

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
September 22, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Deputy Clerk King, HR Director Fahey, Sheriff Kendrick, Treasurer Dygert, Natural Resource Director Desmond, Engineer Cook, P&Z Director Huff, representing The Natural Resource Committee- Karen Steenhof, and residents- Louis Monson and Jerry Hoagland

Via Zoom –Clerk Barkell, PA Topmiller, P&Z Director Huff, Museum Director Garsvo, U of I Extension Educator Greenway, Fair Board Director Criffield, Sheriff Admin Basabe, residents-Michelle Meyers, Ted Blackstock, Randy Johnson and Brenda Richards

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$248,046.04. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 46,642
Road and Bridge Fund	\$148,031
District Court	\$ 459
Probation	\$ 1,173
Health District	\$ 9,694
Historical Society & Museum	\$ 923
Indigent & Charity	\$ 998
Revaluation	\$ 51
Solid Waste	\$ 14
Weeds	\$ 1,065
911	\$ 303
Waterways Fund	\$ 687
Off Highway Vehicles	\$ 4,117
Search & Rescue	\$ 14,875
Capital Project Fund	\$ 18,970
Child Safety Fund	\$ 44

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the September 8th, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held to set various fees of Owyhee County. No comments were taken and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Resolution 2025-39- Setting Various Fees of Owyhee County. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:22 a.m. The board met with City of Homedale's Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and City Clerk Alice Pegram in regards to setting new boundary lines for the City of Homedale area of impact. A hearing date was set to approve the new boundary lines.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the Homedale Area of Impact hearing for October 20th at 1:00 P.M Court room 2, Owyhee County Courthouse. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried

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

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve Amending the agenda to add a discussion with the Sage Grouse Working Group. It was added in due to time constraints of comment deadline. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

At 12:30 p.m. The board met with Jerry Hoaglund representing the Sage Grouse Working Group, he informed the Commissioners that he will be submitting comments for the Board to approve by September 29th.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to sign the Opioid G8 Participation Agreements with signature of the chairman of the board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve Resolution 2025-38- Transferring Service Weapon to Retiring Employee Lynn Bowman. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve removing a horse barn from the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to table the Life Flight Membership Agreement for more information until September 29, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to sign an Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands to replace a bridge on Davis Rd over Little Valley Creek with signature of the chairman of the board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve Sheriff's Office new hire of Daniel Monighetti for full-time Patrol Deputy, at the pay rate of \$22.47 per hour, effective September 22, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Polling Locations for November 5, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

1. Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale
 - a. Owyhee County Community Center
432 West Nevada Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
2. Precincts 003 & 004 – North & South Marsing
 - a. Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639
3. Precinct 007 – Murphy - mail-in for Bruneau-Grand View School Dist., this election only
 - a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128
Murphy, ID 83650
4. Precinct 008 – Oreana
 - a. Oreana Community Hall
18092 Oreana Loop Road
Oreana, ID 83650
5. Precinct 009 – Grand View
 - a. Grand View Community Center
501 Idaho Ave

Grand View, ID 83624

6. Precinct 010 – Bruneau
 - a. Bruneau American Legion Hall
32536 Belle Ave
Bruneau, ID 83604
7. Precinct 011 – Riddle (mail-in)
 - a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128
Murphy, ID 83650
8. Precinct 012 – Three Creek (mail-in)
 - a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128
Murphy, ID 83650
9. Precinct 013 – Absentee
 - a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128
Murphy, ID 83650

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve amending the agenda to not rescind Resolution 2025-37. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to amend the dates on Resolution 2025-37. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

The board had a discussion over zoom with Ted Blackstock, who has grazing rights on Elephant Butte an Owyhee County owned property, regarding Idaho Power installing a Weather Station. The intent is to keep good communication between the County and the Lessee.

At 1:30 p.m. The board discussed with Natural Resources Director Jim Desmond about the process of a P&Z Appeal and Land Use Plan Amendment Hearing. Among the topics discussed were expectations, hearing officer duties and order of the hearing.

At 1:59 p.m. Commissioner Holton made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (f) possible litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Holton – aye, and Bachman – aye. Motion carried. Open session was resumed at 2:37 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Holton motioned to table the Emergency Manager and Natural Resources Discussion for lack of time. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve a quote from Barney Harper Construction for the men's bathroom at the Owyhee County Community Center in the amount of \$2,072.00. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve a Building License Agreement from Syringa Networks to replace a cabinet on the Marsing DMV building. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

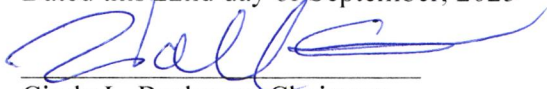
Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the County Certificate of Levies for Fiscal Year 2026 as presented with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificate of residency 25-08 & 25-09 to the College of Southern Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificates of residency 25-17 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this ^{29th} 22nd day of September, 2025


Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman
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Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk