

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
January 11, 2021
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, Assessor Gruenwald, Prosecuting Attorney Phillips, Sheriff Grant, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Deputy Vincent, Louisa Basabe, and Crystal Grant. Via Zoom – Natural Resources Director Desmond, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche and Resident M. Meyers.

Swearing in ceremony for:

- Prosecutor Phillips
- Commissioner Hoagland
- Sheriff Grant
- Commissioner Aberasturi

Re-organization of the Board:

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Hoagland as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi; Commissioner Hoagland declined. Motion did not carry.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to appoint Commissioner Merrick as Chairman of the Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to appoint Commissioner Merrick as the District Magistrate Representative. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to maintain the remaining Commissioner duties as they were set in January of 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioners Hoagland and Aberasturi. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Aberasturi
 - o Southwest District Health Department Representative
 - o Treasure Valley Partnership Representative
 - o Weed Department Supervisor
 - o Probation Department Supervisor
- Commissioner Hoagland
 - o Road and Bridge #1 Supervisor
- Commissioner Merrick
 - o Road and Bridge #3 Supervisor
 - o Solid Waste Supervisor
 - o Planning & Zoning Supervisor

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to set the county burial fee at \$750.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioners Hoagland and Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to declare The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of Owyhee County. Motion was seconded by Commissioners Hoagland and Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to set the mileage reimbursement at \$.56 per mile, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service's standard mileage rate. Motion was seconded by Commissioners Hoagland and Aberasturi. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 1-4-2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the temporary hiring of Kelli Lathrop for the position of part time dispatcher with the Sheriff's Office, to begin on January 12, 2021, at the pay rate of \$17.00 an hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #2021-01. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

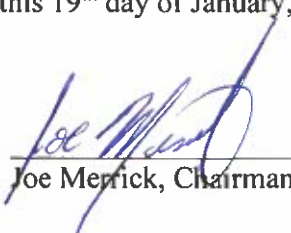
Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the lien on Indigent and Charity case 21-01. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the letter in response to appeal to St. Luke's for Indigent and Charity case 20-25. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 9:49 a.m. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) regarding potential for litigation. Commissioner Hoagland seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland – aye, Merrick - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:01 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2021



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Audra Yoshikane, Deputy Clerk