

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
February 22, 2021  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY  
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Merrick, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, Treasurer Dygert, Prosecutor Phillips, Attorney Creswell, Deputy Clerk Evans, Grounds & Maintenance Springer, Deputy Auditor Daulton. Via Zoom – Natural Resources Director Desmond, Planning and Zoning Director Huff, HFD Administrator Ryska, L. Church, and Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche and Resident M. Meyers.

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

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 2-8-21 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Lyndon Haines (Washington Co) and Keri Smith (Canyon Co) as Southwest District Health board members. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the new hire of Brandi Long with the Assessor's Office for the Grand View DMV, to begin on March 8, 2021, at the pay rate of \$13.30 an hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the 404 Permit regarding Design Study Report for the SIBBs KN 22594 Owyhee County Bridge to be conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and Idaho Department of Lands. This project includes the installation of a temporary shoo-fly on North Fork Boulder Creek and removing & replacing a bridge on North Fork Boulder Creek. The estimated start and finish dates for this project are Spring 2022 & Fall 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a letter to Congressman Simpson regarding dam breaching on the lower Snake River pertaining to the reasonable recover of salmon and development of renewable energy resources. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 9:35 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 10:00 a.m.

Discussion – A Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation project was discussed with Harry Nelson & Phil Rittenhouse and approval was given to draft an agreement with Paragon Consulting, Inc. Agreement will be submitted on the March 1, 2021 agenda.

Discussion – Homedale Rural Fire Department petitioned the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners for support in their application for a Community Block Grant to purchase land and build a new Fire & Ambulance building. A resolution of support will be submitted on the March 22, 2021 agenda.

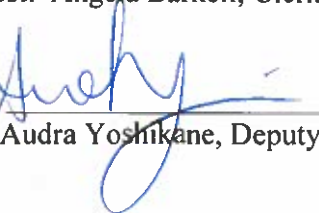
Commissioners met with Boise District BLM for their monthly coordination meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

  
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Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

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Audra Yoshikane, Deputy Clerk