

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
November 10, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk King, Assessor Nettleton, R&B 1 Supervisor Fuquay, Engineer Cook, Deputy Treasurer Arellano, Treasurer Dygert, Sheriff Kendrick, County Staff Coordinator Desmond, representing Owyhee Conservation District – Doug Hipwell; representing Strata – Dave Walrath and Rocky Benedetti; resident – Randy Johnson.

Via Zoom – PA Topmiller, Victim Witness Coordinator Maund, P&Z Director Huff, U of I Extension Educator Greenway, representing Owyhee Avalanche – Jon Brown; Samjhana Shrestha; representing City of Grand View – Clerk Brown, Dan Whitted, Dan Patterson, and Mayor Jon Pennington.

Old Business- Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Forsgren Associates Inc as the new Owyhee County Surveyor as a contractor. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$145,376.14 Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 34,656
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 13,053
District Court	\$ 1,008
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$ 394
Probation	\$ 179
Health District	\$ 9,100
Indigent and Charity	\$ 100
Solid Waste	\$ 12,804
911	\$ 7,211
Waterways Fund	\$ 634
Off Highway Vehicles	\$ 110
Taxing District Election Fund	\$ 66,126

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the November 3rd, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the Owyhee County Highway Standards and Development Procedures with signature of the chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Proposal for Cultural Resource Services provided by KM Consulting to do an archaeological survey required for the Murphy water system in the amount of \$5,553.59. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve pay application #8 Revised from Desert View Construction in the amount of \$369,487.30 for DEQ required changes around the new sewer lagoon in Murphy. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a Letter of Commendation for Hadlee Brown in recognition of winning the National FFA Creed Speaking Championship. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve an invoice for JCG Excavation LLC for a swale installed at the Homedale Fairgrounds parking lot in the amount of \$3,670.00. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Divine Lawn Care LLC for our winter parking lot maintenance services for the 2025-2026 winter season. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to table Pioneer Heating and Cooling – replacing the ice machine at the Owyhee County Center to the November 17th meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Road & Bridge 1's new hire of Calvin Carothers for part time call outs at the pay rate of \$24.00 per hour, a start date of 11/12/2025. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the Sheriff's request of a pay increase for Brant Monahan from \$24.67-\$25.38 effective date 10/01/2025. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

The Commissioners set the deliberation date for the P&Z Appeal Z25-04 KCE ID1 – Nixon for November 24th, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M. a public hearing was held to take comment on the proposed Agricultural Protection Area. P&Z Director Huff explained that an APA provides a voluntary process through which agricultural and timber producers of Owyhee County may make application to commit lands actively devoted to agriculture for future agricultural use. Commissioner Bachman closed the public hearing for further comment. The public hearing was concluded with the following actions:

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve Ordinance 25-02 - Owyhee County Agricultural Protection Area. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the tax cancellation for sixteen (16) parcels (see attachment) in the amount of \$9,171.42, due to homeowner's exemptions being turned in after Abstract, in accordance with House Bill 562. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificate of residency 25-20 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificate of residency 25-21 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

At 10:30 A.M. the Board met with the Owyhee Conservation District. District Member Doug Hipwell gave a brief report of their accomplishments this year which included; the Junior Livestock sale, Owyhee Dam Days, Library Story time, Four Scholarships awarded to high school graduates and sponsored a public tour of the Integra-DeLamar Mine. They are working on a fun project of building owl and kestrel nesting boxes for the Marsing/Homedale Cemetery for vole control and will be selling them to the public.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the acceptance of a Certification of Compliance with the Department of Army permit #0710-0003 for the Salmon Creek Bridge with the signature of R&B1 Supervisor

Aberasturi. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

At 11:00 A.M. the Board met with R&B Supervisor Fuquay to discuss Bachman Grade Road and how we can improve the road. Bachman Grade is not an all-weather road and poses many challenges to keep the road graded. Discussed were several different ways to remedy the current issues and work with the ranchers to find a good solution. Supervisor Fuquay will research options and keep the board informed of his findings.

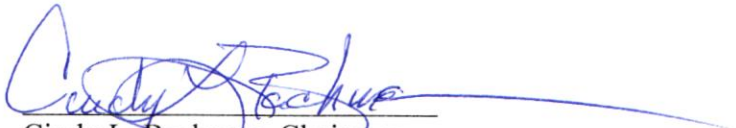
At 12:00 P.M. the Board canvassed the votes for the 2025 November Consolidated Election.

At 1:00 P.M. the Board met with the City of Grand View via zoom to discuss developing their Area of Impact. Commissioner Aberasturi and Commissioner Bachman scheduled to meet with their city officials to continue the discussion on Wednesday November 12th at 6:00 P.M.

At 1:32 P.M. Commissioner Holton made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (f) litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Holton – aye, and Bachman – aye. Motion carried. Open session was resumed at 1:47 P.M. No action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2025


Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk