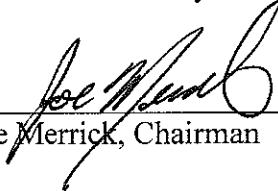
Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1) (a) (f) for possible litigation. Commissioner Hoagland seconded the motion. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

After moving out of executive session the Board recessed for lunch.

A coordination meeting with the Boise District BLM Office was held at 1:30 pm.


There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2014.



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk