

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
 April 22, 2024
 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
 OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Aberasturi, Commissioner Bachman, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, Treasurer Dygert, NRD Desmond, Sheriff Kendrick, Assessor Nettleton, P&Z Director Huff, and Assistant P&Z Director Butler; representing U of I Extension Office-Surine Greenway; and representing Clearwater Financial-Christine Stoll.

Via Zoom – PA Topmiller, Assessor Nettleton, Engineer Cook, Clerk Barkell, and VWC Maund; representing the City of Marsing-Jolyn Thompson, Debbie Carter, and Kim Even; representing Clearwater Financial Jace Perry and Cameron Arial; and residents-Walt Holton, Victoria Collett, Karen Steenhof, Michelle Spencer, and Michelle Meyers.

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$41,905.15. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 25,835
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,135
District Court	\$ 500
Probation	\$ 750
Indigent and Charity	\$ 633
Solid Waste	\$ 148
911	\$ 12,582
County Vessel Fund	\$ 261
Off Highway Vehicles	\$ 60

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve Change Order #1 – additional valves & increase building size for the Fairgrounds Well House & Piping project in the amount of \$5,143.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve 2024 Liquor License #24 Transfer from Last Chance Saloon in Homedale to Liberty Lounge in Homedale. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff’s Office new hire of Chase S. Rhodes for full-time Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$21.32 per hour, effective April 29, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff’s Office new hire of Julie Morgan for full-time dispatch at the pay rate of \$23.00 per hour, effective April 22, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff's Office 'Graduation from POST Academy' pay raise for Patrol Deputy James Ferdinand from \$21.83 to 22.38 per hour, effective April 22, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff's Office reassignment of Paula Rhodes from part-time to full-time Dispatch Supervisor at the pay rate of \$26.00 per hour, effective April 29, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff's Office reassignment of Tearsy Freeman from full-time to part-time dispatch, remaining at the pay rate of \$21.90 per hour, effective May 4, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the following 2025 Liquor License Renewals Nos. 12 & 13. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

1. Fisher's Saloon in Homedale
2. Idaho Pizza Company in Homedale

At 9:29 a.m. Commissioner Bachman made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland – aye, Bachman – aye. Motion was carried. Open session was resumed at 9:43 a.m. No action was taken.

EXTENSION OFFICE – Part-time temporary help, U of I Funding – Surine received a one-time funding of \$6,400 from U of I to cover pay and fringe benefits for a seasonal, part-time educator position for 10.5 weeks of part-time work during the summer months and full-time hours the week before & the week of the County Fair. Surine also shared that interested persons may begin submitting applications for the full-time Educator position left open by the transfer of Scott Jensen.

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve \$6,400 from the general reserve line (with one-time funding to be provided by University of Idaho) for a seasonal, part-time educator for the County Extension Office, from May 12 - August 10, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Clearwater Financial – Christine Stoll reviewed the final master facilities plan, with updates requested by the Board during the previous meeting on September 11, 2023 and from conversations during the citizens committee meetings; Christine also provided space allocations for renovated & new buildings, as well as possible funding sources; project priority was also discussed.

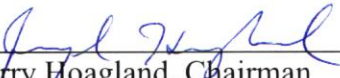
MORMON CRICKET ERUPTIONS – 2024 – Board discussed the need to start acting now with treatments; discussed a letter sent from BLM to USDA & APHIS regarding how and where the Mormon cricket instars can be treated; the Board was informed that only agriculture crops will be able to receive compensation from APHIS for lost crop due to Mormon cricket & grasshopper disruptions; the Board encouraged local ranchers to reach out to USDA/ISDA about how they may treat the instars on State and Federal land between now and when APHIS has a completed environmental assessment decision for treating the crickets & grasshoppers; questions from attendees about how the Board will proceed regarding putting pressure on BLM, APHIS, and USDA/ISDA; it was suggested that the Governor should be brought into the conversation to help

with conversations with the federal government about the need for urgency with treatments this year and future plans in place for earlier treatment plans. Commissioner Aberasturi shared information about the seven instars (stages of growth) and when spray and/or bait are effective: 1st & 2nd can spray, 3rd – 5th instars large enough for bait, 6th & 7th eat the dead ones, 7th primary just lay eggs, then die.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Natural Recourse Director Desmond writing a letter for the Board to send to the Governor Little, APHIS, and ISDA regarding the need for an immediate plan of action for the treatment of Mormon crickets and grasshoppers. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.


There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2024.



Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Deputy Clerk