

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
MAY 9, 2011
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

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

Commissioner Hoagland called the meeting to order. The first item of business was a public hearing on comments regarding the criteria for the RS 2477 Groupings. Public comment was given by Ernie Brewer and Robin Thompson.

Amendments brought forth for consideration on the agenda are as follows: Amendment to the EEBCG Grant for the lighting retrofit project, a letter to the Museum Board regarding the hiring process for the new director, a letter to the Museum Board regarding the additional phone lines to the EOC center in the museum, a letter of appreciation to Jeff Christoffersen, pay authorizations, and a contract for maintenance of the Murphy Water System.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to amend the agenda to include the mentioned items for consideration. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to set the agenda as amended, with a second from Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Board Minutes from the May 2nd meeting. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to send a letter to Idaho EMS supporting the grant request made by Silver City Fire and Rescue. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the contract for the Murphy Water System Operator with Dennis Rogers, who also works for City of Melba Water System. The length of the contract is through September 2011 at \$25.00 per hour two days per week, and \$100 per month for the license. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion to approve. Motion was unanimous.

Treasurer Richards brought forth a request for cancellation of property taxes on parcel no. MH02N04W14560BT in the amount of \$51.57 as the mobile home is no longer there. Commissioner Aberasturi moved to approve, with a second from Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Treasurer Richards brought forth a request for cancellation of property tax on parcel no. PP5901678. Personal Property on Stop & Shop Mini Mart had not been taken off the assessed tax roll. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve, with a second from Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Jim Desmond brought forth a recommendation from the Sage Grouse Local Working Group to the Natural Resources Committee to request funding for the Jacks Creek Basin Brood Rearing Wet Meadow Restoration Project for sage grouse habitat from Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the application, with a second from Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve alcohol beverage licenses for the following establishments: Y Bar & Café LLC, I O N Truck Plaza, The Idaho Hotel, and Moxie Java Bistro. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve the Amendment to the EECBG Grant for the Lighting Retrofit project in the Owyhee County Courthouse and the Annex Building. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion with a second from Commissioner Merrick to approve the pay authorization submitted for part-time Road & Bridge operator Darrell Brown at \$13.47 per hour. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion with a second from Commissioner Aberasturi to change the pay authorization for Weed Specialist Robin Howard to \$12.48 per hour. Motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) for personnel, attorney memos, and possible litigation. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye, Aberasturi-aye.

After moving out of executive session, an indigent and charity hearing was held on case #11-07. Jim Desmond was the acting hearing officer. Deputy Belle Evans gave oral testimony. After consideration of all testimony Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to affirm the prior denial of February 28, 2011 incomplete application. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other indigent and charity matters included a lien on case #11-22, and approval of case #11-21. Motion by Commissioner Aberasturi, second by Commissioner Merrick, motion carried.

Commissioner Merrick made a motion to approve a request for new hire and pay rate for Craig Mickelson, with a second from Commissioner Aberasturi at \$15.56 per hour. Mr. Mickelson will be working weekends for the Sheriff as an off road vehicle officer, out of OHV registration fees. Motion carried.

A co-ordination meeting was held with the Jarbidge District BLM.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to send a letter to the Museum Board asking that a Commissioner be included in the final selection of the Museum Director/Curator position. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to send a letter to the Museum Board asking for permission to have a trench dug on Historic Society property for additional phone lines to be

placed in the Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Merrick seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Merrick to accept the resignation of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Jeff Christoffersen, and send a letter of appreciation for his years of service to Owyhee County. Motion carried.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

Dated this 16th day of May 2011.

Jerry Hoagland, Chairman

Attest: _____
Charlotte Sherburn