

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Stokes.
Commissioner Daniels was excused.

Treasurer/Auditor joint quarterly reports for the fourth quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 were reviewed.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve both reports.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Supervisor's reports:

Sheriff – We have two officers attending POST, one officer is on light duty and a fourth officer has returned to full duty. Two inmates are attending the SHARE program in Bannock County. Security for the Luera case in Bannock will cost quite a bit of money however it is thought that Bannock County wants more security than what Oneida Sheriff thinks is necessary.

Prosecutor – recently attended IPAA training in Boise and preparing for an upcoming trial.

Road & Bridge – the crew is patching the roads and installing new signs. Limited snow plowing this year has allowed the operator's time to repair and rebuild the equipment.

Assessor – Mindi has passed both tests necessary to becoming an appraiser. She will work with Neal for the remainder of the year as the final requirement. Idaho State is questioning the Ag land values across the State. They will be working to make the values more similar across neighboring counties.

Treasurer – working on collection of unpaid taxes.

Probation – Kristi talked about a program called Idaho Youth Challenge Academy. This program helps 16 – 18 year old youth at risk of dropping out of school or who have already dropped out, by giving them a second chance to become responsible and productive citizens. They help to improve life skills, education levels, and employment potential. This is a State run program and Oneida County has two persons attending. Kristi is a mentor for one of the individuals and ask the commissioner if they would help support the cost of her visiting the camp to receive training to which the commissioners agreed.

Safety at the fairgrounds – Jack Harwell has been given permission to continue the ice skating rink at the west end of the fairgrounds. He indicated that when the gun club shoots trap, the shot travels all the way to the rink. He thought that standard shot would not travel that far and suggested that some of the club members reload their shells hot to obtain more distance and speed. He has concerns about safety and would like the commissioners to consider the situation and act appropriately.

Extension agent Jared Ricks updated the commissioners on the opportunity to attend a beef school which will be held locally at the fire station. He also reported that the Blackfoot fair is changing their rules for show animals. Starting next year they will tag and track the animals differently. The new method will include a visual tag and an electronic chip.

The claims and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the claims as presented.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

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

A letter was presented to the commissioners for signature stating that the county hospital was owned by the county. This was at the request of the hospital for use in writing grants.

Gravel sales in Stone – Road and Bridge is concerned about the supply of gravel in Stone and that those purchasing cards may be taking more than they should. It was stated that the county is selling gravel cheaper than what they can purchase. If the supply runs out then the county will need to purchase at a greater rate. Commissioner Firth stated that the county needs to maintain a supply for county use before they sell to anyone. A review will be conducted and if gravel is available, the cost will be set appropriately. Gravel cards will not be sold until the review is complete however cards that were previously purchased will be honored.

Two building permits were issued in January.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve both building permits.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Fairgrounds – Darin Daniels indicated that they would like to purchase a used tractor large enough to do the many jobs they have with the arena and surrounding grounds. It is expected that the cost will be around \$25,000.00 dollars. He indicated that there are a couple of Eagle Scout projects in the works that will help improve the grounds and possible add to the display cases used at fair time. They would like to buy a new sound system and purchase new bleachers for spectators to use. Currently some of the bleachers are borrowed. The sheep and pig barns need new roofing however the construction may not support a new roof and could be out of compliance with current building codes. They also discussed plans for the 2018 fair. Darin explained that there is a conflict with dates that the gun club wants to shoot and the high school rodeo. Commissioner Firth told Darin that he should try to work with both parties and set a schedule that would accommodate both. If this can't be done he has the authority to make the decision as he sees fit as the fair board president. Steve Werk presented rough plans for a new display building that would also house the extension office. No decisions were made at this time.

Development code amendments – it was suggested that the code be amended to include stiff penalties for those that build without a permit. It was hoped that the commissioners would pass a resolution for this purpose thus expediting the action however it was determined that the rest of the code would need to be re-written in order for the change to be very effective. As it stands now there would be conflicts in the code. It was further stated that it would need to be an ordinance and not a resolution in which case the process would still take time and money.

A quote for the installation of a surveillance camera in the probation office was received. This will allow dispatch to monitor when probationers check in and give an added level of security to the court house.

Commissioner Stokes made motion to approve the installation of a surveillance camera in the probation office for the bid of \$930.00 dollars.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Theater guild – Question was raised concerning the theater guild losing their 501(C)(3) status.
Commissioner Daniels sent a letter to Malad City notifying them of the change in status.

LHTAC invoices were reviewed for payment for Keller Associates.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the invoices for work on the Narrows project.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

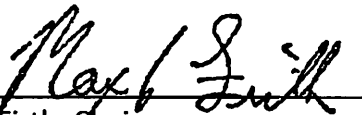
A local/State construction agreement was presented for approval before the Narrows project could be sent out for bids.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the Local/State construction agreement.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

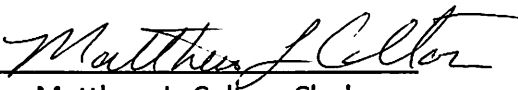
Non-medical indigent assistance was discussed. A resident has recently passed away and the family is asking the county for help with the cost to cremate. It was suggested that a contract rate be signed and a set amount paid for each case. The family will be given an application for assistance which will be presented in the next meeting.

The Idaho State Department of Corrections has assigned a new adult probation officer in Oneida County. He met with the commissioners to see if a work space could be found where he would meet with clients once or twice a week. He has used a room at the annex building however this space has retained for the building inspector. Sheriff Jones offered the probation officer the option of using a desk in his office that is currently used by ISP on occasion. It was agreed that Jed would try using the space in the sheriff's office for now.

The meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk