

April 22nd, 2013

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Tubbs

Attendance: Maggie Mann, Kim Gaskill, Jerry Bush, Bruce Olenick, Ed Jones, Wendy Jones, Garrett Hess, Jill Davis, Mica Capner, Lennart Nivegard, Bridger Morrison, Farrell Steiner, Don Buehler, Kathy Ray, James Clark.

Southeast Idaho Public Health: Maggie Mann presented their FY2014 proposed budget which included a \$423.00 dollar increase to Oneida County, bringing the total to \$28,944.00 for the year. She also presented a spreadsheet showing the services provided and the number of participants receiving help in each of the individual areas.

DEQ: Bruce Olenick requested time to visit with the BOCC to see if there were any concerns in the County that he could help with. Bruce reported that he is going to visit with the owners of the Mink Farm in St. John and surrounding neighbors to see if there might be some proactive changes made that might help improve the seasonal situations that arise through the growing and harvesting of the pelts, namely the smell and the flies that are attracted to the operation.

Bowling Alley tax relief: Ed Jones approached the Board to seek tax relief on behalf of the bowling alley. It was stated that they only open for 6 months throughout the year and that their main customers are the winter leagues. Due to declining participation and the loss of revenue associated, they can no longer meet expenses for heating,, maintenance and upkeep. It is their intentions to try and keep the operation open as a benefit to the community but under the current circumstances it is very difficult to do. The BOCC responded that as a private enterprise they can't give tax relief but it might be possible to look at a revaluation to see if that could help in any way.

Forest Service: A letter was received from the Forest Service announcing new regulations as to how weed spraying would be conducted in the future. In the letter it stated that spraying could no longer be done from the ATV's while they were moving unless the quantity of spray was under a designated amount. Commissioner Firth will follow up with the F.S.

Probation: Jill Davis presented possible rate increases for the various drug and alcohol testing that her department administers in an effort to recoup the costs that are incurred. No decision was made at this time.

Mica Capner, owner of the probation building, asked the BOCC if they were still interested in purchasing the structure. He indicated that he was willing to negotiate the price if and when they were ready to buy.

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Lennart Nivegard, district six Juvenile Corrections liaison, presented his report for the past funding and projected County revenues for the next fiscal year.

J-U-B Engineering: Bridger Morrison met with the BOCC to discuss possible time lines and contacts for the next phase of the industrial road project. Pending the environmental report being submitted, they should start moving dirt in late June.

Annual Audit: Farrell Steiner gave his report on the financial status of the county based on the audit findings. It was recommended that the projected revenue function of the county software be utilized in the budget process, to make sure that all revenues are entered in the same year as they are received through the Fiscal year change over, and to have a tracker in place giving approval of the journal entries that are made.

Don Buehler: A proposal was given to the BOCC for the sale of gravel to the County for use on roads in the Daniels area. The R&B foreman will review the offer and work with the Commissioners to determine what a fair price would be prior to making any commitments.

Economic development: Kathy Ray reported on the recent industrial site expansion grant and requested that the Board chairman sign the quarterly report prior to submission. A second request was made where by the County would act as host for a Executive Pulse grant. This grant would help purchase computer software that will enable the collection of data showing similarities with surrounding counties that can in turn be used to persuade business growth in like areas of need.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the application for the Executive Pulse grant.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Road & Bridge: James Clark reported that road damage was discovered by the intersection at 1000 North and 1100 West near the location where two homes are being built, and by Point Canyon in close proximity to where they are logging timber. It was further reported that someone had taken several loads of gravel out of the pit in Weston Canyon where Two Mile Road intersects with the State Highway.

Two (2) letters of concern sent to the BOCC were read and discussed. The first one addressed the condition of the New Canyon road and the possible hazards that are present due to its narrow construction and the increasing traffic flow as new people move in to the area. The second letter voiced concern of the many unwanted critters that are taking up residence in the vacant lots by the Crowthers Dam just north of Malad City.

Commissioner Daniels will write letters in response to both complaints.

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Commissioner Firth signed the final approval of the Gem Grant. This grant will help in the improvement to the county road near the Hess Mines in the Daniels area.

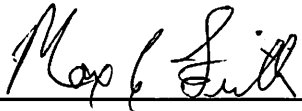
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 8th, meeting.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

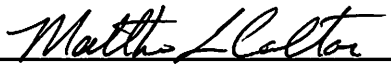
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to move into executive session for medical indigent matters.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

In regular session, Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny indigent application # 10-2013-10010 due to lack of information, failure to co operate and other resources being possible.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk