

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Southeast Idaho Public Health: Taia Murray reviewed the FY2017 second quarter report of the many services provided, and number of citizen assisted. Of note; vision screenings were provided to students at the schools. Also, flu clinics have been well attended with only eight vaccines remaining for distribution at this time.

Department reports:

Treasurer – A tax deed sale needs to be scheduled soon. It will be published once in the paper after a date and time have been set.

Warrant of distraint; Citizens who are delinquent on property taxes receive a letter from the treasurer stating that the taxes are due and if they don't comply, the Sheriff's office will deliver a warrant of distraint which current adds a charge of \$10.00 dollars to the amount owed. Most recipients continue to neglect their tax payments until the Sheriff's department delivers this notice. The ten dollar charge is well below what other counties collect due in part to the expense for delivering the notice. The commissioners were asked to consider raising this charge to help cover costs and also to help entice the offenders into paying the debt before the Sheriff's office is involved. It was determined that this charge does not require prior notice such as an increase in a tax or fee would.

Going forward all future warrants of distraint will be sent showing a charge of \$45.00 dollars.

Assessor – Currently working to improve the Proval computer software. Expressed Concern that the court house furnace isn't running properly.

Sheriff – bids on the court house security need to be specific so each vendor is bidding the for the same upgrades.

Parks & Rec – A slide for the pool was put in the budget however options for better attractions such as a climbing wall have come available. The request was made to allow for the purchase of these other attractions instead of the slide.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to allow for the reallocation of the budgeted capital improvement money as requested.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Sheriff (cont.) – status of the current staff of patrol officers was given with news that another officer was involved in an altercation which required that he receive medical attention. Due to recent accidents the motor pool of patrol vehicles is in need of some replacements. Some of the safety equipment is also in need of replacement such as the safety vests which have exceeded their expiration date. The cost for an adequate vest is about \$600.00 to \$700.00 dollars each. It is possible that a grant would be available. With Officer Schwartz still unable to come back to work, some of the employees asked if they could contribute some of their vacation time to him. This request has been asked in the past as other employees have gone through hard time however they were all declined. Most counties don't allow this gift of hours however Franklin and Fremont do. They will be asked to share their policy on this matter. The department is looking for more reserve officers. The Sheriff has started a citizens advisory group to help

identify problems in the community and to suggest solutions. The boat check station did not utilize all of the grant money from 2016 to pay for assistance from off duty officers. The agreement was made to extend the grant money for one more year.

Road & Bridge – Current efforts are being directed to managing the water flows and keeping the roads from washing out. Warning signs have been placed in the hazard areas. The rental grader has been operating full time and has made a positive difference with the overall winter maintenance effort. The frost law signs are going up today and the sheriff's department need be aware so they can enforce the law.

Brian Parker and Doug Downs met with the commissioners to discuss winter maintenance on a road in St. John. Over the last several years a few citizens have built homes along this road and they asked if it could be put on the schedule for regular snow removal. They acknowledged that the county does come out once or twice to help open things up. It was explained that there are primary and secondary routes and that resources are limited however the county will continue to help open up the road when they can, after all other responsibilities have been met.

Emergency manager – Dan Williams reported on the sandbags that have been filled by the community and the efforts to help minimize flooding that is occurring in several parts of the county. The filled sandbags are kept at the State sheds and can be picked up by any resident in need. Classes for emergency training are being scheduled for this spring.

Probation - \$3,500.00 dollar grant is available with a 10% match, to help pay for upgrades to the video conferencing for juvenile arraignments. Commissioners requested confirmation that the equipments could be used for adult cases as well. Jill indicated that it could.

LHTAC – Lan Smith spoke to the commissioners about roads approved to permit 129,000 pound loads if the truck and trailers are configured correctly. His state map did not show the road going to the pumice mine as being approved for this option. It was noted that the county had approved this action after the state had concluded their study and the state, at that time did not want to control individual county roads. It was further mentioned that a person had requested that the road in Arbon be considered for approval for the 129,000 pound exemption. Mr. Smith indicated that this exemptions was not allowed on county roads that connect state roads as this could possibly lead to trucks bypassing the check stations.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny the request to allow the 129,000 pound exemption on the Arbon Valley road.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Assessor – Kathleen presented her five year assessment plan for the county as instructed by the state. Her new plan should help eliminate many of the duplicate trips to parts of the county. It was also requested that an in house appraiser be hired to replace the current contract appraiser when he retires. More facts and figures will be presented closer to budget time to see if this proposal is feasible.

BLM- Blaine Newman presented a map showing county roads that cross BLM property. The map, put together with the help of the Road and Bridge department, will be on record should questions arise in the future. The contract for the county to complete road maintenance this summer for the BLM may be modified. A proposal will be presented in a future meeting.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve and sign the road map agreement as presented.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Max Thomas questioned the commissioners about the bidding process and why he wasn't awarded the bid to paint the sheriff's department. It was explained that he had two bids with conflicting information and it appeared to be open in which case the cost was variable.

Planning and Zoning – Lola Bott presented one building permit for January to be approved. A stick built home for Bart Kendall.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the permit.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

It was further reported that a CAFO permit has been requested and the P&Z board is going to review and discuss. Also, two permits have not received their final inspection however they are both being occupied. The request was made to have Lola call each permit holder and see why they haven't finalized.

The request was made to allow the previous sheriff to purchase his used phone and tablet.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the purchase as long as any and all public documents are turned back to the county.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels asked to be excused to attend another meeting.

The minutes and claims were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Three certificates of residency were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve three Certificates of residency.

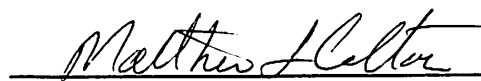
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the claims.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.


Max C. Firth, Chairman


Matthew L. Colton, Clerk