

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2023
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Merrick, Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, PA Topmiller, Treasurer Dygert, HR Director Fahey, Natural Resource Director Desmond, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, Deputy Treasurer Long and Coroner Tines. Via Zoom – Probation Admin Smith and resident R. Johnson.

Old Business – Commissioner Hoagland motioned to approve the Idaho Gem Grant Reimbursement Request, Wilson Creek Rehab Project for \$31,952, with County match of \$6,390. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Chairman's signature for the Board on the Idaho Gem Grant Reimbursement Request, Wilson Creek Rehab Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Clerk Barkell swore into office Commissioner Merrick, Commissioner Aberasturi, Treasurer Dygert, and Coroner Tines. Commissioner Aberasturi swore into office Clerk Barkell.

Re-organization of the Board:

Commissioner Hoagland motioned to appoint Commissioner Merrick as Chairman of the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland motioned to appoint Commissioner Merrick as the District III Magistrate Commission Representative. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland motioned to appoint Commissioner Aberasturi as the Southwest District Health Department Representative and Treasure Valley Partnership Representative. Seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick motioned to keep the following supervisor positions as they currently are:

- Commissioner Hoagland as R&B #1 Supervisor;
- Commissioner Aberasturi as Weed Dept. Supervisor & Probation Dept. Supervisor;
- Commissioner Merrick as R&B #3 Supervisor, Solid Waste Supervisor, & P&Z Supervisor.

And to;

- Set the County Burial fee at \$750.00;
- Declare The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of Owyhee County
- Set the county mileage fee at the same rate as the State of Idaho, adjusting accordingly.

Seconded by Commissioners Aberasturi and Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland motioned to approve an emergency amendment to the agenda to add County Resolution 2023-02: Closing Mud Flat Road, starting at Perjue Canyon, due to weather related poor road conditions leading to several emergency rescues by the County Sheriff's Office within the past 2 weeks. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Resolution 2023-02: Closing Mud Flat Road, starting at Perjue Canyon, due to weather related poor road conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the claims report as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 25,464
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 11,083
District Court	\$ 339
Probation	\$ 169
Indigent Fund	\$ 20,943
Revaluation	\$ 320
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 217
Off Highway Vehicles Fund	\$ 170
Snowmobile Fund	\$ 157
Capital Project Fund/ARPA	\$ 9,765
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 5,000

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the West Valley Technical Services 2022 Security Audit. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the West Valley Technical Services 2023 Scope of Work Agreement, with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Treasurer's solid waste cancellation on Parcel RP02N05W145300, in the amount of \$63. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.


Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificate of residency for student 23-02 to College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

At 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was carried. Open session was resumed at 10:28 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners conducted the 2022 4th quarter jail inspection and reviewed the 2022 4th quarter department financial reports.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2023.



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Deputy Clerk