

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
February 24, 2020
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Merrick and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Treasurer Dygert, Prosecuting Attorney Phillips, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Chief Deputy Assessor Hinton, Planning and Zoning Clerk Tuttle, Indigent and Charity Clerk Evans, Residents Gary Ackerman, H. Richard Hill, Mike Huff and Keith Wheeler and Jordan Zwygart with Zwygart and Associates. Commissioner Aberasturi was absent.

In old business, Commissioner Merrick made a motion to accept the Special Warranty Deed from Idaho Power for 1.91 acres of land off Wilson Cemetery Road to allow access for property owners on Nighthawk Lane. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the fairgrounds new hire of Steve Sloyer as ground-keeper, to begin on March 1, 2020 at \$15.00 per hour, with 20 hours per week. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to table the Modification Exercising Option Year Two for the Owyhee Road Maintenance Contract for Mountain Home AFB for further clarification. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06: To Sell Owyhee County Automobile (2005 Ford Taurus) at Public Auction on March 9, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Sparklight Internet / Phone contract for the Homedale Magistrate Courts for 36 months at \$248.93 per month, and to authorize Chairman Hoagland to sign on the Boards behalf. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2020-05. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 20-03, 20-07 and 20-08. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 20-07. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 20-05, Idaho Code §31-3502, Owyhee County is not the last resource. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. the continuation of the partial plat vacation Trinity Rock Subdivision was held. In attendance were Commissioners Hoagland and Merrick, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Gary Ackerman, H. Richard Hill, Mike Huff, Treasurer Dygert and Hearing Examiner Desmond. Commissioner Hoagland recused himself. Hearing Examiner Desmond was appointed at the February 18, 2020 meeting as there would not be a quorum as Commissioner Aberasturi would be absent and Commissioner Hoagland had previously recused himself, and to delay the hearing was not feasible. As the Hearing Examiner, he makes the final decision, and if the decision is appealed it goes back to the Board of County Commissioners. Exhibit 1 – Proof of Notice, Exhibit 2 – Commissioner meeting minutes from the February 18, 2020 appointing the Hearing Examiner and Exhibit 3 – Ingress / Egress Easement with parties were admitted in to the record. H. Richard Hill, Mike Huff and Gary Ackerman were sworn in. All parties agree the Ingress/Egress Agreement was done in good faith and are satisfied. No objections from either party. Hearing Examiner Desmond granted the partial vacation of the plat. Treasurer Dygert will check that all applicable taxes are current.

At 10:30 a.m. Jordan Zwygart with Zwygart and Associates, CPA met with the Board to discuss the 2019 financial audit. The monthly reports are accurate and there are no issues to report, ending the year in a strong position. Mr. Zwygart stated the county is in a good fiscal position. The approval of the audit will be made on Monday March 2, 2020.

Keith Wheeler met with the Board to discuss purchasing a piece of property currently used as the Sheriff storage / impound area in Murphy. The Board did not take the purchase under consideration. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2020.

Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: _____
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk