

March 12th, 2012

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Sweeten
All Board members present.
Others in attendance: Don Schwartz, Kris Smith

The meeting minutes for February 27th were reviewed.

Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes of February 27th.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the claims.
Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.
Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

It was noted that the BOCC was invited to meet with some of the Fair board members to do a walkthrough of the fair grounds to discuss needed improvements. A date will be scheduled.

Commissioner Sweeten reported to the Board that the BLM and Forest Service combined allow for 20,000 head of cattle, 7,000 sheep, and 48 horses to graze on portions of their land. This information was gathered on behalf of neighboring counties and States that are trying to block legislation that would eliminate grazing rights in an effort to save sage grouse.

James Clark updated the BOCC on current conditions of those roads effected by the recent flooding and stated that all had been fixed pending further water damage.
It was also noted that Lisa had applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 dollars that will be used for culverts and/or cement aprons to help with future water drainage from spring runoff and heavy storms.

Lyle Steed, Tim Keller, Russell Boyer and Candace Hill met with the Commissioners to discuss the Stone Gravel pit and how people in Stone could gain access in a timely fashion without having to wait for someone to come and monitor and/or load the trucks of those buying gravel. It was noted that the gate is generally locked due to past issues of people just taking what they wanted and not buying permits. It was determined that Road foreman James Clark would work with the local residence and find a good solution whereby they could purchase and load their gravel and at the same time monitor the pit for unauthorized usage. Commissioner Firth suggested that a check list stating the do's and don'ts, and a contact list with phone numbers be made available to those buying permits to help them gain the needed access. Russell Boyer offered to help monitor the site stating that he frequently drives past that area.

Supervisors/Elected officials: Dustin Smith, Dianne Pett, Ruhn Panting, Jeff Semrad updated the BOCC on activities in their respective departments.

Dianne stated, on behalf of the assessor's office, that a report from the State showed that her office was in compliance. She further reported that in her own office of the Treasury, they were

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in the middle of acting on another property that is going tax deed. This property is in the Holbrook area.

Rauhn Panting said that the 4-H program was well under way and that the steer weigh in held on the previous Saturday had good attendance with 52 steers going across the scales. Jeff indicated that his officers have only been monitoring the speed and not the weight limit in regards to the Frost law that was posted at the first of the month. It was further reported that he was still working on the safety plan for the dispensing of medications during a pandemic outbreak. It is hoped that we will never need to implement the plan but none the less there needs to be a plan in place. Also reported was the availability of 2000 filled sand bags should they be needed. Jeff requested that people be directed to the stock pile at the court house first and then to the reserve pile at the State sheds. He is still searching for a new deputy and will interview more prospects in the coming days. There were some concerns raised with the Snowville ambulance responding to calls in Idaho and then transporting deceased persons over the state line back into Utah. Jeff said this creates problems with the investigations that need to take place when there is an unattended death in our County and they take them back to Utah.

There was a request for a "Bus Stop" sign to be placed at the top of the hill on 100 West just past the city limits. Commissioner Firth will visit with the school to see if they are aware of any safety concerns that would warrant the need to install a sign at that location.

Lola Bott informed the Board that the P&Z will hold a public hearing on April 4th to hear comments on the CAFO ordinance now that it has been completed.

Edna Palmer informed the Board that she was trying to gain ownership of the log cabin used by Jesse James for the purpose of rebuilding it in its original location on the Palmer ranch. She requested that the Commissioners consider accepting this piece of land as a donation so that they could further pursue Historical status and have it protected for future generations. It was stated that the land needed to be owned by the public to receive historic status. The Commissioners indicated that more information would be needed before they could decide something like what she was proposing.

Kathy Ray requested support from the BOCC for her application for an Idaho Gem Grant to be used for public infrastructure and site improvement. It was indicated that they might want to wait and see the outcome of the discussion in the afternoon session in regards to the recent hearing that was held in regards to the rezoning request of the Anderson Property north of Malad.

Geoff Green met with the Board to discuss the demolition taking place in preparation for the new Kwik Stop building. He was hoping that the Commissioners would reduce the cost of dumping at the land fill since they were going to be hauling so many loads. (Approximately 220 ten wheeler loads minimum)

The Commissioners agreed to visit with the solid waste supervisor and see what would be the appropriate thing to do.

The Commissioners reviewed the Safe Haven contract for Mental Holds for the coming year. The only change was the daily cost which went up by \$100.00 dollars a day. The rest of the costs will stay the same with no obligation to use their facility.

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Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to sign the contract for one year.
Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

After some discussion on the recent public hearing for rezoning, Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to accept the P&Z recommendation and rezone the 40 acres of Anderson property located at 500 West and 2500 North as proposed, for the fuel pellet venture only and that should it fail, the land shall revert back to its current zoning status of multi use.
Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to move into executive session for indigent matters.
Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

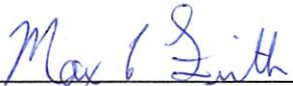
Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to suspend indigent case 10-2012-10008 due to other resources might be available.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Frank Vilt, candidate for district representative, met with the BOCC to seek support for Jessica's Law. A law that will aid in the tracking and apprehension of sex offenders. Other topics addressed were ways to create jobs in the south eastern portion of Idaho and overall economic conditions.

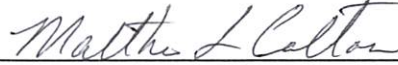
The Board talked about the financial situation of the County Hospital and what could be done to help the situation.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to sign the resolution in support of Kathy Ray's grant application.
Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Sweeten seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk