

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
December 08, 2025
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

Present during the meeting were – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Deputy Clerk King, Assessor Nettleton, Treasurer Dygert, Sheriff Kendrick, Museum Director Eriks Garsvo, Sargent Fox, Engineer Cook, representing the office of Senator Risch- Kevin Arkoosh; representing the office of Senator Crapo – Casey Attebery and Parker Harrell; representing the office of Congressman Fulcher – Dirk Mendive; citizen - Randy Johnson.

Via Zoom – Clerk Barkell, PA Topmiller, County Staff Coordinator Desmond, P&Z Director Huff, Fair Board Director Crifffield, Victim Witness Coordinator Maund, Deputy Treasurer Arrellano, U of I Extension Educator Greenway, representing Key Capture- Peter Zullo; citizens - Anna Price, Victoria Collett and Karen Steenhof.

Old Business: Commissioner Bachman stated that the Board had received an opinion letter from Lakey Villegas Law & Policy dated December 2, 2025 concerning the County Prosecutor vacancy. Commissioner Bachman then read a portion of the opinion letter into the record, summarizing the attorney's guidance regarding filling the vacancy for the Owyhee County Prosecutor. The Board discussed the contents of the opinion and noted that the full letter is on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$137,629.52. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Department	Amount
Current Expense Fund	\$ 71,446
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 14,046
Magistrate Court	\$ 1,147
Fair, Grounds and Buildings	\$ 929
Probation	\$ 323
Indigent & Charity	\$ 10,500
Revaluation	\$ 198
Solid Waste	\$ 21,421
Veterans Memorial	\$ 1,200
Waterways Fund	\$ 728
Off Highway Vehicles	\$ 49
Taxing District Election Fund	\$ 68
Capital Project Fund/ARPA	\$ 11,049
Child Safety Fund	\$ 125
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 4,400

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to send committee term expiration letters to Fair Board members Callaway, Curtis and Rutan, along with an application for reappointment if they should be interested in serving another term. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve issuing a catering permit to Y Knot Winery for a wine tasting at the Rough Mountain Market on December 13th from 4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi.

Motion carried

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the annual 2025 Vessel Fund Report and Remittance Form for the Idaho Parks and Recreation, with the signature of the chairman for the board. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Resolution 2025-48 – Sheriff's sale of one 2015 Ford F250 and one 2014 Ford F250 truck through Rod Five Coats public auction. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to waive the building permit fee for the Owyhee County Museum for an addition to the annex building which will house Pete Rathbone's wrench collection. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to amend the agenda to add Certificates of Residency that had been omitted from the agenda in error. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

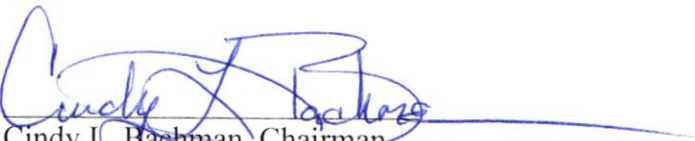
Commissioner Holton motioned to approve Certificate of Residency 25-23 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

The 10:00 A.M. the Board met with representatives from the offices of Senator Risch, Senator Crapo and Congressman Fulcher to hear updates on what they are currently working on in the house and senate. Some of the topics covered were the government shut down, short term medical plans and the One Big Beautiful Bill. The commissioners were able to share with the representatives their concerns and what they would like to see changed for Owyhee County. The representatives were very receptive and said they would go back to their offices and research how they can help out.

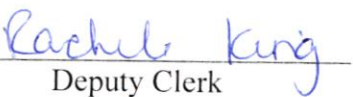
At 11:00 A.M. the Board met with R&B Supervisor Fuquay to discuss Pleasant Valley and Trout Creek road needing repaired. Fuquay and Commissioner Aberasturi explained that due to lack of funding and Paragon still working on the design of the road, Trout Creek Road will not be started until 2027. Road and Bridge will start with Pleasant Valley Road in 2026, with plans to fix the shoulders, patch the road, scrub seal and chipseal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2025


Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk