

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
December 28, 2020  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY  
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Aberasturi and Commissioner Merrick, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, Treasurer Dygert, Chief Deputy Assessor Prohl, Sheriff Grant, Sheriff Bishop, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Deputy Vincent, Sarah Kipper, and Linda & Ken Jantz. Via Zoom – Natural Resources Director Desmond, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche.

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 approve the 12-21-20 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the memorandum of decision and order July 7, 2020 hearing on roads closed to OHV travel pursuant to Owyhee County Ordinance 20-03. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Owyhee Annual road and Street Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Tax cancellation on Parcel No MHAM0070040070, Homeowners tax in the amount of \$51.54 and Solid Waste tax of \$61, for a total of \$112.54. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the hire of Madison Anderson for the roll of County Agent part-time Extension Office help at the County Agent's Office in Marsing at \$12 per hour to start on January 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Kenneth Jantz addressed the Board stating that both Jim Hawe and he are interested in serving another term on the Historic Preservation Committee. He also commented that the committee would like to see someone that lives in Owyhee County be appointed to the open position. It was stated that Mr. Dick Freund from Murphy had previously expressed an interest on serving on this committee. Mr. Hawe will reach out to him.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the reappointment of Kenneth Jantz and Jim Hawe to the Owyhee County Historic Preservation Committee for an additional term of four years each, expiring January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the hire of Kasey Freelove for the roll of Marsing DMV Assessor at \$13.82 per hour to start on December 28, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the hire of Kevin Bowen for the roll of DMV Assessor at \$15.38 per hour to start on January 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the bid from Idaho Electrical Service, INC for Courtroom #1 to provide labor for removing existing light fixtures, provide and install 21 new LED light fixtures and to dispose of the old light fixtures. The total cost is \$5,595. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick and carried.

Sheriff Grant proposed pay increases for all law enforcement personnel stating that many employees are looking at neighboring counties for higher paying jobs. Commissioner Aberasturi said that is the same situation for most all county departments and it would have to be a county wide effort if we are going to make any changes. How the increases would be funded is another concern. The matter will be discussed further at a later date.

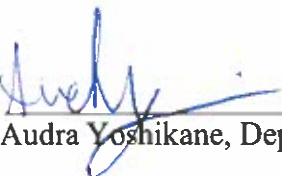
Commissioner Merrick made a motion to affirm the decision of October 5, 2020 to deny Indigent and Charity case 20-19 as supported by Idaho Code 31-3511 – applicant failed to cooperate with the county. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

  
Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By:   
Audra Yoshikane, Deputy Clerk