

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
October 20, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk King, HR Director Fahey, Assessor Nettleton, Natural Resource Director Desmond, Treasurer Dygert, Chief Deputy Clerk Eubanks, Sheriff Kendrick, Wilma Robertson representing Polder Mapping; residents – Brian King, Jethro Bachelor, Dallas Holton, Stacy Holton, Brenda Richards and Jerry Hoagland

Via Zoom – Commissioner Aberasturi, PA Topmiller, P&Z Director Huff, Engineer Cook, William Gigray and Jim Briggs representing Marsing Ambulance EMS District, Colin McAweeney representing Tischler Bise; Karen Steenhof representing NRC; Josh Royse, Rachel Curtis and Ryan Walrath representing Idaho Fish and Game; resident – Michelle Meyers

Old Business- Discussion – Commissioners discussed and approved a new job description for the Emergency Management position.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$22,858.23 Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 6,762
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 151
District Court	\$ 262
Fair, Grounds & Buildings	\$ 430
Probation	\$ 175
Historical Society & Museum	\$ 735
Revaluation	\$ 51
Solid Waste	\$ 13
911	\$ 305
Waterways Fund	\$ 28
Taxing District Election Fund	\$ 541
Capital Project Fund/ARPA	\$ 13,406

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the minutes from the October 14th, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the catering permit for The Depot Grub & Pub for Pumpkin Patch at Lunas Ranch for beer & wine only, October 25th, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. A combined public hearing was held for the following:

1. Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan Amendment – a hearing to consider amending the comprehensive plan to allow the adoption of capital improvement plans for the basis of establishing development impact fees.
2. To receive comments regarding the Owyhee County Commissioners intent to consider adoption of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District, Marsing Rural Fire Protection District and the Marsing Ambulance EMS District Capital Improvement Plans and Development Impact Fee Studies.

3. To receive comments regarding the Owyhee County Commissioners intent to impose the new development impact fees.
4. To receive comments regarding the Owyhee county commissioner's intent to consider adoption of the Owyhee County Fire Districts Development Impact Fee Ordinance for the purpose of imposing development impact fees for the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District, The Marsing Rural Fire District and the Marsing Ambulance EMS District systems improvements as identified in each of their Capital Improvement Plans.

Commissioner Bachman opened the hearing and invited Mr. Gigray to provide opening statements. Mr. McAweeney discussed the development of the impact fees and answered questions of the board. Commissioner Bachman called for public comment and none was offered. Commissioner Bachman closed the public hearing for further comment and the public hearing was concluded with the following actions:

Commissioner Holton motion to approve Owyhee County Resolution 2025-44, a resolution approving the Homedale and Marsing Rural Fire Protection District's Capital Improvement Plans and Marsing Ambulance EWMS District Capital Improvement Plan and Development Impact Fee studies. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Owyhee County Resolution 2025-45, a resolution to approve amending the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan to include a public service and facilities section and adding fire district services language and by reference, the Homedale and Marsing Rural Fire Districts and the Marsing EMS District capital improvement plans and development impact fee studies. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decisions, regarding the applications presented by Homedale Rural Fire, Marsing Rural Fire and the Marsing Ambulance EMS Districts to amend the Owyhee County Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Owyhee County Ordinance 2025-01 Amending the Owyhee County Code by the Addition thereto of a New Title 11 "Development Impact Fees". Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

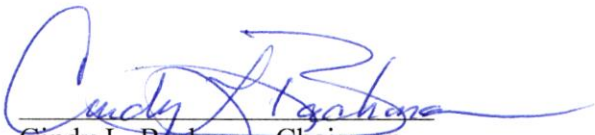
Commissioner Holton motioned to approve a transfer Liquor License No 19 from Fishers Saloon to The Ranch Homedale, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve certificate of residency 25-19 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

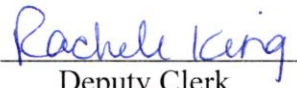
At 2:00 p.m. the Board met with Idaho Fish and Game in regards to Idaho Fish and Game's intentions to integrate 40 big horn sheep into our already established big horn sheep population to strengthen our wildlife population. They also answered the Commissioners and publics questions about hunting in Owyhee County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2025


Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk