

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
March 2, 2020
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Merrick, Aberasturi and Hoagland, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Treasurer Dygert, Prosecuting Attorney Phillips, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Jail Commander Vincent, Sheriff Grant, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Indigent and Charity Clerk Evans 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 and pay all outstanding bills from the following funds; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Current Expense	\$33,514
Road and Bridge	\$12,837
District Court	\$921
Probation	\$274
Health District	\$4,604
Historical Society & Museum	\$1,086
Indigent & Charity	\$32,611
Jr. College Tuition	\$550
Solid Waste	\$6,495
911	\$4,397
County Vessel	\$1,054
Taxing District Elections	\$1,935

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to pay the Capital Crimes Defense bills for Indigent and Charity in the amount of \$14,491.61. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07: To Sell Owyhee County Automobile (2000 Ford Taurus) at Public Auction on March 9, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-08: Destruction of 2015 Indigent and Charity records. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the 2019 financial audit by Zwygart and Associates that was presented at the February 24, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the new hire of Laura Anglin, as administrative assistant for the University of Idaho Extension Office. Laura was formerly employed with the Assessors Office and will be a lateral transfer. Employment at the Extension Office will begin March 10, 2020 at \$14.36 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the modification exercising option year 2 for the Owyhee road maintenance contract for Mountain Home Air Force Base, and to authorize Chairman Hoagland to sign on the Boards behalf. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

The public hearing scheduled for March 9, 2020 amending Ordinance 2010-03: ATV, UTV and Motorbikes on certain roadways was postponed until a later date pending further discussion.

At 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a)(b) personnel matters and (f) possible litigation. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Merrick – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:25 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Michael Clarke met with the Board to discuss the conditional use permit fee for residential solar systems in Owyhee County. He feels the current fee of \$3000 is too high for residential solar systems, understanding commercial systems are in a different category. He discussed how all surrounding counties, as well as other Idaho counties do not structure their residential solar systems fee this way. The Board asked Mr. Clarke to make a “proposal” on his idea of an economical fee or the residential systems. Mr. Clarke agreed and will get back to the Board at a later date.

At 11:00 a.m. Indigent ad Charity hearing for case 19-58 was held. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (d) records exempt from public disclosure. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Merrick – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to continue Indigent and Charity case 19-58 until April 13, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a letter to Seth Flanigan with Bureau of Land Management regarding the Owyhee County scoping comment on grazing regulations revision. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2020.

Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: _____
Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk