

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
 June 24, 2024
 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
 OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Aberasturi, Commissioner Bachman, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, HR Fahey, Sheriff Kendrick, and NRD Desmond, and Assessor Nettleton; representing Bruneau River Soil Cons.- Chairman Russell Schiermeier, Admin. Brandi Long, & Bethany Gotts (also representing as Chairwoman of the Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Mgmt.); and residents- Doug Hipwell and Chad Nettleton.

Via Zoom – PA Topmiller, Treasurer Dygert, and Extension Educator Greenway; and residents – Walt Holton and Victoria Collett.

Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve the claims report as presented, in the amount of \$30,433.69. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 13, 467
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 500
District Court	\$ 393
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$ 4,876
Probation	\$ 72
Historical Society and Museum	\$ 140
Solid Waste	\$ 109
Off Highway Vehicles	\$ 771
Capital Project Fund/ARPA	\$ 10,000
Court Facilities	\$ 106

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff’s Office ‘Graduation from POST Academy’ pay raise for Detention Deputy Bailey Battaglia from \$20.29 to \$21.00 per hour, effective July 8, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the annual Call Works Service Agreement for County Dispatch, in the amount of \$24,007.32. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Resolution 2024-18 – Declaring Intent to Dissolve Ambulance District Subject to Process and Conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Bachman. Motion carried.

Bruneau River Soil Conservation District (BRSCD) Update with Russell Schiermeier – spoke about the growth within the quagga muscle program – working with Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office for boat checks in the Marsing & Bruneau areas, and public education to improve cooperation with public waterways users. Spoke about grants to assist with a projects and specialized employees and general funding for the current employees, which is now up to twenty-six (26). Spoke about the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) – updating


water systems in the Indian Cove area. Commissioner Aberasturi posed questions about BRSCD working with other agencies and other possible funding sources; the Board clarified who and how needs to reach regarding the creation of a taxing district for water conservation in the area covered by BRCSD.

Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Update with Bethany Gotts – gave a brief history and shared the names of the other members. Owyhee County is the sole funding source (\$18,000 in 2023). Noxious weed ‘control’ done in specific areas with only a few gallons of spray at a time. The team is working on inventory control so there is clarity about which chemicals and how much of each are in stock. Providing community education and outreach about best time for chemical application and contacting the management group for chemical to spray. Bethany spoke about the group’s plan moving forward for chemical storage and an increase in funding request that will be implemented in the future.

Tyson Road – Follow-Up with Doug Hipwell – Commissioner Hoagland clarified the timeline (fall time). Doug requested sooner due to farming timelines coming up the next couple of weeks; Commissioner Hoagland will speak with R&B 1 Supervisory Rittenhouse and Commissioner Bachman spoke with R&B 3 Supervisor Jewett; The Commissioners will coordinate to get the project completed as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this ^{8th day of July} ~~24th day of June~~, 2024.


Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

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