

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
July 12, 2021
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Merrick, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, Assessor Gruenwald, Deputy Appraiser Monahan, Treasurer Dygert, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Prosecutor Phillips; N. Sullivan with Owyhee Watershed Council; from Integra Mine: T. Jordan, M. Spicher, E. Hendrickson, and M Stockton; and from White Cloud: J. Shelton and E. Smallwood. Via Zoom – Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche.

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

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the 07-06-2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the County's acceptance of the Ballot regarding Class 8(b) – Municipal Opioid Claims with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 2022 Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License #30 – Wild Lotus Coffee Bar. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Liquor Catering Permit for Owyhee County Rodeo for August 4, 2021 from 6:30 pm-1:00 am and August 5, 2021-August 7, 2021 from 6:30 pm-1:00 am. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the County Purchase of Parcel No. RPA0010050017A (8 N. 2nd St. W, Homedale) for \$292,336.82. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Three Creek School District's request to become an At-Large district instead of having Trustee Zones. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the vacation of December 28, 2020 Findings, Conclusions, and Order Memorandum: Modification of Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03 RE: Roads Closed to "OHV" Use. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Revised Findings, Conclusions, and Order Memorandum: Modification of Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03 RE: Roads Closed to "OHV" Use. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve and enact Owyhee County Ordinance 2021-01, modifying Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion passed.

The second quarter jail inspection was postponed until further notice.

Integra Mine Update – Tom Jordan, Mike Spicher, Emily Hendrickson, and Mark Stockton from Integra came presented an update of the mine's activities and answered questions from the Commissioners. Topics discussed included: best road to use to get from the valleys to the mine; potential road upgrades; shuttles for employees to

minimize traffic and any negatives that are associated with 50+ cars on small, dirt, mountain roads; the visual and auditory impacts from the mine; the footprint left on nature and how they are working to minimize any negative effects; and the company's desire to leave the support communities with sustainable business growth after the mine is depleted.

White Cloud – Joe Shelton and Eric Smallwood presented a Federal Grant opportunity for installing reliable high-speed internet to the majority of Owyhee County. Topics of discussion included: the parameters of the grant and partnering with neighboring counties for a stronger application.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Audra Yoshikane, Deputy Clerk