

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

April 8, 2024

OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Aberasturi, Commissioner Bachman, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, Deputy Treasurer Long, NRD Desmond, Sheriff Kendrick, Chief Crawford, Assessor Nettleton, R&B I Supervisor Rittenhouse, Building Inspector King, HR Director Fahey, P&Z Director Huff, PA Topmiller; and Jarbidge Dist. BLM: Joanna Tjaden.

Via Zoom –VWC Maund, Deputy Clerk King, Deputy Clerk Peterson, Deputy Clerk Evans; Jon Brown representing The Owyhee Avalanche; and residents: Helene Welch, Walt Holton, Victoria Collett, Tim Riha, Terry McGrew, Tammy Payne, Rochelle Fuqua, Michelle Spencer, Michelle Meyers, Karen Steenhof, John Robison, Heidi Murphy, Brecca Hipwell, Betsy Kendrick, Amanda Lowe, Luisa Jaca, Lori Collins, Scott Snyder, and Holly Reynolds.

Old Business

Tabled County comment letter to BLM regarding the Grand View Travel Management Plan.

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$192,493.13. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 33,430
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,107
District Court	\$ 3,032
Fair, Grounds & Buildings	\$ 171
Probation	\$ 188
Indigent and Charity	\$ 5,986
Revaluation	\$ 845
Solid Waste	\$ 12,349
Weeds	\$ 14,258
Waterways Fund	\$ 479
Capital Project Fund / ARPA	\$ 120,563
Interlock Device Fund	\$ 86

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the County Comment on APHIS Proposed Cricket Plan, Alternative B. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve the County Resolution 2024-11 – Proclamation in Support of Idaho’s Hidden Heroes. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve the Owyhee County Fair Board re Letter of Resignation from Jake Astorquia. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve 2025 Liquor License Renewal No. 1 for Golden Ocean Chinese Restaurant in Homedale. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Reviewed department quarterly reports and performed quarterly jail inspection.

Met with Jarbidge District BLM for monthly coordination meeting.

COUNTY RV ORDINANCE continued – Commissioner Bachman made clear that she knows an RV ordinance is needed in Owyhee County and absolutely wants to continue moving forward; PA Topmiller confirmed that the current County Code relating to the living in RVs can be amended. Commissioner Bachman encouraged the public to participate in this process. Commissioner Aberasturi made clear that law enforcement has to be a part of the amendments as it is no longer safe for the Commissioners and/or Planning & Zoning to approach the illegal and unsafe RV dwellings. P&Z Director Huff reiterated her request for a Code Enforcement Officer and spoke on the reason for the permit fees and stated that there are several ways to go about making sure that the County’s tax base (property owners) are not subsidizing wages for working being done for items that should largely be funded by permit fees. PA Topmiller went over amendment options to know how the Board would like to proceed. Moving forward, discussions between the Board and County residents will be part of the amendment process, making sure that a balance between the need for safety and rights for private land owners can be reached. And provisions for a code enforcement officer that are already in place for the County will be looked into for how to incorporate into the current RV ordinance amendments.

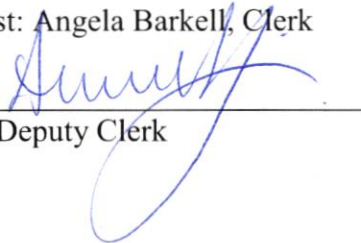
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2024.



Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Deputy Clerk