

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2009
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Freund, and Hyer, Commissioner Hoagland was attending a meeting in Ontario on the Idaho Power Transmission Line. Mr. Hoagland was present for the afternoon session. Also in attendance were Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Assessor Brett Endicott, Treasurer Brenda Richards, Sheriff Daryl Crandall, and Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Freund as the acting Chairman in the absence of Commissioner Hoagland. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Freund called the meeting to order. Departmental Issues were discussed as well as additional agenda items, NRC Recommendation, Appointment to Basin Advisory Group, and Intermountain Communications.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to set the agenda as amended. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion for approval of the Board Minutes for the March 2nd, meeting. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion for approval. Motion was unanimous.

Donna Bennett representing the Sage Grouse Local Working Group presented the recommendation for award of the bid for the Juniper Mastication Project near Juniper Mountain and Flint Creek. Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve the bid award to Environmental Forestry, with Branch Enterprises being the alternate. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Assessor Endicott presented a final order issued from the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals reflecting a decrease in market value on Parcel No. RP 00840001008CA in the amount of 132,753. The record owner's are Gerrald & Sharon Brown. Treasurer Richards presented a request for cancellation of property taxes. Commissioner Hyer made a motion to cancel taxes on Parcel No. RP 00840001008CA in the amount of \$700.90. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion for cancellation. Motion was unanimous.

Sheriff Crandall asked for pay authorization for newly hired dispatch employee Elaine Bean to be approved at \$13.34 on the pay scale. Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Belle Evans presented Indigent and Charity cases for the Board's review. Pending cases are as follows;

- I.C.09-08, a lien was approved on the applicant.
- I.C. 07-44, approved an assignment to Catastrophic of 60.3%.
- I.C. 08-06, approved an assignment to Catastrophic of 85%.
- I.C. 08-09, approved an assignment to Catastrophic of 15.8%.

I.C. 08-30, approved an assignment to Catastrophic of 88.3%.

I.C. 09-05, denied pursuant to I.C. 31-3505(4)(b) incomplete application.

I.C. 07-50, recommendation by Prosecutor Emery to negotiate with St. Alphonsus Hospital on final payment.

A Motion by Commissioner Hyer, with a second from Commissioner Freund. Motion was unanimous.

Wayne Hoffman representing the Idaho Freedom Foundation met with the Board to discuss launching a website next month. Mr. Hoffman asked about getting all public expenditures posted on the website. No action was taken.

Probation Administrator Doris Jewett met with the Board to discuss dropping the lease on a portion of the Probation Building in Homedale. They are no longer using the entire building due to dropping the Classroom Program. Discussion was held on moving the Probation Department to the Marsing Annex, but Ms. Jewett did not think there would be sufficient room. Prosecutor Emery will contact Mrs. Jackson concerning the rent agreement. The MOA for the Community Incentive, Re-Entry, and Mental Health Programs with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections was discussed. Commissioner Hyer made a motion to table the issue until the Agreement could be reviewed in further detail. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve the Voluntary Development Agreement presented by Jerry Dickerson. The Agreement is between Owyhee County, Dickerson Investment Group L.L.C. and Owyhee Commercial Park L.L.C. Commissioner Hoagland seconded the motion for approval. Motion was unanimous.

A teleconference call was held with District 23 Representatives, Stephen Hartgen, Jim Patrick, and Senator Bert Brackett.

Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(f) Commissioner Freund called for an executive session. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion. Freund-aye, Hoagland-aye, Hyer-aye. No action was taken.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Freund to serve on the Department of Environmental Quality Basin Advisory Group. Former Commissioner Harold Tolmie is currently filling the position. Commissioner Hoagland seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Freund made a motion to appoint Tony Richards to serve on the Recreation Task Force. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve the language changes to the County Natural Resources Plan. The language changes resulted for public input and subsequent written comment following the November 17th 2008 Public Hearing. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The Board recessed until 1:00 p.m. on March 13th to meet with the Recreation Task Force, and the technology meeting following.

The Board met with the Recreation Task Force Committee to discuss the Murphy Travel Plan. There will be another meeting on March 18th.

There being no further business the Board moved for adjournment.

Dated this 16th day of March 2009.

Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: _____
Charlotte Sherburn