

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Commissioner Tubbs participated via. telephone.

Hospital bank loan – John Williams came before the Board seeking a renewal on the operating loan with Ireland bank. The loan is good for \$150,000.00 dollars and must be paid in full at the end of each quarter before another loan can be requested. The commissioners agreed that the loan was needed and a good aid to the hospital but wanted to continue with the current arrangements whereby it was renewed by the commissioners on a yearly basis.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the renewal of the operating loan for the County hospital with the option to renew on an annual basis. Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

John also updated the commissioners on the status of the current board members stating that with Chairperson Steve Daniels recent resignation, Dotty Evanson has agreed to take on the roll of chairperson for one year. With another board member position yet to be filled, the commissioners discussed a few names and indicated that Commissioner Tubbs, who is responsible for the hospital, would need to make a few calls and see if there was any interest and then extend the invitation to serve.

Building inspector – Commissioner Daniels reported that the county building inspector also does some contracted work which requires inspections by a third party. With the increase in construction throughout the surrounding counties it is becoming increasing more difficult to find backup inspectors who have the time to come to our county to do inspections. The commissioners were reluctant to accept photos of the work to be inspected in fear that other contractors would want to do the have the same benefits. The suggestion was to try and seek out someone in the county who would be willing to become a certified inspector that could perform these functions. No decision was made at this time. Part time inspectors position will be pursued with input from the County Prosecutor.

Road abandonment request – A request was made to have a county road in the area of First Creek off Hwy. 36, abandon. The claim is that this road comes to a dead end at the farm yard of current owner Jared Simpson. The Commissioners indicated that they will need to review the issue and counsel with the County prosecutor before they can proceed.

Commissioner Tubbs ended the teleconference at this time and indicated that he would reconnect for the discussion on the Public Defender office.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes with the modification of adding in the names of the departments that participated and discussed their budget requests.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Road and Bridge – Forman Scott Blaisdell was questioned about the request to abandon the county road near First Creek. He indicated that he had no objections. He also reported that 1- They were still searching for good gravel sources to use in their road maintenance. 2- Franklin County was willing to share equipment and allow Oneida to use their spreader box to chip our roads and we would provide our Zipper unit for their use. Each county would also provide two operators with their respective pieces of equipment. 3- The cost to hire road chipping was found to be more expensive than doing it in-house.

Commissioner Daniels reported that the cost to have someone set up on-site to crush the cement pile south of Malad would be more expensive than what the county could afford however the same company would be willing to haul it to their own property just east of Malad on the frontage road for a fraction of the cost. Scott also requested that available operators be allowed to work extra hours to help complete some of the work that is in process. This need is due to a shortage of man power as a result of employees taking personal leave for vacations etc. The commissioners agreed as long as they didn't allow their compensation time to grow too large.

The claims were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims as presented.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs rejoined the meeting via. telephone for the Public Defender discussion only.

Power County teleconference – Power County made arrangements to call and discuss with the Oneida BOCC, the Public Defender position and to begin exploring the possibilities of joining with surrounding counties to meet the State requirements of providing an office for a Public Defender along with associated amenities. Elected clerks from both counties will work together to compile similar statistics from each county to help identify case loads etc. This information will be used to help understand what each county's cost share might be if Power and Oneida were to join forces.

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Jail contract – With Bannock County needing the bed space currently offered to our county, the Sheriff talked with Caribou County to see if a temporary understanding could be agreed upon to house some of our inmates. The contract would allow for five (5) beds at the rate of \$65.00 dollars per day for the months of July, August, and September at which time a new agreement would need to be signed for the full fiscal year.

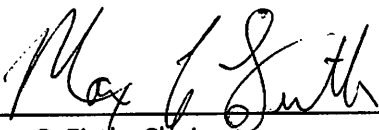
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the three month jail contract for the price of \$65.00 dollars a day per bed.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

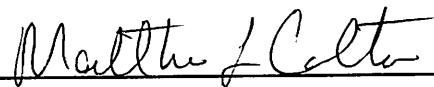
There were no requests for a Board of Equalization hearing therefore the commissioners did not convene in this capacity.

Commissioner Firth reported that they were still working towards having a US Marshal assist in the assessment of our court house security in an attempt to search out the best improvements that will help keep the building safe. He also reported that the Oneida School District is willing to allow the County to use their wheel chair lift for the summer while school is out of session.

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk