

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
August 18, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Chief Deputy Clerk Eubanks, Deputy Clerk King, Deputy Clerk Yoshikane, PA Topmiller, NRD Desmond, HR Director Fahey, Sheriff Kendrick, Treasurer Dygert, Deputy Treasurer Arellano, Assessor Nettleton, Fair Board Director Criffield, Museum Director Garsvo, R&B 1 Super. Fuquay, and R&B 3 Super. Jewett; representing NRC- Karen Steenhof; and representing BLM Boise Dist.- Aaron Rasmussen and Ammon Wilhelm.

Via Zoom – P&Z Director Huff, Extension Educator Greenway, and Engineer Barton; representing Big Sky Dairy- Justin Dunn and Dustin Vincent; representing AGProfessionals for Big Sky Dairy- Valene Cauhorn, Blake Visser, and Hannah Dutrow; representing Twin Falls Hwy Dist.- Kenny Spencer and Meghan Manring; and residents- Victoria Collett.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$29,506.41. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 8,810
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 1,060
District Court	\$ 123
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$ 17,500
Probation	\$ 333
Historical Society & Museum	\$ 974
911	\$ 303
Waterways Fund	\$ 39
Capital Project Fund / ARPA	\$ 365

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the agreement with Polder Mapping for GIS consulting services with a retainer amount of \$4,000, and with the signature of the Chairman for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to amend the public hearing date for adding/increasing county fees to September 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse in courtroom 2. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to table the amended land lease with County Museum & Library until August 25, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve a comment letter to BLM Bruneau Field Manager regarding the Geothermal Proposal for Owyhee County. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificates of residency 25-13 and 25-14 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve County Resolution 2025-33- Land Transfer from Owyhee County to Owyhee County Historical Society. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the warranty deed with reversionary interest conveying property from Owyhee County to the Owyhee County Historical Society. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board met to discuss the status of the Marsing DMV Parking Lot Lease. The Board also discussed sending a letter of support for Duck Valley's Casino Proposal.

At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Holton made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (a) personnel and (f) possible litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Holton – aye, and Bachman – aye. Motion carried. Open session was resumed at 10:47 a.m. No action taken.

At 10:40 a.m., the Board met with Attorney Gigray for clarification on setting a public hearing date for impact fees for Marsing Ambulance EMS, Marsing Fire District, and Homedale Fire District.

Commissioner Holton motioned to set a public hearing date for revision of the County Comprehensive Plan, and approval of capital improvement plans, new impact fees, and proposed ordinances for the Marsing Ambulance EMS District, Marsing Fire District, and Homedale Fire District on Monday, September 29th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

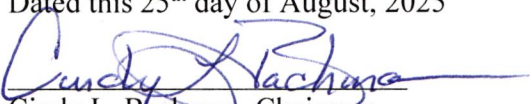
At 11:00 a.m., the Board met with Boise District BLM for a coordination meeting

At 1:00 p.m., the Board met with representatives from Big Sky Dairy and AGPROfessionals for further discussion on a road maintenance agreement.

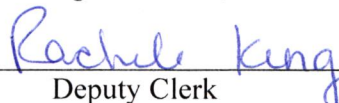
1:30 p.m., the Board discussed adding a ninth (9th) member to the County Energy Committee and general updates to the County Natural Resources Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2025


Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk