

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 11, 2020

OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

\*\*TELE-CONFERENCE MEETING\*\*

Present during the meeting were Commissioners Hoagland, Merrick and Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell, Assessor Gruenwald, Treasurer Dygert, Indigent and Charity Clerk Evans, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Sheriff Deputy Hoagland and Bishop, 911 Supervisor Kipper, residents Peggy and Mike Dempsey and Meghan Moore with Moore-West Realty, via Zoom, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Probation Supervisor Cardenas, Prosecuting Attorney Phillips, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche, Billy McWinn, Pattie Best and Russ Hahn with Idaho Power, David Blood with SpeedyQuick, Don Christiansen with BLM, Brody Miller with Farm Bureau, Rhiannon Kamo with Southwestern Idaho Desert Racing Association, Sandra Mitchell with Idaho Recreation Council and Bruce Hadley.

In departmental issues, Assessor Gruenwald reported the Marsing and Murphy DMV will be opening on Monday May 18, 2020, and will most likely be by appointment only.

The Board reviewed a residential solar power fee waiver from Michael Clarke. The Board will hold off on responding until after the May 27, 2020 public hearing regarding solar panel installation fees. Mr. Clarke will be notified of this decision.

David Blood with SpeedyQuick met with the Board to discuss the agreement he brought forth prior regarding the tower on Wilson Peak. The Board informed Mr. Blood to contact BLM regarding the contract to begin moving forward.

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

At 9:45 a.m. Peggy and Mike Dempsey met with the Board to discuss the Oreana Subdivision they purchased in 1989. The Dempsey's are concerned with the work that entails moving forward with selling / building on the subdivision lots. The Board explained the engineering process to bring these roads up to county specs. No action was taken.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 RS2477 Road Validation Hearing. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve (3) 2021 Retail Alcoholic Beverage License to: License #9 – Idaho Hotel Inc. dba The Idaho Hotel, License #10 - Manuel Ramos dba Del Rio Restaurant, License #11 – Jeanine B. Olsen Estate dba Black Sands Resort. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 2021 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Probation Department Building Lease Agreement with Sheldon Family Homedale Limited Partnership in the amount of \$770 per month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Idaho Power representatives Pattie Best, Billy McWinn and Russ Hahn discussed the process for installation requirements and the process for residential solar panels. No action was taken.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the pay correction for Dispatcher Paul Rhodes from Grade 6 at \$14.76 per hour to a grade 7 at \$15.50 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the pay increase of Probation Department employee Kylie Miller at a grade 8 and \$16.74 per hour. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Local Rural Highway Investment Program FY21 LRHIP Grant in the amount of \$12,500. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the Stage 1 Protocols for Youth Activities and COVID19. A request has been made to hold a high school rodeo the first weekend in June at the fairgrounds in Homedale. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to allow the event to be held as long as the protocols are followed set forth at that time. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Office Records Retention and Document Destruction Policy. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded by the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to place a line on Indigent and Charity case 20-14. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to deny Indigent and Charity case 20-09. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Indigent and Charity case 20-10. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

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

A discussion was held regarding Owyhee County responsible recreating. The Board will be getting the groups maps with designated travel areas for off highway vehicles and would appreciate their input on any safety or other issues associated with the roads. A hearing will be held at a later date to designate and clarify these roads. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

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