

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
 September 7, 2021
 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
 OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Merrick, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Treasurer Dygert, Natural Resources Director Desmond, Prosecutor Phillips, Assessor Monahan, Sheriff Grant Citizens Dale & Diana Hooley, Ann Wilson, Julio Zavala, Shawn McFadden, Gwen Kindstrono, Ed Vetter and Bryce Bealba representing Idaho Department of Parks & Rec. Also in attendance were Eric Jones representing Thunder Mountain Gold and citizens Steve & Cindy Derrick. Via Zoom – Todd Kleppinger with the Owyhee Avalanche, Planning Administrator Huff and Joshua Leonard representing the McFadden’s.

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 and pay all outstanding bills for the departments listed below. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expenses	\$71,477
Road and Bridge	\$76,239
District Court	\$ 1,036
Fair, Grounds & Buildings	\$ 558
Probation	\$ 1,184
Health District	\$ 4,507
Historical	\$ 5,735
Indigent Services	\$27,196
Revaluation	\$ 2,251
Solid Waste	\$19,257
911	\$ 6,819
County Vessel	\$ 665
Waterways Fund	\$ 2,011
Off Hwy Vehicles	\$ 893
Taxing District Elections	\$ 4,569

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 08-23-2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a bid from Boise River Fence Company to replace the fence at the Bachman Annex in the amount of \$10,578.00 with half down payment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the L2 Extension requests for City of Homedale, Three Creek Highway District and the Homedale School District for seven working days until September 16, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Contractors Pay Application #1 for the RV Project at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$79,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the Contract for Support Services Coordinator for Owyhee County Probation with Coleen Foster at the rate of \$30.00 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion for the promotion of Abby Deleon to legal assistant in the Prosecutors office at the rate of \$17.25 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion for the promotion of Colleen Studor to 911 Coordinator in the Sheriff's office at the rate of \$21.09 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a Subgrant with Department of Health and Welfare for the Victim Witness Assistance Grant in the amount of \$51,937.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions for Onsite Response-Local Dispatch and Software Support in the amount of \$14,943.31. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve College of Western Idaho Certificate of Residency 21-11. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve North Idaho College Certificate of Residency 21-01. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Lien on Indigent & Charity case number 21-13 pursuant to Idaho Code 13-3502(17) – Owyhee County is not the last resource. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(f) to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Commissioner Aberasturi – Aye, Commissioner Hoagland – Aye and Commissioner Merrick – Aye. Motion carried. No action was taken and regular session was resumed at 10:10 a.m.

At 10:15 the Board Convened a Public Hearing to take comment regarding the rezoning recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board for the land from Eagle Cove at Loveridge Bridge to Indian cove at the Hammett Bridge. Several citizens in attendance requested the Board leave the zoning as is and not allow new developments, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. One citizen and their attorney wanted to ensure that their private property rights would not be infringed upon by the Boards decision. Bryce Bealba spoke to the group about the Dark Sky application at the Bruneau Sand Dunes Park and the effect that development has Dark Sky areas.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Commissions recommendation to leave the zoning as agriculture. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:54 A.M the Board Recessed and reconvened as the Marsing Ambulance Board of Commissioners.

The Board reconvened as the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners at 11:00 A.M.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the wage increase for Audra Yoshikane to \$15.11. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the wage increase for Catie Canaday to \$14.36. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the wage increase for Aiesha Zenor to \$14.36. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the wage increase for Zoe Daulton to \$16.43. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Eric Jones with Thunder Mountain Gold gave the Board an update on the progress at South Mountain Mine. He stated that they are currently drilling underground and offered the Board a tour of the mine. The conditional use permit issued does require them to procure a road maintenance agreement with the county and they will be working on that. They anticipate busing employees from a location in the valley when they get to the production phase which would limit the impact on the roads. From the mine to the mill they will be using 20-ton trucks and from the mill to market with will you hauling 86,000-pound tarped loads. A mine tour will be scheduled before winter.

Citizens Steve and Cindy Derrick appeared before the Board to request reconsideration on an expired conditional use permit they were awarded in 2018. The permit expired in July of 2020 and they failed to exercise the renewal option. The Board will take the request under advisement.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2021.



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Audra Yoshikane, Deputy Clerk