

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
April 22, 2019
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Treasurer Dygert, Assessor Gruenwald, Sheriff Grant, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Planning and Zoning Supervisor Huff, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Owyhee County Historical Preservation Committee Members Kenneth Jantz & Jim Hawe, Representative Megan Blanksma, Congressman Fulcher and his staff member Dirk Mendive and Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche.

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

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the hiring request for Tony Aguirre as a Marine Deputy effective April 22, 2019 at the rate of \$14.76 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the hiring request for Coleen Studor as Victim Witness Coordinator effective April 22, 2019 at the rate of \$14.76 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to set the polling place for the May 21, 2019 Recall Election, Precinct 009, Eastern Owyhee Library, Grand View, Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 2020 Indigent Defense Grant Application. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve sending a letter to Governor Little to invite him to a Range Tour to be held on June 6, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Retail Alcoholic Beverage License 2020-1 for Jon Pennington doing business as JC Landing, Grand View, ID. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Retail Alcoholic Beverage License 2020-2 for Pairadice Café & Lounge, LLC, Marsing, ID. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity case 19-19. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Representative Megan Blanksma addressed the Board and gave highlights of the 2019 Legislative Session. She said that she has been appointed to a task force to find avenues for funding for the Medicaid expansion. The task force will be working on this all through the summer and hopes to have some solid ideas put together before the next legislative session. She invited the Board to share any

ideas or comments. She also introduced a bill to allow counties to assess fees for out of county sales but the bill had no support and failed. She also worked on a bill to waive the zone requirements for board members of small districts that did not make it and will be introducing it again next year. There is another task force that is working on the rural broadband issue and they are looking for ways to incentivize building out through tax credits. Other things they are working on are a Community Paramedic Program and a Needle Exchange Program. Other bills that failed but will be re-introduced in the next session include transportation surplus eliminator, land valuation appeals and flat fee recording.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve liens on Indigent and Charity cases 19-26, 19-27, 19-28 and 19-29. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-18. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-27. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.


Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-28. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

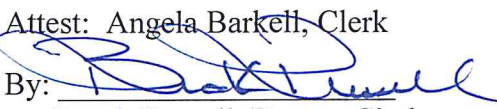
At 9:45 a.m. Historical Preservation Committee Members Kenneth Jantz and Jim Howe addressed the Board. They reported that several Silver City Residents have made improvements on their properties without going through the proper channels. Some would just need approval by the HPC while others may actually need to purchase building permits. They do not feel they have enough authority. The Board will have the Prosecutor follow up with letters to the offending parties. They also stated that they need to add new Board members and reappointment of others, but do not have anyone interested. The rotation needs to be figured out again, as too many are ending terms at the same time.

At 10:11 a.m. Congressmen Fulcher addressed the Board. He said regardless of what you see on the news, good things are still happening. He believes that the Federal Government has the responsibility to maintain the land in our State as they are effectively the "Landlord" and we are the tenants. He understands how hard it is to govern as tenants at the County level. He is working on spreading the message and believes that most of the issues come from a lack of understanding how hard it is to govern as a tenant when you have ineffective landlords.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center in Caldwell.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2019.


Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk
By: 
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk