

June 23rd, 2014

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth

Attendees: Dustin Smith, Lisa Baker, Ronna Bowcutt,

Road abandonment request: A letter was sent to the commissioners from Don Buehler, requesting that two roads on his property in the Daniels area, be considered for abandonment. The suggestion was made to hold these proceedings at the same time as the abandonment request by the Samaria recreation district.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to proceed with the requirements for road abandonment as requested by Don Buehler.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Removal of road easement: Ronna Bowcutt requested help with removing an easement on her property in the Woodruff area stating that the land behind her property now has other access and the easement through her property was not necessary. The Commissioners respectfully informed her that this was a private issue between land owners and that the County had no jurisdiction in the matter. The recommendation was made, to talk with the owner of the easement and see if he would be willing to have it removed.

Conflict defender requirements: The new State regulations for conflict defenders was addressed briefly. The recommendation was to continue with the current contract until it expired and see what changes come from the State committee tasked with working out the details of the new legislation.

The minutes from the last meeting and the current claims were reviewed.

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

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Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan: After several reviews and changes the final draft copy was accepted and presented to the Commissioners for final approval and signature.

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Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to accept the All Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels gave a brief report on the recently attended Commissioners meeting conducted by IAC. Of concern was the indication that PILT money might not be funded in the coming fiscal year.

Industrial Road: Brad Hess questioned the actions of the County in their placement of road signs on the newly constructed road in the industrial Park. The concern was that this road should be used and not restricted to personal vehicles only and that 100 west should allow for larger trucks as well. The question was raised as to why both roads were treated different than other county roads. Commissioner Firth responded by reading from past notes taken during the grant application process and the stipulations in the approved grant document. It was stated that the need for the road was for emergency ingress and egress to the industrial park by emergency vehicles and that it was not to be used as a truck route. Commissioner Daniels indicated that there were verbal agreements made during the grant process agreeing to this stipulation. Commissioner Tubbs indicated that the issue would need further discussion before any final decisions could be made.

Pocatello valley / BLM cattle discussion: Farmers from the Pocatello valley area voiced their concern that the roaming cattle are still causing damage to their crops and personal items as they search for food and water. The issue, discussed about one year ago, was to be settled by land owners agreeing to fence the left half of their property lines. The cattle, claimed to be under the care of Pat Hunsaker, still roam free and are causing damage. The question was asked if a County ordinance would be effective in helping to solve the problem. The Counties position is that there are State statutes in place that cover these issues and that the farmers need to act on the State laws.

Commissioner Tubbs made to motion to convene as the Board of Equalization.

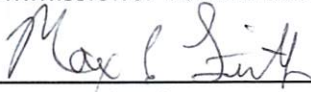
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Having no complaints filed or citizens in attendance to seek reassessment of their property, the BOE was closed.

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

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk