

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Stokes.

Ambulance – The budget request for FY2018 was reviewed. Collections are still good with over \$108,000.00 collected last year. The cost for the collection service is 8%. This year has been very active with over 200 calls so far. It was suggested by the financial auditor to write off the uncollected money from 2010 to 2012. The total amount is \$36,489.00. The request was made for the commissioners to approve this action.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the write off of \$36,489.00 dollars of uncollected ambulance fees from the combined years of 2010, 2011 and 2012 as suggested by the county's financial auditor.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Personnel Policy – Cody Brower suggested two major changes to the policy, eliminating sick time and awarding Personal Time Off or PTO and a cell phone policy where by the county would reimburse eligible employees a monthly allotment for use of their personal phone in lieu of the county providing cell phones for company and personal use. As some employees would prefer to keep company and personal phones separate, the county could provide a simple phone for their communication. The commissioners asked that these changes be added to the next agenda.

Public Defense Commission – Jared Ricks, the new regional coordinator for the PDC came before the commissioners to introduce himself and answer any questions about the direction the State is headed towards complying with requirements for public defenders. More detailed rules have yet to be written and will be coming forth soon.

Deep Creek special use permit – After review of the Special use agreement it was determined that the county is supposed to write an operation plan for F.S. approval. Commissioner Daniels will write the plan and submit it for approval.

County Buildings – A request was made by a local book club to use the conference room at the annex building for their monthly meetings. Commissioner Daniels indicated that the County buildings are for the public and thought it would be a good idea to provide a meeting place for them provided it didn't conflict with other activities but suggested that they could use the commissioner's room at the court house rather than the conference room at the annex. This option could be more accommodating for parking, building access and safety. Book club representative Ann Brower thanked the commissioners.

BLM – Blaine Newman brought information that could help Citizens in the Western part of the county, not located in a fire district, obtain help should a fire breakout. This option would require them to join forces with one another and then sign a reciprocating agreement with

the BLM. The other option is to petition to join the Fire District. Fire Chief Ray Davis indicated that he can't respond to fires outside his district boundaries as he has an obligation to stay near the people that are paying into the district.

Blaine also reminded the commissioners that there is an agreement where the county will help with road maintenance on the last half mile section of road leading to the translator towers on the west hills in exchange for using some of the towers at that location. He made the request that the county haul some road base to that location.

Horrocks Engineering – Trevor Howard introduced Horrocks engineering and expressed interest in the Narrows/Rock Creek reconstruction project slated for the Spring of 2018.

Winter Road Maintenance – Dan Anderson is looking to purchase property in Big Hollow on the way to Pocatello Valley with the intentions of starting a sheep ranch. He asked if the county would consider any form of winter maintenance on this section of road which has been posted as no winter maintenance. He indicated that he did have some snow removal equipment and understands that the county has a road priority that they must follow however he asked if it was possible, after a heavy snow if the county could possibly plow the road to his proposed new home site after all other county roads have been cleaned. Commissioner Firth indicated that if the road was plowed it would be very sporadic and last on the list since this road is signed as no winter maintenance.

Land Annexation – Jared Simpson addressed the board with a proposed site improvement plan on land surrounding the county fairgrounds south of the Malad High School. His plans are for various sizes of building lots along with possible development for care of the elderly. His proposal is to have the land annexed into the City whereby utilizing their infrastructure for available utilities. As part of this process it is necessary, for city planning and zoning purposes, for the county commissioners to acknowledge and approve of the project.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to support the proposed annexation of Simpson property near the Fairgrounds into Malad, City.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The Joint Treasurer/Auditor third quarter report was reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Joint Treasurer/Auditor third quarter report.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed for approval.

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

An appeal hearing has been requested for a recently denied medical indigent application. The commissioner set the date for the hearing at 9:00 am on the 28th, of August.

Sheriff Jones asked for approval to sell a used cell phone to an office leaving county employment. The phone is valued at \$100.00 dollars.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the sale of a used cell phone to a departing deputy in the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206(1)(f).

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Tax dispute – Diane Allen came before the Commissioners to dispute the value assessed on a rental property she recently purchase. She stated that the house is in a state of disrepair and the lot is very small. She previously spoke with the assessor in June at which point a review was completed and the value was dropped from \$68,900 to \$59,000.00. Mrs. Allen explained the she only paid \$55,000.00 for the house and thought the valuation was still high. The assessor explained that the values had already been sent to the state and that it was too late to make changes at this time. The offer was made to schedule a visit and assess the inside of the house for next year and see if any further changes can be made.

County insurance benefits. Scott Leavitt presented the commissioners with new rates for the county insurance benefits. The Dental insurance increased by 2%, Life insurance has no change and the medical and vision has a decrease by almost 10%. These changes equate to around \$645.00 dollars per month per employee.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the medical insurance renewal with BCBS of Idaho with a 10% decrease in premiums.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the renewal of dental insurance with Delta Dental with a 2% increase to premiums.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the renewal of life insurance for with US Able life with no change to the premiums.

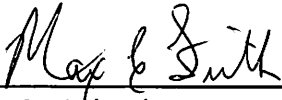
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Emergency Services – Dan Williams indicated that the deadline to obligate the expense of his 2016 grant money was drawing near. He inquired as to which project the commissioners wanted to proceed with next. It was thought that the relocation of the court house generator and propane tanks should be next on the list.

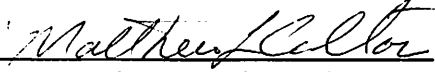
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The remainder of the meeting included discussion on the FY2018 budget with some changes to the final proposal to be published for the public hearing. The hearing will be scheduled for August 28th, at 10:00 am.

With the final budget proposal complete and no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk