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MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Sweeten

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to amend the agenda by adding the Fire District just prior to the 10:00 o'clock hour.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to have Commissioner Firth serve as the Board Chairman for the 2012 calendar year.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Attorney Dustin Smith gave a brief update on the many Telford cases that are being processed and informed the Board that the county would likely be seeing a Court trial before all is said and done. It was also stated that there were 45 Felony cases filed in 2011. This is more than any other county in our district except for Bannock.

Treasure Diane Pett informed those present that there were 25 cases of unpaid taxes on personal property. She stated that by Law these should never go delinquent and that letters had been sent on the 6th of this month to those involved. When questioned as to what types of items would fall in this category she responded that business items/office machines and trailers were but a couple of examples. Also discussed were the fee's allowed on warrants of distraint. By law these fees can be charged and they are currently set at \$10.00 plus any cost incurred by the Sheriff, however due to a change in the laws, it now becomes necessary for the Board of Commissioners to pass an ordinance to allow for the collection of this money. An ordinance will be drawn up for review in the next meeting.

Sheriff Jeff Semrad reported the need to hire another Deputy to replace Daryl Peterson who has submitted a letter of resignation. It was further reported that he is still searching for a good product to cover the Court House basement windows to enhance the protection of his department.

Assessor Dixie Hubbard reported on the new occupancy roll work that is being done and indicated that her office is also working on the circuit breaker program as those requests come in. She also indicated that she will probably start to trend future assessments downward beginning with the city.

Two requests for solid waste exemption were reviewed. The first, from Sheryl Rosenhoover, wanted relief from having a can at her residence in the County at 1460 N. 100 W. The reason stated was that she also has two collection cans at a property in the

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City and that she hauls her garbage to that location for disposal. The second request was from Wendy Alder, who stated on her form that they own a property at 2045 S. old Hwy. 191 that is currently vacant and they have no plans of this house being occupied in the near future. After much discussion, i.e. Houses being occupied or livable and choosing to haul their own garbage, etc. it was determined that neither of these conditions was such that an exemption could be given. It was stated that by allowing these exemptions it would only open the door to others submitting similar requests. This in turn would become a financial burden to the Solid Waste Dept.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to deny both solid waste exemption requests. Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

It was requested by the clerk that the Personnel Policy be amended to allow for vacation accrual time to be tracked by the calendar year. This will help the payroll clerk track the amounts easier and allow employees to use their time in the last months of the year around the holidays.

Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Personnel Policy change to allow for tracking vacation by the calendar year. Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

The emergency generator has had an extension added to the exhaust to help keep the fumes out of the Assessors office. It will be monitored for future adjustments if needed.

The request was made to have the vents in the court room adjusted to better disperse the heat and air conditioning throughout the entire room.

Question was raised about the Conflict Public Defender position. It was stated that he had been informed of the denial of the Commissioners to increase the wage that was listed on his current contract and that he would need to decide if he wanted to renew or whether the Commissioners would need to search for a replacement. It was further noted that other attorneys had been in contact with the County and were interested in the position.

A list of job requirements for the Probation officer position was given to the Commissioners and the reminder that they would need to hire a replacement before the first of next year.

Planning & Zoning chairman, Richard Cornia addressed the Board to update them on the work being done to create a Confined Animal Feed Operation (CAFO) Ordinance for the County. It was stated that they had looked at some of the Ordinances from surrounding counties but they all seemed more stringent than what Oneida County thought appropriate. Richard also indicated that he thought that it would be more appropriate to pay the P&Z administrator from the permit fee's that are collected rather than from

the county clerks budget. Lola's time spent on P&Z administration and the fee's collected will be looked at to see what a feasible payroll amount would be.

Ray Davis met with the Board to request assistance with obtaining gravel to build up the site of the new building for the Fire District.

Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to provide the gravel requested for the Fire Districts new Construction.

Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Max Firth opened the tax deed hearing as advertised.

Others in attendance were Treasure Dianne Pett, Attorney Dustin Smith and Virginia Edlefsen.

There were two properties that were up for tax deed, a parcel of ground owned by Jolene Snow and one owned by Ken Boyce.

Dianne provided all the paper work necessary to show compliance with the laws and informed the Commissioners of the next steps that would be taken. It was noted that the property owners could redeem their land within one year's time if they paid all of the back taxes, fees and other fines that have accrued. It was also mentioned that if a parcel of land were to fit the description of an odd lot that the Commissioners could identify it as such and waive the time frame and advertising required before the tax deed properties could be sold. The property under Ken Boyce's name was noted as one that could be considered as an odd lot and the recommendation was to have the commissioners identify it as such.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to have Dianne proceed with the tax deed process as requested.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Dustin was asked to write up the proper paper work to proclaim the Boyce property as an odd lot for the Board to consider in their next meeting.

The hearing was then closed.

Sheriff Semrad presented a new reverse 911 option that could save him money on his budget and speed up the time necessary to get the information out to the Citizens. He reported that the current system was in need of updates and that by moving to this other system he would save several thousand dollars of hardware updates as well as a lower monthly fee and the time spent to call the various households in the county would be reduced to minutes whereas now it take the better part of the day.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to authorize the new reverse 911 system.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried

CASA representatives, Cory Hadley and Leanne Branson came before the Board to explain their program and ask that the Commissioners reconsider CASA's request for funding to help with their budget. Also mentioned was that Oneida County had one of the better volunteer groups that CASA worked with and that they were pleased to be able to help the children of our community that needed their special services.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to accept the minutes from 12th of December as written.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to support the CASA program with \$1500.00 dollars for this fiscal year.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Scott Blaisdell, at the request of the Commissioners, came before the Board to talk about the request of the Fire District. Scott said that Ray had spoken with him and that they would begin to haul the gravel as soon as possible. It was mentioned that they would need about 450 cubic yards of gravel which in turn would mean about 60 trips if they used the pups behind their trucks. While there, Scott also answered questions about repairing some of the roads with growing pot holes.

After the scheduled indigent hearing the Board resumed their regular schedule meeting agenda.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to move into an executive session to discuss employee issues.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Following the executive session Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to deny the application, #10-2012-10005, under the County medical indigent program.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to uphold the denial of case # 10-2011-10008 for medical indigent assistance due to the fact that 1- the appellants in the case, Portneuf Medial Center failed to show up. 2- The application was still incomplete and the County still found it hard to gather needed information. 3- The applicant failed to prove that he was indigent. 4- It was understood that there were still possibilities of other resources available.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Doug Crowther and Shane Howard came before the Board to discuss the possible purchase of a used rescue vehicle for the Ambulance Fleet. Their current budget has \$18,000.00 already funded and they would like to be able to finance the balance and

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pay it out over the next few years. The truck is a 2003 Chevrolet and the total cost is at \$65,000.00. The commissioners gave their approval for this purchase.

U.S.D.A. representatives Kim Jenkins, Polly Hoyt and Laren Nalder met with the Board to discuss the CRP program and the RC&D project for fire breaks in the Curlew area. The first issue discussed was that of the acreage owned by the County that is listed in the CRP program. It was stated that this land was in violation of the terms surrounding the enrollment in the program. This land in question is where the new land fill has been built which makes it no longer eligible for the CRP program. Kim suggested that the County had two options. To discontinue its current usage of this land or to remove the ground from the program and repay any fines or fees as may be applicable. Kim indicated that he would propose to his office that the County repay the \$1500.00 dollars that was received for last year's payment then ends the contract. The second item addressed was that of the privately owned ground in Curlew that has been slated for the fire breaks. The concern was whether or not these properties would be in violation of the CRP program depending on the work being done. The time frame of completing the work was considered and it was suggested that they complete the work later in the year, around late spring, to minimize the impact to wildlife in the area. The commissioners stated that most of the land being cleared was over run with brush etc. and not in CRP. Kim stated that those land owners with CRP would still be able to participate but that they would need to come to his office and make the proper changes to their current contracts. It was further requested that his office be given a list of those participants who do own CRP land. Commissioner Tubbs indicated that he would visit with Ken Eliason prior to his working the ground to see if a different time schedule could be set up.

Carole Howe and Kami Willie met with the Board to go over the current condition of the Swimming pool and what actions would need to be accomplished prior to opening next season. They indicated that they had received a bid of \$4500.00 dollars to fix the furnace and that a second bid had come in just above that same dollar amt. It was further mentioned that the pool is in need of some patch work and tile replacement. Carole mentioned that the filter replacement that she had spoken of in an earlier meeting was not necessary but that a box of filter grids could be purchased for around \$400.00 and would be sufficient for several years.

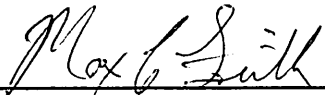
Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the fixing of the furnace at the best bid price.

Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

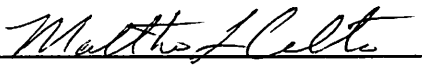
The Commissioners reviewed the 2nd invoice for Keller Associates work on the 2nd phase of the narrows project. The document was approved and signed.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk