

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth.

Four County Alliance/economic developments – Kathy Ray presented an agreement whereby Oneida County would continue to act as the fiscal agent for the 4-County economic group which works to develop the four counties in Southeast Idaho.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the MOU designating Oneida County as the fiscal agent for the 4 county economic alliance.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Rocky Mountain Power – A new power line is being constructed on the Gardner Canyon road. It was questioned as to whether they needed a permit before doing this construction. A permit was acquired in 2014 when the company was rebuilding a different section of line and it was thought that a permit would be needed for this operation as well. Power company representative Ryan Cook thought that they had a franchise agreement with the county and that no other documents were needed. It was questioned if the county needed an MOU to ensure that everything was put back in its proper place after construction was complete. Ryan will obtain the franchise agreement and forward to the county. The commissioners thought it best to allow for the continued construction on this one project.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to allow Rocky Mountain Power to continue with the construction of the line on Gardner Canyon Road.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Dave Richards gravel contract – The County has found a good source of gravel on Dave Richards's property and would like to extend their contract with him. Dave asked if the contract could be modified to allow for a five year contract rather than a one year before renewal. The commissioner had no objections.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the five year contract for gravel on the Dave Richards property.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Weed Department – A land owner in the Stone area has asked that the county refrain from spraying the weeds near his organic farm. The State laws were discussed as to the legalities if the landowner doesn't work to maintain/eliminate the noxious weed. It was further discussed as to what the county can do in the absence of weed control by the land owner. Attorney Brower indicated that the County will always have the right and duty to take care of noxious weeds in the manner best suited for the situation. This includes private land should the land owner not comply with the laws. As it is late in the season for weed control, it was suggested that this topic be continued when the commissioners meet in Holbrook for their second meeting in October. This will allow for discussion with other farmers in the area who are dealing with the same weed issues.

The weed department has an older truck that they no longer use. Franklin County is interested in acquiring this vehicle and would like to trade for a side by side that they do not use much. Mike thinks that a side by side would be safer than a standard four wheeler in some situation and would like permission from the commissioner to make this trade. Resolution #2017-08-01 was presented whereby giving permission for the trade.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve resolution #2017-08-01 allowing the trade of vehicles with Franklin County.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Inquiry was made regarding non medical indigent assistance. An application from a neighboring county was modified to represent Oneida county needs and presented to the commissioners. It was stated that, like the medical indigent program, proof of indigent need to be found by the clerk's office and the commissioners are the final approval or denial of such requests. If approved the commissioners will determine the amount awarded to the requestor on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the scheduled public hearing for the proposed FY2018 county budget.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

No one was in attendance to give comment.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the FY2018 budget as posted.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Power County is close to having a final proposal for housing Oneida County prisoners. With the joint cooperation with Power County for Public Defense, this move to Power from Caribou County will allow Mr. Morrissey easier access to his clients. The proposed rate is \$55.00 per day for a guaranteed ten beds, with no violent prisoners. The violent status will be determined by the person and not the reason for incarceration. Sheriff Jones expressed concerns with the current method of letting the public defender meet with his clients away from security officers. It is hoped that a more efficient way to manage the overall safety and security of the court room can be found. Sheriff Jones will draw up a security plan for review.

Commissioner Firth explained that he had been approached with an offer to buy into a group plan for Life Flight insurance. Life Flight is an air ambulance service that can be dispatched by the ambulance department when needed. The cost would be \$50.00 dollars per family per year. The average cost for this service from Malad to Pocatello exceeds \$20,000.00 dollars. It was further reported that Life Flight has come to Malad an average of once each week this year alone. The suggestion was made that this could be added to the county benefits package. The question was raised as to whom would receive the insurance. Full time employees only, or part time employees and if part time were included would it be for just the full part time persons that work all year long or would it include the temporary /seasonal employees as well? Another option would be to offer it to the volunteer boards that serve the county. Attorney Brower will investigate if this is allowed and a decision will be made at a later date.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

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

The meeting minutes for August 14th, were reviewed.

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

Commissioner Daniels provided an operation plan to accompany the Forest Service special use agreement for the restrooms at Deep Creek reservoir. The BOCC indicated that it looked sufficient.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the operation plan for Deep Creek.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(f).
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

After the executive session the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk