

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
January 10, 2017
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Assessor Endicott, Treasurer Richards, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Indigent and Charity Director Evans, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Sheriff Grant, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, 991 Coordinator Ballard, Coroner Tines, Planning and Zoning Director Huff and Sean Chaney with the Owyhee Avalanche.

At 9:15 am the swearing of Commissioner Aberasturi and Commissioner Merrick took place by Clerk Barkell.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to nominate Commissioner Aberasturi as Chairman of the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Chairman Aberasturi swore in newly elected Sheriff Grant, Coroner Tines and Prosecuting Attorney Emery.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to continue the organization of the Board as it was for 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried. Organization is as follows:

- Commissioner Aberasturi: District Magistrate Commissioner, Southwest District Health Department, Western Alliance and Treasure Valley Partnership Commissioner, Weed Department and Probation Supervisor.
- Commissioner Merrick: Road and Bridge District #3, Solid Waste and Planning and Zoning Supervisor.
- Commissioner Hoagland: Road and Bridge District #1 Supervisor.
- Declare the entire county as a noxious weed extermination area.
- Set the Indigent and Charity burial fee at \$750.00
- Designate The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of the county.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion regarding Rocky Top Road, Shut-ins with in the county and county disasters. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

4th Quarter 2016 departmental reports were submitted to the Board from the following departments:

- Planning and Zoning
- Treasurer

- Assessor / DMV
- Sheriff
- Coroner
- Indigent and Charity
- Public Defender

Emergency Coordinator Desmond will be drafting a Public Service Announcement regarding the elderly and shut-ins within the county that may be having a difficult time during the extreme weather conditions.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve all departmental reports submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a contract with Cable One for services for the Homedale Courts. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to authorize Chairman Aberasturi to sign the above mentioned document on the Boards behalf. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2017-01 and 2017-02. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 16-48. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding Rocky Top Road was held and no action was taken.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01; transferring service weapon to retiring employee. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding weather related overtime was held and no action was taken.

At 11:03 am a hearing for Indigent and Charity case 16-22 began. Present were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Hearing Officer Desmond and Indigent and Charity Director Evans. Via telephone representing St. Al's Legal Counsel were Brian Nichols, Todd Wright and Tim Ryan.

At 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(d) records that are exempt from public disclosure. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Hoagland – aye, Aberasturi - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.


At 11:12 am the Board resumed open session. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to rescind the previous decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 16-22 and approve to pay. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Mike McGee with Boise District BLM regarding comment on the BOSH Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

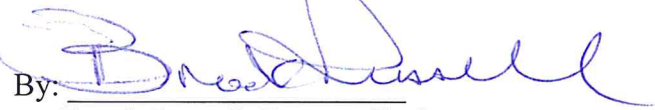
Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02; disaster declaration for weather emergency.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2017.


Kelly R. Aberasturi, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk