

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
August 7, 2017
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Hoagland, Merrick and Aberasturi, Deputy Clerk Russell, Sheriff Grant, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Blocksom, Indigent and Charity Clerk Evans, Treasurer Richards, Deputy Treasurer Dygert, Coroner Tines, Assessor Endicott, Owyhee County residents Sid Erwin, Gordon and Nancy Thompson, and Sean Chaney with the Avalanche.

At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(f) & (d) possible litigation and communicate with legal counsel. Commissioner Hoagland seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Hoagland – aye, Aberasturi - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

A discussion regarding a Request for Proposals for a Human Resources (HR) Director services was held. The Board, Treasurer Richards, Deputy Treasurer Dygert, Assessor Endicott, Coroner Tines, Sheriff Grant and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Blocksom were in attendance. The general consensus was to continue updating the Employee Personnel Handbook and begin and continue regular training on that before going to any kind of outsourcing for HR services.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to set the agenda at 9:50 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the agreement for pathology services with Canyon County. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve sending a letter of opposition to the Idaho Public Defense Commission in regards to the negotiated rulemaking. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the payment of all outstanding bills from the following funds, motion seconded and carried by Commissioner Hoagland.

Current Expense	\$62,987
Road and Bridge	\$52,752
District Court	\$1,920
Fair	\$21,292
Fair, Ground and Buildings	\$14,292
Probation	\$1,858
Health District	\$4,565
Historical Society and Museum	\$681
Indigent and Charity	\$61,775
Revaluation	\$805
Solid Waste	\$20,157

Tort	.38
911	\$5,441
County Vessel	\$5
Waterways	\$103
Off Highway Vehicles	\$16
Economic Development	\$598
Auditors Trust	\$4,738
County Vessel Trust	\$45

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24th and 27th minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Owyhee County Vehicle Use Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

The duplicate bond cancellations were tabled.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the property release and allow Keller and Associates and ITD surveying. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

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

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for the Solid Waste Fee Increase. Owyhee County residents Sid Erwin and Gordon and Nancy Thompson were in attendance. Chairman Aberasturi explained that the proposed increased fees are due to contractor fees increasing. The Homedale, Marsing, Givens area increased by \$5.00 per ton and the other end of the county has increased by more than that. Gordon Thompson voiced his concern that there are not enough dumpsters in the Murphy location and that trash begins to overflow and blow away. Chairman Aberasturi acknowledged his concern and explained that each dumpster is \$18+ per month and asked that Mr. Thompson let him know if the problem persists on a regular basis and another dumpster will be provided. Sid Erwin told the Board of a proposed program through Idaho Power that will dispose of items containing refrigerant at a lower price and that is EPA and DEQ approved. With no other discussion or any opposition, Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-22; to increase the solid waste fees to an increase of \$5.00 / per month and \$60.00 per annum per residence, \$10.00 per month and \$120.00 per annum per commercial, and \$2.50 per month and \$30.00 per annum per circuit breaker approved residence. Seconded by Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the 2017 – 2018 Canyon County Juvenile Housing Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve (6) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students #2017-111, 2017-112, 2017-113, 2017-114, 2017-115 and 2017-116. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity case 17-35. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 17-32. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 17-33. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 17-35. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. US Ecology representatives Terry Geis and Jason Evens met with the Board for a company update. Mr. Geis reported that he has moved on from the General Manager at the Grand View facility and is now the Regional Manager of Operations and Jason Evens is the new Grand View Facility General Manager. Mr. Evens reported the company will continue to operate in a positive way. When asked what the 'future' for the company looks like, Mr. Geis responded that with the location, geology, climate and political geology, this site sits in the most desirable location, with distance from "anywhere" as the only drawback. Mr. Evens stated they will continue to participate in the Owyhee Community Organizations grants. Rimrock, Bruneau and Marsing Schools are among some of the many organizations to have received grants from US Ecology in 2016. A Cell 14 structural improvement is being done, and the Cell 16 construction will continue in 2018. Cubic yards (cy) currently constructed on the 10 million cy cell is just over 600,000 cy. The company continues to be a safe workplace while continuing to be profitable, 500-man hours were just completed with no work place incidents. The Company hopes to venture in new possible companies in the future.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b) personnel issues. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Hoagland – aye, Aberasturi - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2017.


Joe Merrick, Commissioner for Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk