

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
November 24, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk King, Clerk Barkell, PA Topmiller, HR Director Fahey, Treasurer Dygert, Sheriff Kendrick, County Staff Coordinator Desmond, Deputy Treasurer Arellano, representing Cowboy Christmas – Becky Tester and Debbie Long; citizens Randy Johnson, Judy Good, Jessie Miller, Landon Brown, Peter Zullo, Connie Brandau, Richard Brandau, Suzanne Nixon, Lawrence Nixon, Zach Nixon and Leon Lekor

Via Zoom – Assessor Nettleton, Museum Director Eriks Garsvo, Victim Witness Coordinator Maund, P&Z Director Huff, Probation Administrator Ivy Smith, Deputy Treasure Arrellano, Deputy Treasurer Stoumbaugh, PA Secretary Schlapia, citizens - Lisa Miller, Catie Kershner, Anita Gonzalez, Lauren Mink, Amanda Snyder, Michelle Meyers, Karen Steenhof, Trenton McRae, Jo Dee Arnold, Anna Price, Melissa McRae, Taylor Quarles, Josie Nash, Brenda Richards, Anita Miller, Chris Linsmayer, Samjhana Shrestha, Devon Johnson, Anita Miller, Elaine Eldridge, Josie Grim, Rachel Goldwasser, Jemma King and Robin James.

Old Business- Commissioner Bachman motioned to approve a Special Meeting for Wednesday November 26th at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of deciding if the County would appoint a prosecutor or contract. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$52,689.56. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 41,066
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 504
District Court	\$ 314
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$ 126
Probation	\$ 77
Revaluation	\$ 477
Solid Waste	\$ 113
911	\$ 350
Waterways Fund	\$ 77
Taxing District Election Fund	\$ 85
Sheriff's K9 Fund	\$ 9,500

Minutes were moved to next week's agenda.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a contract with the Department of Health and Welfare Child Support Program with the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$40,000 with the signature of the Chairman for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dygert presented the 4th Quarter Report from the Treasurer's Office to the Commissioners for their signatures.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a contract for Winter Maintenance Service Agreement with

Divine Lawn Care with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to deny the Certificate of Residency #444613. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. The Board met with Becky Tester representing Bruneau Cowboy Christmas for discussion. Clerk Barkell read a letter of appreciation from the Board of County Commissioners to Becky for her vision and dedication in creating and growing Bruneau Cowboy Christmas. The Board discussed their concerns with the growth and offered to help in mitigating the growth challenges and to create a committee to help put together ideas to help with the growth pains. The Committee will meet sometime during Christmas break with the goal of putting together a Resolution to help navigate the challenges with the large gathering.

At 11:00 A.M. The Board convened for the purpose of deliberating on the matter of P&Z Appeal Z25-04 KCE ID1 – Nixon, for which the public hearing was held on October 6th, 2025. No additional testimony or evidence was taken at this meeting. The Board reviewed the record established at the hearing and discussed the 47 findings from the original P&Z approval of the Conditional Use Permit along with the appellant's Notice of Appeal. After deliberation, the Board made their decision to reverse P&Z's approval of the Conditional Use Permit granted to Key Capture - KCE ID1, LLC for a Battery Energy Storage System to be constructed at 10565 Wilson Cemetery Lane, Melba, Idaho with a formal written decision to follow at a later date.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to reverse P&Z's Approval of Key Capture's Conditional Use Permit Z25-04 KCE ID1 for reasons stated in decision hearing deliberations. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Commissioner Aberasturi – Aye, Commissioner Holton – Aye, Commissioner Bachman – Aye. Motion carried.

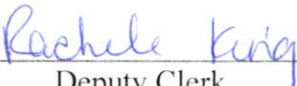
Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve a Professional Service Agreement with Forsgren, an Apex Company for professional land surveying services with the Chairman's signature for the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

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