

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 2009  
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Jerry Hoagland, Chairman, George Hyer and Richard Freund, Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Brenda Richards, Assessor Brett Endicott, Sheriff Daryl Crandall, Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery, and Jim Desmond.

Commissioner Hoagland called the meeting to order.

Amendments to the agenda discussed were: a grant for the Nutrition Program for the County Extension, and the Revision of the Recreation Travel Plan for the Owyhee Front.

Commissioner Freund made a motion to amend the agenda to include the grant and the Revision of Resolution 08-02. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Freund moved to approve the Board Minutes for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous

Commissioner Freund made a motion to authorize Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery to procure the services of a deputy to assist him in matters of planning & zoning, medical indigency, civil and criminal. The cost is not to exceed \$55.00 per hour or \$20,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 2009. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion. A contract will be forthcoming.

Administrator Huff addressed the need for a Hearing Officer for Planning and Zoning proceedings. Ms. Huff did not feel they would need a legal opinion for all of the proceedings, but would be beneficial for some. The Planning and Zoning Commission will appoint a hearing officer, which will work under a contract with Owyhee County.

The recommendations from Planning and Zoning on proposed amendments to the Ordinance were discussed. A resolution will be presented at next weeks meeting.

Letters submitted by Planning and Zoning on possible violations were reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Hyer made a motion approving sending the letters. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

An indigent and charity hearing was held on case 08-53. Jim Desmond acted as the hearing officer. The applicant was present at the hearing. Testimony was taken. After consideration of the testimony the recommendation to the applicant was to provide the needed documentation by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hyer made a motion that the applicant meet with Deputy Evans by April 14<sup>th</sup>, and a final decision will be made within 30 days. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Deputy Evans presented pending Indigent and Charity cases for review.  
 I.C. Case # 09-11, 09-12, 09-13 liens were approved.  
 I.C. Case # 07-50 approved payment with an order for reimbursement.  
 I.C. Case # 09-09 approved with a reimbursement agreement signed.  
 I.C. Case #08-02 approved an assignment to Catastrophic Health Care for 70.4%.  
 I.C. Case #08-03 approved an assignment to Catastrophic Health Care for 84.9%.  
 Commissioner Freund made a motion to approve, with a second from Commissioner Hyer.  
 Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to send a letter to the Marsing Senior Center recommending consideration of a grant that is being applied for. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion.  
 Motion was unanimous.

Gina Millard, Charles Kiester, and Tim Volk from the Owyhee Soil Conservation office met with the Board to discuss funding for the 2010-2011 year. A report of accomplishments for 2008 was presented. Commissioner Hoagland spoke to the fact that revenues were down for this year, and the Board could better address the issue after the first of May.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve payment of all outstanding bills from the following funds. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Current Expense	\$72,720
Road & Bridge	27,831
District Court	6,260
County Fair	4
Probation	4,927
Health District	4,234
Museum	1,116
Indigent & Charity	38,216
Jr. College	11,850
Pest	2,800
Revaluation	268
Solid Waste	9,818
Tort	39,093
Weed	200
911	2,571

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve a certificate of residency for tuition assistance for Kathaline Cardenas who is attending College of Western Idaho. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion for approval. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Freund made a motion to send letters of appreciation to the Idaho Delegation thanking them for their support of the Owyhee Initiative and asking for their continued support of Senator Crapo in carrying out the actions necessary to make the Bill a reality on the ground in Owyhee County. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous. Letters were sent to Senator Mike Crapo, Senator James Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson, and Congressman Walt Minnick.

Jim Desmond discussed the use of Bureau of Homeland Security Grant Funds. The cost of the Interoperable Gateway is \$51,491. Requests for the remainder of the grant money must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bureau of Land Management representatives met with the Board to discuss the Boardman to Hemingway and the Gateway West Power Lines. Lucas Lucero explained that Idaho Power is in the process of developing new routes in the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line. A Community Advisory Process has been set up to aid in the routing process. The NEPA process has slowed but has not stopped. The Bureau of Land Management will continue to meet and have conference calls. The next conference call is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Homedale City Mayor Harold Wilson, and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller met with the Board. Mayor Wilson asked that the Probation office remain in Homedale. A letter in support of the Probation office staying in Homedale was presented.

Mayor Wilson asked if Owyhee County could help with the cost of replacing the roof at Homedale City Hall. Discussion was held on doing it in September then half could be paid out of the 2009 budget and half out of 2010. Discussion will resume in July.

Chief Eidemiller discussed the possibility of merging records with the Owyhee County Sheriff's office. Reports would not have to be duplicated and public records requests would be much easier to produce due to the creation of the data base. Homedale would pay the increase in the maintenance fee to CAI. Money would need to be transferred from the Bureau of Homeland Security Grant to fund. No action was taken.

Commissioner Hyer made a motion to approve the Contributor Pledge of Support for the Extension Nutrition Program from the University of Idaho for the County Extension. Commissioner Freund seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Freund made a motion for adoption of Resolution 09-11 Rescinding and Revising Resolution 08-02, the Owyhee County Recreation Trail plan for the Owyhee Front Excluding the Wilson Sub-Region. Commissioner Hyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The Board moved to recess until 10:00 a.m. on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> to meet in Boise with the BLM regarding implementation of the Owyhee Initiative.

There being no further business the Board moved for adjournment.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

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Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlotte Sherburn