

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
October 6, 2014
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioners Merrick, Hoagland and Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bowman, 911 Supervisor Christine Ballard, Natural Resources Director Jim Desmond, Deputy Clerk Russell, Deputy Assessor Elaine Bean, Planning & Zoning Administrator Mary Huff, Tim Peterson; Acting Regional Director for Senator Risch, Dr. Neil Rimbey and Dr. Paul Lewin with University of Idaho, Dr. Eduardo Ramos visiting from Washington State University with Dr.'s Rimbey and Lewin, Area Resident Tony Richards, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Vice President Daniel Richards and Mike Kaes representing Paragon Consulting.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to set the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to pay all outstanding bills from the following funds; Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Current Expense	\$68,497
Road & Bridge	\$883
District Court	\$7,285
Probation	\$10,972
Health District	\$4,531
Indigent & Charity	\$14,455
Junior College Tuition	\$500
Revaluation	\$111
Solid Waste	\$14,585
Tort	\$53,168
911	\$1,896
County Vessel	\$12,993
Waterways	\$6
Economic Development	\$116

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22nd, 25th and 29th Commissioner meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the ECC FY2015 Dedicated Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant in the amount of \$22,200.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 2014 - 2015 Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement with Canyon County for \$155 per 24 hour period. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the 2014 - 2015 Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement with Valley County for \$100 per 24 hour period. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a Right of Entry Agreement with Idaho Power to conduct a Cultural Resources study. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the 2014 - 2015 Web Design Center maintenance agreement in the amount of \$50.00 per month. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland nominated Dave McGraw, Latah County Commissioner, to the 2014 election ballot for the Capital Crimes Defense Fund At-Large Board Member. Nomination seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the 2015 Weed Spraying Contract with New Environment LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to nominate Incumbent Marc Shigeta to the ICRMP, District III, Board of Trustees. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the pay increase for Prosecuting Attorney employee Riley Cowger from \$8.28 to \$9.95. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

The Acting Regional Director for Senator Risch, Tim Peterson, met with the Board to hear their concerns on current issues. The Board voiced their main concern on the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT) and the possibility of the numbers being decreased and or possibly eliminated. Mr. Peterson assured the Board that Senator Risch is aware of the significant impact and affects the PILT concerns have on the county, as well as every PILT county out there. Mr. Peterson stated that government money has been focused on the more urban communities, and the rural communities / counties, such as Owyhee County, have been overlooked.

Dr. Neil Rimbey and Dr. Paul Lewin with the University of Idaho met with the Board to discuss the progress that has been made on the Socio-Economic Study for the county. The Board decided to move forward to the next phase of the study, the Ranch Level Economic Information and Analysis. This analysis will span back 14 years making the comparison of change a very informative piece of information.

A jail inspection was performed at 11:00 – present were Commissioners Merrick, Hoagland and Aberasturi, Clerk Barkell, Deputy Clerk Russell and Jail Commander Menendez.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve Paragon Consulting Task Order 03 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Cove Recreation and Tyson Gravel Pits crushing project contract document preparation. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve a letter to Diane French, Program Manager for the Grazing, Farming, Conservation Division of Idaho Department of Lands regarding the Idaho Department of Lands and Bureau of Land Management proposed land exchange meeting that was held on September 29, 2014. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the grant agreement with Office of Species Conservation in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Annie Basin sage grouse management plan. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the request for 8 portable radios for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$5,000.00, 2 radios for the Homedale Police Department in the amount of \$1,709.60 and 12 portable radios for the Marsing Ambulance Department in the amount of \$10,932.00. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1) (f) for possible litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Hoagland – aye, Merrick – aye, Commissioner Aberasturi was not present in the courtroom. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

After going out of executive session, Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into closed session for Indigent & Charity purposes. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to place a lien on Indigent & Charity case 14-14. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Indigent & Charity case 14-36. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

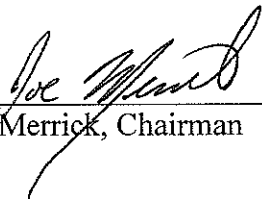
Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Indigent & Charity case 14-37. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve Indigent & Charity case 14-40. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

After moving out of closed session, Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1) (a) for personnel matters. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Hoagland – aye, Merrick – aye, Commissioner Aberasturi – aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.


There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2014.



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk