

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
May 13, 2019
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Aberasturi, Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Treasurer Dygert, Assessor Gruenwald, Treasurer Dygert, Probation Supervisor Cardenas, Sheriff Civil Clerk White, Road and Bridge Supervisor Rittenhouse, Sheriff Grant, Planning and Zoning Supervisor Huff, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Ryan Montoya and Diane French with Idaho Department of Lands, Austin Terrell and Thadd Stram with Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Elliott Traher with Bureau of Land Management Jarbidge Field Office and Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche.

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

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2019 Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

The Public Defender Extension Agreement was tabled.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the temporary, part-time Probation Office receptionist hire of Dazsha Zamora to begin June 1, 2019 at \$10.93 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the hiring of Joseph White as mechanic / operator for both Road and Bridge departments, to begin May 28, 2019 at \$18.00 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Sheriff's part-time hire of Ed Collett for Courthouse Security, at \$14.76 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-11: to open Bachman Grade Road effective May 13, 2019 and to open Silver City Road effective May 20, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve signing the Southwest District Health Department proxy allowing Commissioner Aberasturi to vote at the annual budget meeting on Chairman Hoagland's behalf. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity case 19-32. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-25. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 19-29. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 19-30. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. a pay scale discussion was held. No action was taken.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Joh Ruhs, State Director Bureau of Land Management, inviting him to attend the June 6, 2019 rangeland tour. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

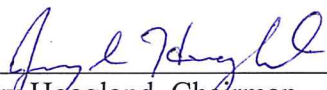
At 11:15 a.m. Indigent and Charity hearing for case 18-41 was held. Present were Commissioners Hoagland, Aberasturi and Merrick, Hearing Officer Desmond, Indigent and Charity Clerk Evans, Deputy Clerk Russell. No other parties were present. Hearing Officer Desmond admitted into the record Exhibit 1, Application, Exhibit 2, Medical and Exhibit 3, Correspondence. Clerk Evans recommended to the Board to affirm the January 7, 2019 decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 18-41. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to affirm the January 7, 2019 decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 18-41. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:30 Diane French and Ryan Montoya with Idaho Department of Lands (IDOL) met with the Board for an update on the Owyhee Land Exchange. This has been an ongoing project for 4 years and is close to being wrapped up. Initial valuations were complete with a \$1.4 million difference, in the States favor, and finally ending up with a \$30,000 difference with the State exchanging 23,878 acres with a value of \$5,331,000 and BLM land of 31,030 acres at a value of \$5,361,000. This final valuation will go to the Land Board in July or August and IDOL anticipates closing the exchange soon after. If approved, the exchange will be in 'fazed' closing to maintain vehicle access. Permit (Lease) lengths will remain the same, 10 years, or the lessee will have the option of 1 to 5 years. With the State gaining slightly more land, there will be a minimal decrease to the county's annual Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

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


There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2019.



Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk