

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
August 25, 2014
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Joe Merrick, Jerry Hoagland, and Kelly Aberasturi, Sheriff Perry Grant, Assessor Brett Endicott, Clerk Angela Barkell, Administrative Assistant Brook Russell, Indigent & Charity Director Belle Evans, 911 Director Christine Ballard, County Agent Scott Jensen, Planning & Zoning Administrator Mary Huff, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Emery, Natural Resources Director Jim Desmond, Waterways employee Mike Beavers, Road & Bridge #1 Supervisor Phil Rittenhouse, County Coroner Aaron Tines, Tina Wilson with Economic Development, Mike Kaes and Joe Barton representing Paragon Consulting, Road & Bridge #3 Supervisor Don Best, Rick Meade representing Gem Highway District, Larry Prow and Stewart Constantine representing Homedale Highway District and Jon Brown with the Owyhee Avalanche.

Clerk Barkell reminded the Board there is a school levy election for the Bruneau Grand View School District on Tuesday August 26th, 2014. Bruneau, Grand View, Oreana and the mail ballot precincts are the only precincts involved in this election.

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

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2014 Commissioners meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi, with the correction on the 3rd page from "Mori" to "Morrison". Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve 2 Certificates of Residency for Bardomeano Martinez and Bryan Hurdman to the College of Western Idaho. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve the Black Sands boat parking area right of way grant from the BLM. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into closed session for Indigent & Charity matters. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to deny Indigent & Charity case 14-26 per Idaho Code 31-3511. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

The Board recessed 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 a personnel issue. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go out of executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

A hearing was held at 10:00 am to approve the 2015 departmental budgets. Commissioners Merrick, Hoagland, Aberasturi, Sheriff Grant, 911 Coordinator Ballard, Clerk Barkell, Board Clerk Russell, Assessor Endicott, County Agent Jensen, Road & Bridge #1 Supervisor Rittenhouse, Planning & Zoning Administrator Huff, Economic Development employee Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney Emery, Coroner Tines, and Jon Brown were all present. There was no public present. Commissioner Aberasturi proceeded as follows with the 2015 proposed budget:

Clerk	\$377,263.00
Assessor	\$245,019.00
Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$148,712.00
Sheriff	\$1,281,617.00
Commissioners	\$186,009.00
Coroner	\$60,425.00
Prosecuting Attorney	\$222,778.00
Building & Grounds	\$219,104.00
Civil Defense	\$71,000.00
County Agent	\$139,153.00
Elections	\$29,925.00
Building Department	\$65,435.00
Planning & Zoning	\$80,541.00
General	\$282,840.00
Technology Department	\$166,000.00
Jail	\$946,777.00
Road & Bridge #1	\$969,287.00
Road & Bridge #3	\$773,258.00
Airport	\$34,000.00
District Court	\$106,738.00
Magistrate Court	\$156,800.00
County Fair	\$51,490.00
Fair Grounds & Buildings	\$94,520.00
Probation	\$199,599.00
Health District	\$54,372.00
Historical Society & Museum	\$70,234.00
Indigent & Charity	\$488,072.00
Jr. College Tuition	\$60,000.00
Pest	\$3,200.00
Revaluation	\$252,565.00
Solid Waste	\$247,642.00
Tort	\$188,985.00
Veterans Memorial	\$1,200.00
Weeds	\$35,000.00
911	\$245,194.00
County Vessel	\$30,000.00
Waterways Fund	\$31,710.00
Off Highway Vehicles	\$20,948.00

Taxing District Election Fund \$65,758.00
Economic Development \$93,852.00
GRAND TOTAL \$8,797,022.00

Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2014-27; Resolution Fixing the Owyhee County Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. 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. Aberasturi-aye, Merrick-aye, Hoagland-aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

After moving out of executive session, the Board met with the Owyhee County Transportation Advisory Committee consisting of; Mike Kaes and Joe Barton representing Paragon Consulting, Road & Bridge #1 Supervisor Phil Rittenhouse, Road & Bridge #3 Supervisor Don Best, Rick Meade representing Gem Highway District, and Larry Prow and Stewart Constantine with Homedale Highway District. Mr. Kaes discussed the Road Scholar Program and the importance of the program in order to apply and receive Federal Funding. There was discussion of various highway programs and explanation of applications for funding, the 129, 000 lb. load law was discussed and Mr. Kaes explained that a policy should be in place. A scope of work will be put together for the Board and Road Districts to exam for an updated Transportation Plan.

Mike Beavers, Owyhee County Waterways employee, met with the Board to discuss the Black Sands boat ramp that was recently approved by all parties. Mr. Beavers proposed that a Sheriff Boat dock also be built to make access to and from the water more efficient and timely. He discussed that the area around the future boat dock/ramp needs to be deeper and that a dredge permit will need to be applied for. Mr. Beavers will begin the process for obtaining grants to help with the project. He asked if there were any funds available for purchasing new wet suits and full face masks to make underwater rescues safer and easier for the rescue dive team. Clerk Barkell said she will check the waterways fund and possible search and rescue funds.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2014.



Joe Merrick, Chairman

Attest: Angela Barkell, Clerk

By: 

Brook Russell, Deputy Clerk