

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
May 6, 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, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Dickinson, 911 Supervisor Woods, Deputy Auditor Gerthung, Brianne McCoy with Public Defense Commission, Homedale Police Chief Eidemiller, Citizen Doug Hipwell, Kendall and Tammy House with Boise State University, CPA Jared Zwygart, Jeff Merrick with US Census Bureau, citizen Bill Earl and Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche.

Departmental budget meetings will begin on June 18<sup>th</sup> and finish on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

A Fire Planning Workshop will be held on May 14, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Museum.

In old business, the April 1, 2019 State Disaster Claim for the River Road Project, was corrected due to an incorrect amount.

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 bill from the following funds; motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Current Expense	\$202,256
Road and Bridge	\$17,161
District Court	\$1,175
Fair, County	\$.10
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$23,903
Probation	\$2,194
Health District	\$4,660
Historical Society and Museum	\$580
Indigent and Charity	\$45,965
Revaluation	\$1,047
Solid Waste	\$19,832
Tort	\$1,000
Weeds	\$1,378
911	\$3,406
County Vessel	\$94
Waterways	\$2
Taxing District	\$640
Auditors Trust	\$3,309
County Vessel Trust	\$525

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Capital Crimes bills for Indigent and Charity. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the following 2020 liquor licenses. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

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| #3 Y-Bar & Café – Homedale         | #11 Logan’s Market – Marsing                 |
| #4 The Spot Pizza – Marsing        | #12 The Bowling Alley – Homedale             |
| #5 Idaho Hotel – Silver City       | #13 Grand View Gas – Grand View              |
| #6 Murphy Store & Café – Murphy    | #14 Gem Stop - Marsing                       |
| #7 Bruneau One Stop – Bruneau      | #15 Cowboy’s Pastime – Bruneau               |
| #8 Jackson’s Food Store - Homedale | #16 Rebecca’s Market & Restaurant – Homedale |
| #9 Grand View Store – Grand View   | #17 Del Rio Restaurant - Homedale            |
| #10 Owyhee Motor Sales – Homedale  | #18 Alberstons #3366 - Homedale              |

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality recognized the Murphy Water System with a State Certification and plaque.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10: Destruction of temporary documents from the Owyhee County Jury Commissioner. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Sheriff’s part time hire of Ron Johnson for courthouse security at \$14.76 per hour, to begin on May 6, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Treasurers hire of Gentry Stoumbaugh as Deputy Treasurer, at \$13.75 to begin on May 13, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Brianne McCoy with the Public Defense Commission met with the Board for the quarterly update. She encouraged the Board to write a letter voicing their concerns about issues they feel need addressed to the Public Defense Commission and the Executive Director.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity case 19-30 and 19-31. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-31. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent & Charity case 19-23. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent & Charity case 19-21. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent & Charity case 29-26. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Dr. Kendall House with Boise State University met with the Board as he is conducting a Southwest District Health research project for the newly open Crisis Center in Canyon County. He will be

reaching out to members of the communities of Bruneau, Grand View and Marsing regarding mental health issues.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) communicate with legal counsel regarding possible litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:46 a.m.

Jeff Merrick with the US Census Bureau met with the Board to discuss the importance of cooperation from citizens to fulfill their duty to complete the census forms. He encouraged the Board to promote the census to individuals in the county.

Jared Zwycart with Zwycart, John and Associates CPA met with the Board for the 2018 audit report. The county was in accordance with all professional standards. Overall the county was \$627,000 under budget. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to accept the 2018 audit report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Bill Earl, with Bill Earl Excavation, met with the Board to discuss the use of the Silver City Road for hauling from the former Silver Falcon Mine. Traffic will include 4 trucks hauling 5 loads per day (with no pilot car), Monday through Thursday, July through October, weather permitting, with his company taking over the maintenance. If at all possible, they would also like to do some winter plowing as long as possible. No action was taken as the Board advised to draw up an agreement.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Donn Christensen, BLM Owyhee Field Office Manager, regarding a follow-up of the April 8, 2019 letter sent regarding the wild horse gather. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

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Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

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