

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 18, 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, Prosecuting Attorney Phillips, Sheriff Grant, 911 Supervisor Kipper, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Fairgrounds Director Loucks, Southwest District Health Department Director Nikki Zogg, Chief Deputy Assessor Prohl and resident Richard Kershner. Viz Zoom – Natural Resources Director Desmond, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Sarah Andrade, Christina Cunningham and Timothy Hoekstra with Western Idaho Community Crisis Center, Troy Cunningham with Southwest District Health Department, Boise District BLM representatives, Rangeland Consultant Gibson and Billy Wolfe.

The Board discussed hiring an appraiser for the county owned property that Dale Van Es is interested in. A quote is being prepared.

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

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to pay all outstanding bills from the following funds; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Current Expense	\$44,038
Road and Bridge	\$24,925
Airport	\$5,804
District Court	\$278
Fair, County	\$381
Fair, Grounds and Bldgs.	\$174
Probation	\$1,475
Historical Society & Museum	\$576
Indigent and Charity	\$23,148
Revaluation	\$6,855
Solid Waste	\$13,244
Weeds	\$491
911	\$3,256
County Vessel	\$1,523
Waterways	\$100
Off Highway Vehicles	\$2,052
Auditors Trust	\$5,683

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Commissioner Aberasturi as the Southwest District Health Department annual budget hearing proxy for Owyhee County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-17: To Open Bachman Grade Road and Silver City Road effective May 22, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-18: Good Cause Exists for the requested revision to the CAFO fee schedule to change from a base fee of \$5,500 for the first 5000 animals plus additional .25 cents per head above 5000 to a revised fee schedule which will be \$5,500 base fee plus \$100 addition for each additional 1,000 head. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve (5) 2021 Retail Alcoholic Licenses for the following; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

License 12 – Owyhee Motor Sales, Inc. dba Owyhee Motor Sales  
License 13 – Jonathon Wayne Pennington dba JC Landing  
License 14 – Cynthia Mae Dinger dba Cowboy’s Pastime  
License 15 – Alejandra’s 2 LLC dba Alejandra’s Mexican Restaurant  
License 16 – Salvador Salinas dba Salinas Raiders Express Cafe

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Independent Contract Agreement with David James Ferdinand to perform GIS updating to a new software program for the Sheriff’s Department, at \$20 per hour, not more than 30 hours per week, not to exceed 100 total hours. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the seasonal hire of Alvin Davison to Road and Bridge #1 as equipment operator, to begin May 18, 2020 at \$18 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the quote for the installation of additional bleachers at the fairgrounds from Bleachers International in the amount of \$18,600.00, and to authorize Chairman Hoagland to sign on the Boards behalf. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a letter to Michael Clarke regarding the decision on residential solar panel fees. The decision was made to wait until the public hearing regarding those fees is held and make a final decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a), (b) & (f) personnel issues and 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 10:00 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Nikki Zogg, Southwest District Health Department Director, met with the Board, and Sarah Andrade, Christina Cunningham and Timothy Hoekstra with Western Idaho Community Crisis Center, and Troy Cunningham with Southwest District Health Department, joined the meeting via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was for the FY21 budget request. A 1.5% increase was proposed. No action was taken.

At 1:00 p.m. Marsing resident Richard Kershner met with the Board to discuss a land use / taxing issue. His property is taxed as residential, with no 'residence' currently on the property that sits in the Agriculture Zone. Mr. Kershner would like to sell the property with the ability to obtain a building permit to the buyer. Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Prosecuting Attorney Phillips, Assessor Gruenwald and Chief Deputy Assessor Prohl discussed the issue and, as there are many parcels in the county with the same issue. In time, they will pin point all of these properties and inform the owners that a 1-year time line will be set to obtain a building permit and begin inspections, or the residential status will be removed and building will not be allowed without going through the Conditional Use Permit process. Mr. Kershner will be informed when this happens.

At 1:00 p.m. the Boise District BLM Coordination Meeting was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

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