

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Commissioner Stokes participated via. telephone.

Commissioner Daniels asked that the public defender and Justice levy agenda items be stricken from the agenda as they were meant for a future meeting.

Joey Barns asked about the current status of the "Turkey Trail" road in Daniels. Part of the road is on the county inventory however it ends on private land. The remainder of the road that runs through private land has been used in the past to access public lands however the land owner is now refusing this access and has locked his gate. Outdoor enthusiasts and Hunters are concerned about this access being gated. County Attorney Brower indicated that this topic has been addressed in the past however the more he learns about it, he is uncertain that there is enough evidence to allow the county to prevail in making the land owner open the gate. More evidence would need to be presented before the county could proceed. It was suggested that this topic be addressed in a future meeting allowing time to gather more information.

* Property tax incentive ordinance – Kathy Ray asked the commissioners to consider passing a ordinance to allow property tax incentives per Idaho Code. The State of Idaho put into law, statute 63-602 whereby a county could award tax incentives to non-retail businesses that meet the requirements set forth by law. As part of the process, each county must pass an ordinance designating the dollar amount eligible for the tax relief. The State set the minimum at \$500,000.00 dollars however the counties could go above that amount. As this item is not pressing, the commissioners decided to research the issue further before making a decision. Kathy also reported that she is looking for grants and other monetary assistance that would benefit the TV translator district with their needed upgrades.

Sunday liquor sales –This topic, brought up in a previous meeting, was discusses again. As all of the establishments that sell liquor in the county are also in the City limits, it was thought that the city would pass the ordinance allowing sales on New Year's Eve this year however the city declined. It was determined that only the county can change the times when a State liquor store can sell. The commissioners decided that they would allow the one time sale on December 31st, 2017.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the sale of liquor on Sunday, December 31st, 2017 by ordinance to be posted in the paper as required by State law.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Communication tower – It has been proposed that the communication tower at the back of the court house be removed and replaced with a new tower. The new tower would be placed away from the building at the south west corner. A new tower in this location, besides being more stable, will shorten the length of cable running into the dispatch office which will in turn provide better performance of the equipment. Two bids were submitted from Ambient Regional Services. The first bid for \$27,210.00 dollars includes removing the old tower. The second bid for

\$22,620.00 dollars did not include the tower removal. The commissioners thought it best to accept the bid with the tower removal as this company would have the equipment available to do the job safely.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the bid from Ambient Regional Services for the installation of a new communications tower at the court house and the removal of the existing tower.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Two Juvenile Justice reports were presented to the commissioners for review. The first report was for the financial activities of the 2017 fiscal year. The second report showed the number and types of cases the probation department handled over the last year.

Court house displays – A request was made of the commissioners to allow for new displays in the court house. Currently there are two sets of deer antlers and one elk head mounted on the walls leading to the court room. A suggestion was made that new displays could be hung on the walls and then rotated every year or so. The commissioners agreed to the change as long as they are rotated on a regular basis going forward.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206(1)(d) to review medial indigents applications.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Following the executive session commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve case number 10-2017-10002.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny case number 10-2017-10003 on the basis that the applicant can afford the payments as set forth in Idaho Code and there for is not indigent.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

It was reported that the information was received for the Life Flight program whereby giving employees a supplement to their insurance if they are ever transported by this company. The cost of \$50.00 dollars per family will be covered by the county for all eligible employees.

The request from the local ham radio club, to store a communications trailer at the search and rescue building was found to be ok on the conditions that they provide their own insurance and the county lease the land to them. Only departments under the county umbrella are covered by the county insurance.

The claims and minutes were reviewed for approval.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Development Code – Attorney Brower would like to see the development code re written. He says the current version has been changed many times leaving some sections written in a manner that may be hard to enforce. It was noted that the planning and zoning commission will start the review soon and can involve Cody in the process to help write a more complete version.

Herd District – Attorney Brower indicated that another option exists, besides that of creating a herd district, whereby the county could help control domestic animals from straying onto the state and county roadways. It would require setting up a board consisting of five members including some approved by the state. This option will not be explored at this time.

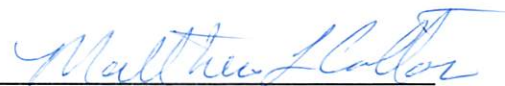
Jail contract – The commissioners are in need to secure a contract for bed space to house inmates. The Power county option was not able to be negotiated and the Cache Valley option was thought to have too many uncertainties dealing with crossing State lines. Additionally they currently didn't have any available beds. The Other option was to remain at the Caribou facility. The new rate will be \$65.00 dollars per day per bed with an eight bed minimum.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Caribou County Jail contract for the 2018 fiscal year at the rate of \$65.00 dollars per bed with an eight bed minimum. Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

With no further agenda items to discuss the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk