

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
September 29, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were –Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk King, HR Director Fahey, Sheriff Kendrick, Natural Resource Director Desmond, Engineer Cook, Chief Deputy Clerk Eubanks and Deputy Treasurer Arellano.

Via Zoom –PA Topmiller, Museum Director Garsvo, U of I Extension Educator Greenway, Fair Board Director Criffield, representing The Natural Resource Committee- Karen Steenhof, residents-Jennifer Maund

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$152,348.21. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 16,597
Road and Bridge Fund	\$130,487
District Court	\$ 506
Fair, Grounds & Buildings	\$ 2,000
Probation	\$ 1,706
Revaluation	\$ 251
Solid Waste	\$ 425
Waterways Fund	\$ 376

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the September 22nd, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a quote from JCG Excavation for a berm at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds Parking Area in the amount of \$3,670. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a change order #4 from Desert View Construction for hydroseeding around the new sewer lagoon in Murphy. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a copier lease agreement for Planning and Zoning with Allied for \$265 a month. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to accept a letter of resignation and sign a letter of appreciation for April Binford who served Owyhee County on the Fair Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the catering permit for Gem Lounge for the Froadn Fabrication Fox Hunt, October 30th - November 1st, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a cleaning contract for the Owyhee County Justice Center with Lora Woodward in the amount of \$30 per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve signing a Service Agreement Extension with Digital Voice Technologies with a service term of October 1st, 2025-September 30th, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

The Commissioners heard from Jim Desmond, Natural Resources Director, regarding the Comment Letter to BLM in response to the sage grouse. He updated the Board with information that The Sage Grouse Working Group is waiting on comments and in order to miss the deadline of October 3rd they will need a signature from the commissioners before the next meeting.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the signing of a collaboration letter containing comments to the BLM from the Sage Grouse Working Group, Brenda Richards, Karen Steenhoff, Jim Desmond and Kelly Aberasturi before the next commissioners meeting to avoid missing a deadline. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve Idaho Power's Fire Weather Station Agreement. The Fire Weather Station will be located at Elephant Butte and has a term lease of 20 years with a lease amount of \$2,000 annually. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Idaho Department of Lands Mineral Bond Assurance for Instrument No. S00911 (5.6 acres), in the amount of \$250.00, and with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Idaho Department of Lands Mineral Bond Assurance for Instrument No. S00929 (1.5 acres), in the amount of \$100.00, and with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a contract with Jim Desmond for personal services as County Staff Coordinator to the Board of County Commissioner's for the year 2026 in the amount of \$31,250. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the fiscal year 2026 Life Flight Network Group Membership Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve signing a Support Letter for Owyhee County to apply for the America250 grant. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a Master Services Agreement with Idaho Tech Solutions for IT servicing Owyhee County in the amount of \$3,000 a month. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

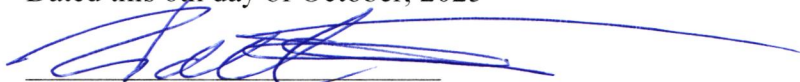
Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a Master Services Agreement with Idaho Tech Solutions for IT servicing Sheriff department in the amount of \$3,000 a month. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

University of Idaho Extension Agreement FY2026 was moved to October 6th, 2025.

At 10:17 a.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 11:15 a.m. No action taken.

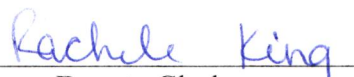
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2025



Walt Holton, Acting Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk