

# OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

August 25, 2025

## OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

*Present during the meeting were* – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk King, Natural Resource Director Desmond, HR Director Fahey, Sheriff Kendrick, Treasurer Dygert, Assessor Nettleton, Road & Bridge 1 Super. Fuquay, and Road & Bridge 3 Super. Jewett; Sid Erwin-resident

*Via Zoom* – PA Topmiller, P&Z Director Huff, Museum Director Garsvo, Engineer Cook, Engineer Barton, Victim Witness Coordinator Maund; representing Big Sky Dairy- Justin Dunn and Dustin Vincent; representing AGProfessionals for Big Sky Dairy- Valene Cauhorn, Blake Visser, Hannah Dutrow; and resident- Michelle Meyers.

Old Business- Discussion – The Commissioners discussed revisions they would like to see on the proposed Road Maintenance Agreement with Big Sky Dairy. Discussed quote submitted by Winn & Company, Inc regarding the proposed monthly road maintenance.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$148,984.06. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 26,628
Road and Bridge Fund	\$119,926
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$ 609
Probation	\$ 77
Revaluation	\$ 35
Solid Waste	\$ 1146
Waterways Fund	\$ 68
Off Highway Vehicles	\$ 157
Taxing District Election Fund	\$ 293
Child Safety Fund	\$ 44

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve adding additional comments to the County response regarding the Geothermal Leasing. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the amended 5 year land lease between Owyhee County and the Owyhee County Historical Society. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Resolution 2025-34 – Rescinding County Resolution 2025-01 and replacing County Resolution 2025-01. The voting precincts include North Homedale, South Homedale, North Marsing, South Marsing, Pleasant Valley, Wilson, Murphy, Oreana, Grand View, Bruneau, Riddle and Three Creek. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve sending letters to Fair Board Committee Members correcting their term expiration dates. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to sign the Right of Way Encroachment Application for the Homedale Justice Center Parking Lot with signature of the chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to table the Letter of Support for Duck Valley Casino Proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

HR Director Fahey asked the Commissioners for clarification of how many days before vacation hours can be used from the employees start date. It was confirmed that it will be 90 days. The information is being used to update the Personnel Manual.

Commissioner Holton motioned to table the Calyx-Weave Quote re Pay Scale Proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:00 am, a public hearing was held to take comment on the 2026 Owyhee County Budget. Citizen Sid Erwin offered comments to the Board regarding the use PILT funds and his support of the wage increases for county employees. No further comments were taken and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Resolution 2025-35 – Fixing the Owyhee County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 for \$22,745,639.00. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to sign the River Shores Estates Subdivision Agreement Modification. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to set a public hearing date for County Agricultural Protection Area on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to appoint Brenda Richards to the Owyhee County Energy Committee with the term effective immediately through completion. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificate of residency 25-07 to the College of Southern Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificates of residency 25-15 and 25-16 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.


At 11:00 a.m., the Board met with representatives from Big Sky Dairy and AGPROfessionals for further discussion on the road maintenance agreement. They discussed changing the terms of the proposed monthly road maintenance and will revise the agreement. They have scheduled to meet again next week.

At 12:00 p.m., the Board met with White Cloud representatives and discussed the ongoing fiber optic project. In order to move forward with the project, the County needed to sign an affidavit for a CUP with the County to install a tower.


Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to sign an affidavit for White Cloud to submit a Conditional Use Permit for a tower at the Owyhee County Shop Parcel # RP05S03E222400 for the Owyhee County Fiber Optic Project, with signature of the chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*CLB*  
Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September,  
~~25<sup>th</sup> day of August,~~ 2025

  
Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkett, Clerk

By:   
Deputy Clerk