

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
February 12, 2018  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY  
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Russell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Assessor Gruenwald, Chief Deputy Treasurer McGrew, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Blocksom, Indigent and Charity Deputy Evans, via telephone Tina Wilson with Western Alliance, Amy Woodruff with Civil Dynamics, Fair Manager Loucks, Extension Office Director Jensen, Owyhee County residents Sue Showalter, Brandie Campbell, Susan, Martin, Inez and Elias Jaca, Tony Richards, Connie, Theron and Wendy Cook, John and Cathy Romero, Barbara Shattick, and Terry Carothers, Jarbidge BLM Representatives, Brenda Richards and Chad Gibson, and Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche.

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 February 5, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

In departmental issues, 911 Coordinator Christine Ballard reported to the Board that the '208-337' (Homedale / Marsing line) phone line will now be a '833' (toll free) phone number saving the department approximately \$5,000 per month. Notification will go out via the Owyhee Avalanche, Facebook, handouts and word of mouth.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the hire of Heidi Coon as temporary museum / HPC employee for historical data research for the Marsing Bridge project, to begin 2-12-18, \$18.44 per hour (\$2,500) cap. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Sheriff part-time, temporary hire of Rocky Widner to begin 2-5-18, \$14 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-8; Destruction of Semi-Permanent Election Records. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve (4) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-20 through 2018-23. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity case 18-03 through 05. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 18-05. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Owyhee County Community Building at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds was held. In attendance were Commissioners Merrick, Aberasturi and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Fair Manager Loucks, Extension Office Director Jensen, Western Alliance / Economic Development Director Tina Wilson via telephone, Civil Dynamics representative Amy Woodruff, Fair Exhibit

Manager Sue Showalter and 4H leader Brandie Campbell. Chairman Aberasturi voiced his concern that since the Armory Building is now demolished, the anticipated start date for construction of the new building will not give enough time for any sort of 'building to be ready for the fair. He suggested pouring the pad earlier than the start date and cover with a 'tent' and air conditioners for the fair. Amy Woodruff understood his concern but also informed him that with so much new construction happening in the valley, an earlier start date will be hard to do as this is not just a concrete 'pad', but will also need all necessary wiring, plumbing, etc. Sue Showalter mentioned that possibly placing a thin blacktop pad would also work, and once the fair has ended it could be crushed and used as 'gravel' around the fair grounds. Individuals will be asking for letters of support for the construction and approval of the grant, these letters need to be received by the Clerk by February 23, 2018. The Board reviewed the Owyhee County Citizen Participation Plan and assigned Kelly Aberasturi as the point of contact, Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Citizens Participation Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Aberasturi to sign the cover letter on the Boards behalf for the grant application. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the certification of the grant application and authorize Chairman Aberasturi to sign on the Boards behalf. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried. There being no public opposition, the hearing was closed at 10:26 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. county residents Susan, Martin, Inez and Elias Jaca, Tony Richards, Theron, Connie and Wendy Hook, John and Cathy Romero and Terry Carothers met with the Board to discuss the condition of certain county roads. Reynolds Creek road and surrounding / connecting roads were a big concern, as well as Mud Flat Road and various other roads in the Grand View area. Residents' concerns stemmed from substantial wear and tear on vehicles, which in turn costs them more money, school bus safety and their thoughts on overall work being done, or lack thereof by the road crews. It was brought up that possibly the road crews could stagger their work days / hours, or when weather events happen and good road grading weather occurs, make sure and work that day (even if its an 'off' day) and take the 'off' day another time. Tony Richards suggested that PILT funds need to start being used to fix the roads and maintain them once fixed. Other residents suggested the county hire out the road work rather than spend county money on renting / leasing heavy equipment that they feel is not being used to potential. Chairman Aberasturi suggested to the concerned citizens that a 'plan' needs to be put together, and possibly all parties meet.

At 1:30 p.m. the Jarbidge BLM Coordination meeting was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk