

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
January 12, 2026  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY  
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

*Present during the meeting were* – Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk King, Sheriff Kendrick, HR Director Fahey, U of I Extension Educator Greenway, representing Owyhee County Energy Committee – Ray Mink, Martin Black, Doug Hipwell, Melissa Jayo and Andrea Owens; representing Jarbidge BLM – Joanna Tjaden; resident – Randy Johnson.

*Via Zoom* – P&Z Director Huff, County Staff Coordinator Desmond, County Treasurer Dygert, P&Z Director Huff, Museum Director Eriks Garsvo, Fair Board Director Criffield, Engineer Cook, P&Z Assistant Director Russell, Livestock & Range **Extension Educator** Smith, representing Owyhee County Energy Committee – Melissa Jayo, citizens – Michelle Meyers and Peter Zullo.

Reorganization of the Board:

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned organize the Board as follows. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Bachman
  - Chairman of the Board
  - District III Magistrate Commissioner Representative
  - Road & Bridge #3
  - County Planning & Zoning Department
  - Building Department Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Aberasturi)
  - Fair Board Representative
- Commissioner Aberasturi
  - Southwest District Health Department
  - Weed Department (Shared with Commissioner Holton)
  - Probation Department
  - Solid Waste (Shared with Holton)
  - Building and Grounds Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Holton)
  - Probation Department
  - Road & Bridge #1 Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Holton)
- Commissioner Holton
  - Treasure Valley Partnership
  - Road and Bridge #1 Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Aberasturi)
  - Weed Department Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Aberasturi)
  - Solid Waste Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Aberasturi)
  - Building and Grounds Supervisor (Shared with Commissioner Aberasturi)
- Set the County Burial fee at \$1,000
- Declare The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of Owyhee County
- Declare Owyhee County as Noxious Weed Extermination Area
- Set the County mileage fee at the same rate as the State of Idaho, adjusting accordingly.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve the claims report as presented in the amount of \$76,887.64. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Current Expense Fund	\$ 31,490
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 15,472
District Court	\$ 1,877
Probation	\$ 762
Health District	\$ 9,100
Solid Waste	\$ 2,615
911	\$ 7,552
Waterways Fund	\$ 477
Capital Project Fund/ARPA	\$ 7,540

Commissioner Holton motioned to table the minutes from the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to the next board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Resolution 2026-01 – Establish Voter Precincts (*see attachment for full legal descriptions*). Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

1. Precinct 001 – North Homedale
2. Precinct 002 – South Homedale
3. Precincts 003 – North Marsing
4. Precincts 004 – South Marsing
5. Precinct 005 – Pleasant Valley (mail-in)
6. Precinct 006 – Wilson
7. Precinct 007 – Murphy
8. Precinct 008 – Oreana
9. Precinct 009 – Grand View
10. Precinct 010 – Bruneau
11. Precinct 011 – Riddle (mail-in)
12. Precinct 012 - Three Creek (mail-in)

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve County Resolution 2026-02 – Resolution for the Destruction of Permanent, Semi-Permanent, and/or Temporary Documents for the Treasurer’s Office. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve County Ordinance 2026-01 – Area of Impact for City of Grand View. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton motioned to approve County Ordinance 2026-01 Summary – Area of Impact for City of Grand View. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried

Commissioner Aberasturi motioned to approve certificate of residency 26-01 to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Holton. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Holton made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (a, b) personnel. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi – aye, Holton – aye, and Bachman – aye. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 10:11 a.m. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board performed a quarterly jail inspection.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board met with Jarbidge District BLM for a coordination meeting.

At 12:30 p.m., the Board reviewed the departmental quarterly reports.

At 2:00 p.m., the Board met with the Energy Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2026

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Cindy L. Bachman, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk