

July 8th, 2013

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth.

Concealed weapons permit fees: Sheriff Semrad reported that the State has increased their fees for concealed weapon permits. At the current rate of collection, his office is losing money and he would like to propose an increase for new permits and renewals at the rate of \$35.00 dollars and \$25.00 dollars respectively. It was further proposed that the fees take effect at the first of October so that residents have a chance to purchase or renew their permits before the increase. Also mentioned was the fact that a new enhanced permit will soon be available of which a portion of the training will be administered locally by certified personnel.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve a fee increase of \$35.00 dollars for new concealed weapon permits and \$25.00 dollars for renewal of these permits beginning October 1st, 2013.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Departmental reports: Sheriff Department responded to one fire over the Holiday - the investigation in the triple homicide is moving along slow but sure. Assessor informed the board that she had hired Kim Thorpe to fill the vacancy in her office.

Herd District discussion: John Christopherson, Pat Hunsaker, Sharon Williamson, Richard Hupp, Scott Furman, Kirk Matthews, Mark Alder, and Lynn Wright came before the BOCC to discuss the status of a herd district in Pocatello Valley that originated in 1945. Mr. Hunsaker expressed his concern of the validity of the herd district since the fencing and cattle guards were not in place per original state stipulations. His thoughts were that if the herd district were not enforceable that the open range law should be in effect and enforced. The other meeting attendees indicated that the problem at hand is that Mr. Hunsaker has multiple animals that are grazing openly and have encroached on their property and have caused a lot of damage. It was further mentioned by Mr. Matthews that his understanding of the law was that open range was only applicable to public property and that private land owners still shared in the responsibility to fence the left half of their property facing their neighbor. Commissioner Tubbs indicated that land owners just need to take responsibility for their own land and livestock.

Commissioner Firth asked if those present were interested in an active herd district to which there was no response. The Commissioners suggested that those directly involved should meet together and work out a proper solution including the appropriate fencing of their land. It was further mentioned that if they were interested in pursuing the herd district that they make a formal request to the Commissioners and proceed from there. All parties agreed

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Industrial Park Road Project: The County gravel to be supplied for this project is in the process of being certified. Pending the testing results, a second source of gravel might need to be obtained.

Commissioner Firth questioned the need for an official declaration as to the County's drought situation in case State funding is requested.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to sign a resolution declaring Oneida County as a drought area.

Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth questioned the need to sign a proclamation regarding open fires and fireworks for the 2013 year. It was decided that a proclamation was not needed at this time.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 24th meeting pending one change to reference the "Narrows" project as possibly being built as a gravel road.

Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.

Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Two (2) permits were presented to the BOCC. Lola Bott informed the Commissioners of a wild game meat packing business that is looking to expand into the Malad area.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the permits for Keith Blaisdell's addition and an AG building for Gale Bowcutt.

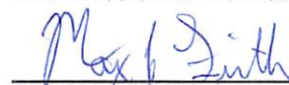
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to move into an Executive session to discuss employee concerns and medical indigent applications.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs moved to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk