

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
April 15, 2019
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Treasurer Dygert, Assessor Gruenwald, Sheriff Grant, Planning and Zoning Supervisor Huff, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Residents Patrick and Trishel Liskey and Ross Gruenwald, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Public Defender Wellman, Southwest District Health representatives Nikki Zogg and Patty Foster, Department of Agriculture representative Austin Terrell, Owyhee resident Brenda Richards, Boise District BLM representatives and Rangeland Consultant Chad Gibson.

In old business, Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to correct the hourly wage approved on April 1, 2019, for Ingrid Roskam from \$14.67 per hour to \$14.76 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to pay all outstanding bills from the following funds; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$54,552
Road and Bridge	\$11,693
District Court	\$1,819
Probation	\$802
Historical Society and Museum	\$202
Indigent and Charity	\$13,170
Revaluation	\$428
Solid Waste	\$12,541
Tort	\$63,975
911	\$4,972
County Vessel	\$978
Off Highway Vehicles	\$105
Taxing District Elections	\$44
Auditors Trust	\$7,323
PILT	\$144,947

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Treasurers tax deed for parcel RP007000080090 and RP03N06W263030 to transfer the name to Owyhee County. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Treasurers tax cancellation for Cable One for Parcel PP5900401, taxes in the amount of \$605.36 with a penalty of \$6.05. Motion seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Treasurers tax cancellation for Cable One for Parcel PP5900402, taxes in the amount of \$518.00 with a penalty of \$5.08. Motion seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a certificate of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student #19-2. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

At 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 19-20, 19-21, 19-22, 19-23, 19-24 and 19-25. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 19-15. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-22. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-20. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Nikki Zogg and Patty Foster with Southwest District Health Department met with the Board for the annual funding request for FY20. An increase of 3% is anticipated, depending on the most current census data.

Owyhee County residents Patrick and Trishel Liskey met with the Board to discuss Poison Creek Road, South of Homedale, which is a county road that runs through the middle of their property. Increased recreationalist in the county have brought in more traffic. The Liskey's have spent approximately \$400 in purchasing signs to post asking drivers to slow down, and indicating private property. In the 3 years the owners have lived there, the road has been graded 1 time, leaving the steep incline toward the end of the property impassable at certain times of the year, leaving travelers stuck. The property owner currently grades the road himself. There is a 'by-pass' road, laying on the edge of the property adjacent to BLM property that could possibly be used if constructed properly. Sheriff Grant said he feels the only way to eliminate the traffic hazard problem would be to close the current county owned road and use the 'by-pass' road. No action was taken as the Board will continue to work on the issue.

At 11:15 a.m. Murphy resident Ross Gruenwald met with the Board to discuss the County Nuisance Ordinance that is currently being reviewed. He suggested something be put in the ordinance regarding property owners' animals being properly contained so as to not "trespass" on neighboring property owners. The issue will continue to be discussed and no action was taken.

At 11:30 a.m. Owyhee County Public Defender William Wellman met with the Board for an update on his contract. No action was taken.

The Boise District BLM Coordination was held at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to amend the agenda to include a letter to Secretary Bernhardt and Brian Steed with BLM because of time constraints. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Secretary Bernhardt and Brian Steed with BLM regarding Federal Grazing Management in Owyhee County. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Lara Douglas with BLM regarding a comment on the use of helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and other motorized vehicles for wild horse management. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2019.



Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk