

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2011  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Jerry Hoagland, Kelly Aberasturi, and Joe Merrick, Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Brenda Richards, and Assessor Brett Endicott.

Commissioner Hoagland called the meeting to order. Amendments brought forth for consideration to the Board was a grant for polling booths.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi to amend the agenda to include the grant. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Coroner Grimme requested additional part-time help. Discussion was held on funding for additional help not being in his budget. No action was taken.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi to approve the Board minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Aberasturi to approve payment of the bills with the exception of a bill from Data Tel and further clarification of Prosecutor Emery's credit card bill. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Payment was made from the following funds:

Current Expense	\$54,070
Road & Bridge	18,357
District Court	4,390
County Fair	750
Probation	4,486
Health District	4,310
Museum	160
Indigent & Charity	14,887
Revaluation	2,481
Solid Waste	13,400
Tort	1,019
Weed	1,948
911	247
Vessel Fund	1,049

Commissioner Merrick made a motion with a second from Commissioner Aberasturi to approve certificates of residency for tuition assistance to the following students attending College of Southern Idaho: Brandon Edwards, Shayla Richardson, John Richards, Abbigail, Caballero, Stevin Skinner, William Hughes and Destry Weeks. Students attending College of Western

Idaho: Shakea Jim, Laura Jewett, Sean Short, Brandon Valadez, Amanda Van Norman, and Maricruz Villa. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye

Clerk Sherburn presented a request for approval of a grant to the Secretary of State requesting funding for handicap accessible polling booths for voting. The request is in the amount of \$6,372. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve with a second from Commissioner Aberasturi. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Bids for replacement of energy efficient lighting in the Courthouse, and Annex Building through the Office of Energy Resources Grant were opened by the Board. Bids were received from Idaho Electrical Service in the amount of \$23,446, Homedale Electric for \$31,800 and Alloway Electric for \$13,639. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to take the bids under advisement and issue a decision on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to authorize Jim Desmond to proceed with the Infrastructure Grant with Bureau of Homeland Security for funding to secure the outside doors of the Owyhee County Courthouse. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to send a letter to the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Delegation on the recommendation from the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group on the Four Rivers Fuels Project. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Kent Kohring met with the Board to discuss amending the contract for the property he owns and is leasing to Owyhee County for the Bruneau-Grand View landfill. The contract is for an amount of \$5,000 per year, and Mr. Kohring would like to extend the period out to 15 years with an increase of \$5,000 a year. The Commissioners will take the request into consideration.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to amend the agenda to include a letter to the Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to send a letter to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes regarding the RS 2477 Road Assertions. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Hoagland-aye, Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion, with a second from Commissioner Aberasturi to go into closed session for indigent and charity. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Deputy Evans presented case #11-01 for consideration by the Board. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the applicant. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1),(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g) for personnel, possible litigation, and attorney memos. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye. No action was taken.

Representatives for Interconnect Solar met with the Board to discuss a possible tax break on the proposed solar project near Murphy. The matter will be turned over to Prosecutor Emery for further review.

Bill Walsh with Dirt Inc. requested traffic control on Silver City and Reynolds Creek Roads for a motorcycle race scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>. The race will cross over both roads twice on the proposed route.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merrick to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 for a personnel issue. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

After moving out of executive session Commissioner Merrick made a motion to pay two part-time employees for a maximum of 300 hours out of the Museum Directors salary line until a replacement can be found for the director's position. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Aberasturi-aye, Hoagland-aye.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn with a motion by Commissioner Aberasturi, and a second by Commissioner Merrick.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

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Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_  
Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk