

February 24th, 2014

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Tubbs

Health Department: Jackie Pfeiffer presented the statistics from the last two quarters of activity in the Health Department. This information included the number of people receiving help and the type of services given.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Fair Board: Darin Daniels discussed modifications to the new Stock barn that will be built this spring. They are requesting permission to add a lean to on the south side. Commissioner Daniels requested that firm costs of the total project be obtained. Commissioner Firth indicated that they wouldn't approve anything that would over run their budget and further suggested that they might want to consider completing the construction in two phases so they could budget for the work in the next fiscal year. On other issues Mr. Daniels indicated that they need to find some quality sand or other media to help amend the arena grounds, especially around the bucking chutes. When asked if the two night rodeo was making wages it was stated that although they were doing better in recent years, they were still running short for what proceeds come in each year.

Road and Bridge: with several equipment leases coming due the Commissioners considered multiple options whereby they could consolidate some of the equipment, maximize the usage of what they retain and consider whether it would be more feasible to buy the equipment or sign a new lease. The request for bids from various businesses was reviewed and Western States, being the lowest bid, was represented at this discussion by Jim Betty. It was decided that the best course of action would be to turn both leased graders back, trade in one of the older graders towards the purchase of a newer model and sign a new lease for a second grader.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to turn back the two graders from the R&B department and the trash cat from the landfill, whose terms for lease were completed, to replace them with a renewed lease of one grader and to trade in a 1988 grader towards the purchase of a second grader for R&B, and to purchase one dozer for the landfill.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

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Weeds: with the current weed supervisor scheduled to be absent for about 7 weeks throughout the spraying season due to his commitments to the Idaho Nation Guard, it was discussed as to how the Commissioners could insure that the department continue to operate and ensure that the noxious weeds in the county receive the proper treatments necessary. It was suggested that the department be allowed to hire summer help as in the past but that those successful applicants must have the proper certification prior to being put on the payroll. This will allow the needed spraying to take place for this season and allow the commissioners more time to make a long term decision about the weed supervisor position. It was further mentioned that a Weed Board would be very useful in helping to monitoring the needs of the County, acting in an advisory roll and reporting to the Commissioners.

Economic Development: Kathy Ray gave updates and notification of future activities in the effort to promote new development in the four county region that she represents. She further requested \$6,000.00 dollars to be placed in the FY2015 County budget for continued support of the four county economic development program.

Kris Smith: Kris, owner of the local paper, requested the opportunity to ask several questions regarding the Commission's authority over setting and approving the budget lines for the County budget and in particular the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to hold an executive session per IC 67-2345(b) Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Animal Damage Control board notified the BOCC that Ruhn Panting had been serving on the board and that his term has expired. They requested that this position be filled and it was thought that, if willing, Ruhn might continue in this capacity. Commissioner Firth will make contact with Ruhn and see if he is willing to continue to be active with this organization.

R&B and Landfill: the discussion started with addressing the need for supervision with the recent resignation of James Clark. The consensus was to elevate Mark Bunker and Scott Blaisdell to the status of working Lead person's, reporting to the Commissioners for the time being.

The landfill will sell an old earth mover that is no longer in service, and the revenue will be applied to the new equipment purchase.

Also noted was the time frame to complete the gravel overlay on the mine road by Hess Pumice. The project has a deadline in June of this year after which the grant money will be lost.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to promote Mark Bunker and Scott Blaisdell to the position of working leadmen with a \$2.00 per hour raise, effective immediately, for each, with both men answering to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

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Commissioner Daniels made the motion to table the next agenda item of road ownership pending further investigation.

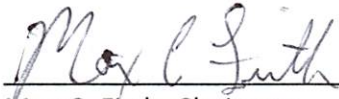
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Daniels 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