

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Stokes.

Taia Murray from the Health District canceled her appointment due to bad roads caused by the recent winter storms.

The meeting with the City leaders began with John Williams addressing economic development. His presentation described asset base community development. Qualities of our community along with needed infrastructure changes within the community were identified. It was suggested that the first efforts of the economic development committee would be to make contact with current businesses and seek ways to help them grow.

Commissioner Stokes was nominated and approved to occupy the vacancy on the economic development board left by outgoing Commissioner Dale Tubbs.

The city indicated that they were interested in renewing their contract for protective services from the county sheriff's office. The negotiations will happen later in the spring of the year when the FY2018 budget has begun. Problems with the county landfill were addressed noting that some changes have been implemented and may solve some of the issues. The possibility of drafting written documents to aid in the management of like interest in the community such as the swimming pool and senior center was discussed. The proposed benefit would be to help eliminate the entity playing both governments against each other when seeking upgrades and improvements. One concern was that a written document may cloud over the good relationship that currently exists. It was decided that where both governments meet on a quarterly basis now, that the improved communication will help to keep both sides informed and the right decisions can be made in unison.

Bids were received from two companies for a painting job in the Sheriffs department along with two bids for flooring in the same area. The bids were as follows:

Painting

- AJ Painting - \$2,734 dollars to cover 1367 sq. feet.
- Thomas Painting - \$1,300 dollars open bid, will increase as needed.

Flooring

- Morris Construction - \$9,070.00 dollars.
- Tripp Upholstry and flooring - \$6,020.96 dollars.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Tripp Upholstery bid for flooring. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Note was made that the open bid caused a little concern with the commission.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the AJ Painting bid. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels asked about the other improvements in this department that were placed in the budget. Sheriff Jones requested that they wait until he has a chance to clean up other rooms in the area before they move forward.

Lennart Nivegard presented the 2016 annual Juvenile Justice report. The general outcome of the report showed a decline in activity as compared to recent years. Other items discussed were the diversion program and how community service is being administered.

Assessor Kathleen Atkinson reported on the occupancy BOE whereby \$1,969.916.00 dollars of assessed value was added to the tax rolls for new occupancies.

In a previous meeting the commissioner received a request for a tax adjustment from Sheryl Rosenhoover. Investigation by the Assessor shows that the property was increased more than was feasible considering the current condition. The assessor indicated that the initial increase was around \$30,000.00 dollars in value. A detailed appraisal of the home, both inside and out resulted in the determination that the value should have only increased about \$15,000.00 dollars.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to follow the recommendation of the Assessor's office and to let the current taxes stand as assessed and to decrease the assessment going forward, to its original amount until such time as it comes due for re evaluation.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Sheriff Jones has a part time deputy that is earning \$11.00 dollars an hour. This officer usually helps with bailiff duties and transport. The department has deputies on leave and this officer is being utilized more frequently as a patrol deputy. The request is to increase the wage for this deputy due who is post certified, to \$15.00 dollars an hour when he works as a patrol officer. This wage is below that which he was making when working full time however is thought to be a good mid point since he is only part time. Discussion resulted in a possible higher rate than requested however the final thoughts were to approve just what was asked for.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the wage increase for Deputy Jones to \$15.00 dollars an hour when fill the role as reserve Deputy due to his current certifications. Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

A resolution to pay down the accrued compensatory time for all employees as addressed in the last meeting, was reviewed. Commissioner Daniels explained to the department heads the reasoning behind the decision and the expectations going forward.

After review of the resolution, Commissioner Daniels suggested that the resolution be changed to reference that the hours be paid down to 49 accrued instead of 50 hours as limited in the personnel manual.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve resolution #10-2017-01-01 to pay down employee's accrued compensatory time.

Commissioner Daniels seconded with the stipulation that the hours be paid down to 49 instead of 50.

Commissioner Stokes seconded the change and the motion carried.

Officer Schwartz has requested that he be able to carry over his unused vacation from 2016. He is currently on leave due to an on the job accident. He is receiving 66% of his wage through State insurance and it is his request that his vacation be used to make up the difference rather than sick leave.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the vacation carry over.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Shane Howard informed the Commissioners that the ambulance department had received a State grant to purchase an automated gurney lift for one of the ambulances. The money was taken from the Capital expenditures. He also expressed interest in updating their older vehicle with a two wheel drive that can be used mainly for transports. The reasoning is that it will require less maintenance when driving on the highways than it does currently with the four wheel drive units in service. The vehicle that is being looked at is around \$20,000.00 dollars however the vehicle that it will replace could be sold for about half this amount to help cover the costs. The purchase was planned in advance and put in the budget.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the expenditure of the State grant.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Emergency Operations Manager, Dan Williams and field officer Mark Stephenson spoke with the commissioners regarding possible dangers that the county could face. Mark explained the flow of communication, should a disaster happen and who would be in charge of such incident. Costs of these disasters was addressed with reiteration that following proper protocol and correct record keeping is mandatory if reimbursements be to be requested. Training for these different scenarios is available online and for more extensive situations, in person. The Commissioner asked if Dan would set up some of this training so that all entities in the county would have the chance to learn better just what their duties are in the case of a major disaster. Dan reported that most all of the sandbags filled earlier in the year have been used. Plans are underway to fill more bags for future use.

Seven Certificates of residency were presented for approval.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the seven certificates.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The claims and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

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

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

The Treasurer/Auditors joint quarterly report was reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Treasurer/Auditors joint quarterly report.

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Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

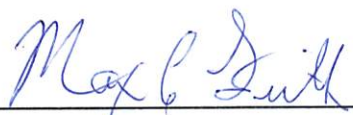
Commissioner Stokes made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session to review medical indigent applications.

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 Daniels made the motion to deny medical indigent case #10-2017-10007a due to the application being incomplete.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk