

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

The meeting start time was moved to 8:00 am for FY2018 budget discussion with the regular agenda items starting at 9:00 am.

Commissioner Daniels talked about the various revenue sources and how they play an important part in determining how the tax levy is set for each fund. The current revenue report was reviewed with the note that after the second half tax collection is turned in and the fourth quarter state revenues have been posted in late July, then a better picture of how close last year's projections were. This will determine what each fund can spend in the last quarter and still maintain a cash balance to fund the first quarter of the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Daniels recommended a review of other cities that contract with their counties for law enforcement to see what their costs are. This information might help to negotiate a better rate with our city. The sheriff indicated that about 70% of his officers time is spent in the city and 30% in the county.

Although the 911 system was recently upgraded, it was found that several other components of the communication system were quite outdated. It was suggested that parts for these items would be difficult if not impossible to find. Without grants it was thought that a new console and other upgrades could cost as much as \$30,000.00 dollars.

In addition to the dispatch and 911 systems, the court house boiler needs major work and the roof will need repair/replaced before this winter.

Commissioner Daniels explained that each department is allocated money each year for the purpose of upgrading and keeping current on computers and other technology. As this hasn't been happening her thoughts are to combine the technology upgrades into one fund, set all departments on a rotation and require each computer to be replaced in a predetermined time frame. Bids for much of the work discussed in this session will be requested and presented for consideration in a future meeting.

Civil Science – Rob Ramsey and Jake Southwick work for the company Civil Science, and come to express their interest in bidding for work with the rebuild of the "Narrows", a road in the western part of the county running from Holbrook to the Power County line.

An agreement with Ada County for pathological services was presented to the commissioners for review and possible approval. The contract is for a flat fee of \$1,850.00 dollars per autopsy performed, including toxicology.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the agreement with Ada County for pathological services at the rate of \$1,850.00 per autopsy.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

An agreement with the Department of Agriculture for Sheriff's assistance at the boat check station on I-15 was presented for review and signature.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve and sign the agreement with the department of Agriculture for law enforcement assistance at the boat check station on I-15.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes from the June 12th, meeting was reviewed.

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

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the claims for payment.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Holiday pay was discussed. It was brought to the commissioner attention that the policy does not define how many hours an employee will receive for a holiday. Most offices give eight hours per holiday however some receive hours equivalent to their work schedule. Clerk Colton made the request that all departments receive the same benefit; either eight hours per holiday or one day equivalent to the shift schedule per holiday, ie. Ten hour shift or 12 hour shift. It was recommended that the issue be tabled pending further information and that the decision be made in time to incorporate in the employee policy manual changes.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to move into executive session per IC74-206(1)(d) to consider information about two medical indigent applications.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Following the executive session, Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve case # 10-2017-10018.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny case #10-2017-10015 due to medical review and non indigent status.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

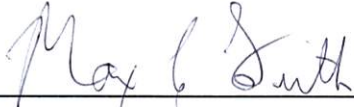
Prior questions were asked pertaining to PERSI rules for new hires and retirement. It was reported that because the land fill was a yearlong operation, the county can't hire a

seasonal worker for the summer months only. The employee would need to be full or part time and follow the appropriate rules.

If an employee retires at the correct retirement age, he can return to work part time with no penalties as long as he works only 19 hours per week and stays below his allowed gross income.

Recent fires in the western part of the county, outside of any fire district, brought up the issue of whose responsibility is it to respond to such events. The citizens, by choice and vote were not included in the fire district. Research shows that the 2017 levy rate would have cost each land owner \$.40 cents per \$1,000.00 dollars of assessed value to be included in the fire district.

Time will be allotted in the next meeting for departments to review their FY2018 budget requests with the commissioners.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk