

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Stokes.

Tax Deed sale: The sale of RP0248501 was opened for auction to recover past taxes, penalties and other costs. The minimum bid was set at \$512.15. Derek Ipsen, participating by telephone, was the only bidder and agreed to the bid of \$512.15.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to accept the bid from Derek Ipsen for \$512.15 for tax deed property RP0248501.

Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sixth District Trial Court Administrator: Suzanne Johnson is retiring as the current TCA and Kerry Hong has been selected as her replacement. After introductions were made Kerry discussed future plans within the sixth district and the Public Defender position.

Department reports:

Treasurer – reminders on past due taxes have been sent.

Assessor – 2017 property values have been updated, Proval software cleanup continues.

Sheriff – remodel project is about complete, Justin Schwartz is back to work on light duty with doctors release, Scott Leckie will be completing POST this week, they are short on manpower and in the process of finding a few more reserve officers.

Prosecutor - Attended Drug Court training with the probation office and the Judge.

Road & Bridge – Working to open Pocatello Valley road, the grader in Juniper will be brought over and work on the gravel roads will begin. A survey regarding the county roads and infrastructure damage caused by the heavy winter was completed and returned to the State. Many hours have been spent on winter road maintenance adding to the compensatory time accumulation. It was suggested that the county hire an independent vendor to construct the fabric building that was purchased to cover the salt used on the winter roads to help eliminate further comp time accumulation.

Probation – Two day Drug Court training was attended with of good information being presented.

Personnel policy – With the policy currently being reviewed for needed updates it was asked if a section was needed for step and grade for all employees and a section for cell phone reimbursements. Departments will review their personal needs and discuss at a later date.

Rowe brothers building permit – Commissioners contracted for an independent review of the plans for a proposed convenience store near exit -3. J U B engineering Representative Greg Anderson presented his findings in regards to the Rowe brother's drawings and the county development code and comprehensive plan. It was determined that the plans do meet the county requirements as printed in above reference plans. Nine points of interest were identified, mostly dealing with the water drainage including how the calculations for the water runoff were executed. It was said to be constructed to handle a 100 year storm but without

calculations this claim couldn't be verified. Other items brought to the discussion were 1- Negative effects on surrounding wells if a new well is drilled. 2- Proper septic drainage. 3- Possibility of other businesses on the East side of the highway. The water and septic issues fall under the respective state departments for approval. The commissioners indicated that other businesses would need to go through the same process and if all the laws and regulations were met that the business could be approved. The request was made of the Rowe brothers to supply the proper information to Greg at J U B engineering, so that he may complete the review and ensure that the water issues are put to rest. The decision will be given in the next regular meeting provided that all requests are completed.

Power County Jail – Sheriff Jones is gathering information for Power County to help them come up with a reasonable bid to house Oneida's prisoners. It is thought that by keeping our inmates in Power that it will save time and money for our public defender who also works in Power County.

Court House security – The commissioners are still waiting for the written report that will be provided from the Marshals office giving a full report of the recent walkthrough of our building. The security vest use by the patrol deputies need replaced and a bid of \$6,900.00 dollars was received. Sheriff Jones indicated that they are a good quality and asked if he would make the purchase. This money will come from some of the Emergency Services SHSP grant money. Dan Williams will reallocate this grant money and the purchase made.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the purchase of the security vest with emergency services grant money.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed

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

Second council for Brendan Taylor – The courts approved a second attorney to help with the public defense in the Luera case. The courts also left it up to the commissioners to negotiate a contract with an attorney of their choice. Brendan Taylor is the lead attorney and has requested that his sister be hired. The concern was raised that she resided in North Idaho and it might not look so good to other attorneys in South East Idaho if we didn't give them a chance. Mr. Taylor was asked to inquire of other local attorneys to see if there was any interest. The issue will be addressed in the next commissioners meeting.

Overweight permits – Hess Pumice is seeking to renew their overweight permits for use on the road from their plant in Malad to their mines in the Daniels area. Questions were raised concerning the capacity of the road and if it should remain as a 129,000 pound road limit as studied by the state.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the four permits and to research the issue for future discussion.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning – The R V ordinance was brought up with questions as to what the commissioners would like the P&Z board to do in regards to creating an ordinance or not. The topic was tabled previously while the State of Idaho deliberated the same topic. As the state has not taken a formal position on the issue, it was recommended that they wait for the States decision.

Medical Indigency – one application was received on the fax machine but it was incorrectly sent to Oneida County and should have gone to Nez Peirce County. The recommendation was denial due to no residency established in Oneida County. (No case number was given as it didn't come through DHW).

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny the application due to not being a resident of Oneida County.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Prosecutor's office space – Cody Brower presented a proposed resolution and contract for personal use of his office space, based on discussion in the previous meeting. The length of the contract was discussed and who should sign the contract. It was decided that all three commissioners should sign and that the contract should be renewed every year.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the resolution and contract for the prosecutor to use his county office for personal use.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Court House phones – ATC has installed fiber optics throughout the county and with this upgrade to their system it provides the county an opportunity to upgrade their phone system and become digital. This option would use additional hardware to convert the existing system whereby giving a greater capacity of lines and an overall lower monthly bill. The system would pay for its self in about one and a half years. Commissioner Daniels questioned the overall capacity of the ATC service to the court house and asked that this issue be checked beforehand.

Behavioral Health – Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center supplied a renewal contract care given to our behavioral health cases. The amount suggested seemed quite high at \$977.00 per day with other fees depending on the service.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to table discussion pending further investigation.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Civil processing software – Sheriff Jones indicated that his office has been keeping track of the civil matters in his office manually. This has caused time delays and a much slower process overall. After training from Bonneville County it was recommended that Oneida County look at acquiring the civil processing software offered by Computer Arts. This program would operate much the same as those used in other departments where a monthly service fee would apply in exchange for the program and maintenance of the software. It was suggested that a new service could streamline the process, make the information more readily available and help the office run more smooth and efficient.

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Commissioner Daniels made to motion to purchase the civil software package from Computer Arts.

The question regarding hardware needs to support the service was asked.

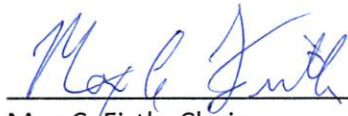
Commissioner Daniels withdrew her motion to purchase until further information could be obtained. Computer Arts will be surveyed as to what our current capacity for more software is and what actual hardware will be required.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the minutes as written.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk