

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth.

The meeting began in the court room with many family members, friends and residents in attendance. Judge Hooste swore in the newly elected official in the following order. Prosecuting Attorney, Cody Brower. Sheriff, Arne Jones. Commissioner District 2, Bob Stokes. Commissioner District 3, Max Firth. The meeting then moved to the commissioners room for regular business.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to retain Max Firth as Chairman of the Board for the next year.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels presented a suggested list of duties for each of the commissioners for the coming year. She explained that each of the assignments has different time requirements and meeting schedules and that the list would hopefully divide these requirements up equally.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the assignments as follows.

<u>Commissioner Firth</u>	<u>Commissioner Stokes</u>	<u>Commissioner Daniels</u>
Road & Bridge	Senior Citizens	Airport
Weeds	Behavior Health	Landfill
SEIGOG	Southeast Idaho Health	Building/facilities
Fair Board	Veterans	Parks & recreation
Soil Conservation	Juvenile Detention	Planning & Zoning
Waterways	Economic Development	SAUSA
Hospital		*ICRMP state board
		*PDC commission

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Juvenile Justice – recently held another drug court graduation.

Assessors – they are working with one citizen on a change in assessed values. The five year county assessment plan is in work and will be ready for state approval soon. Motor vehicle has been overly busy.

Treasurer – December tax collection went well however one property on 5800 West is going tax deed.

Emergency services – weather alert for South East Idaho has everyone worried about possible flooding. Sand bags have been filled and are available at the State sheds northeast of town.

Road & Bridge – People are still pushing snow onto and across the county roads. This creates a hazard for traffic when the snow is left in the road. As this is a violation punishable by law, it was suggested that offenders could be called with a warning before a ticket was issued. Prosecutor Brower suggested a written warning rather than a phone call.

The county stock pile of sand used when sanding the winter roads is out and it was suggested that it would be time saving as well as cost effective to contract a third party to transport more sand.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to contract with someone to rebuild the sand pile used by road and bridge on the winter roads.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Hansen-Cress road – Jay Hansen asked for confirmation from the commissioners that he could continue to perform maintenance, with his equipment, on the county road leading to his property in the west part of the county and if so, would the county be willing to supply a couple of grader blades. The commissioners agreed. It was decided that a written agreement could be drawn up and signed stating this approval. Mr. Hansen further requested that the county could haul some gravel to a couple of low spots on this road to which they agreed. The issue of dust guard was brought up with Mr. Hansen wanting to purchase some from the county. Scott explained that they contracted with the vendor to purchase the product and also to spread it on the designated road. Mr. Hansen will contact the vendor directly to purchase the desired dust guard.

The commissioners received a request to increase the weight limits on the road to Power County to 129,000 pounds. The request would mirror other specific state roads that have been approved after extensive state studies. It was noted that the State would not allow any roads to have this exemption if it would allow trucks to bypass weigh stations and or other check points.

Prosecutor Cody Brower informed the commissioner that there had been an increase of felony filings in the last month and that they were mostly drug related. One of them will most likely go to jury trial. He indicated that most of the criminal costs in the county justice system are due to drugs.

Planning & Zoning – two permits were issued in December.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve two building permits; a carport for Michael Jones and an Ag building for Tim Keller.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

P&Z administrator Lola Bott informed the commissioners that the parties in disagreement on an easement in the Phillips subdivision on 5800 West had been informed that the county could not settle the dispute. That it was a civil matter that they would need to correct through other means.

The commission held a public hearing to take comment on the proposed storage facility for Ihler Distribution to be built on south main near the industrial park. The recommendation from the board was to approve the permit.

It was also requested by building inspector Robert Phillips through Lola Bott that the county pays for his membership into the Idaho Association of building officials. Participation in this association allows access to many helpful resources that would help Robert in his duties as building inspector.

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Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve payment for the membership dues to Idaho Association of building officials on behalf of the county building inspector.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the Ihler permit for the commercial permit.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The stipulations that were placed on the request to build a convenience store near exit three on I-15 have been met with the exception of a cover being placed on the waste water catch basin. Commissioner Firth indicated that a public hearing provided by the commissioners would be in order. The date of February 27th at 9:10 am was selected to conduct the hearing.

Compensatory time was discussed. The personnel policy indicates that a maximum of 50 hours can be carried into the New Year. Many employees have exceeded the limit. Two departments paid down some of their workers time without commissioner's approval and Commissioner Daniels suggested that all employees be given the same opportunity. A resolution will be drawn up for next meeting to give this approval.

The claims and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims for payment.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

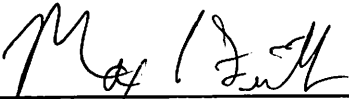
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes as written.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to hold an executive session to discuss medical indigent requests.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve medical indigent case #10-2017-10006.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve vacation carry over until February 15th, per the personnel manual for two employees in the sheriff's office.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk