

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Stokes.

Public Defense – Regional coordinator Jared Ricks spoke with the commissioners about the standards for public defense and the push to have representation at the client's first court visit. It was mentioned that the judge doesn't consider public defense until the first visit and it may or may not be awarded at that time. How can the county pay the cost for the defender if he may not even be assigned to the case? Case load and funding were also addressed. Jared reported that Oneida was working on compliance and should have no need to worry. Commissioner Firth asked about the state creating regional offices for the public defenders. Jared indicated that the PDC was not pushing for regional offices but that counties in North Idaho were exploring this option.

Juvenile detention – Seth Scott stopped by to have Commissioner Stokes sign a resolution passed by their board in a separate meeting. This resolution identified the amount of reserves that would be held between budgets. It was not official BOCC business.

Tax exempt ordinance – Idaho Code §63-602NN allows county commissioners to grant tax exemptions to plant investments meeting all the tax incentive criteria. An amount of not less than \$500,000.00 dollars must be approved by the board by ordinance. Each request will be reviewed individually for acceptance. Ordinance 2018-03-01 was presented for approval whereby designating \$500,000.00 dollars as the minimum investment amount to be eligible for the tax exemption referred to in IC §63-602NN.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve Ordinance # 2018-03-01 whereby designating the minimum investment amount of \$500,000.00 for all plant investments wanting to apply for tax exemptions per IC §63-602NN.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

A request for continued tax exemption was received from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for all of their properties in Oneida County.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the continued tax exemption for the properties in Oneida County, owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Ordinance codification – Commissioner Firth suggested getting help with the codification efforts through a college intern program. Attorney Brower indicated that he might be able to have the ordinances ready sometime in the next couple of months. If he isn't ready by then he will look for outside help so as to complete the project during the current fiscal year.

The sheriff presented two agreements for commissioner's signature. The first agreement is between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. This agreement is for a police presence at the boat check station on I-15 where they are inspecting all boats coming into the state for the

invasive quagga muscle. The second agreement is with the U.S. Forest Service for law enforcement/patrol in the various camp ground on Forest Service property in Oneida County.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of agreement between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and Oneida County for law enforcement at the boat check station on I-15.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve and sign the agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for law enforcement/patrol of the Forest Service camp grounds in Oneida County. Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

IRS Audit – The IRS auditor sent an agreement to the county for signature of approval whereby noting that the county should make the building inspector position a county employee rather than a contract position. Along with the agreement the county will pay back withholdings in the amount of \$981.60 for the 2015 year that was audited. The building inspector will become a county employee beginning April 2nd, 2018.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the agreement from the IRS and to pay \$981.60 for past withholdings.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

PTO – The issue of converting vacation and sick leave into Personal Time Off was discussed. It was determined in previous meetings that the various departments would provide options for the commissioners to review and possibly approve. These options will be ready for the next meeting.

The claims and meeting minutes were reviewed for approval.

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

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 12th, 2018. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 19th, 2018. Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Planning and Zoning – Building permits were presented for approval. The position of building inspector was discussed. It was determined that this position would need to track his time for payroll records.

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

Lola Bott presented packets to the commissioner in preparation for the upcoming indigent appeal hearing.

Fairground building – Commissioner Firth commented that the Quonset at the fairground has become a hazard and is seldom used because of its bad condition. Rough draft plans have been prepared for a possible replacement that could also house the Extension office. Because of cost, this project will need to be bid out. It was noted that a larger meeting place would benefit the community. Those in attendance thought that it would be worth the time to proceed with plans to hold a public hearing to gather community input.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to hold the public hearing for input from the community.

Commissioner Daniels suggested that they wait on the hearing until detailed plans and cost estimate could be obtained. Commissioner Firth asked Darin Daniels to convene the building committee and gather the proper information prior to scheduling a hearing. Commissioner Daniels requested an artist's rendering for people to view.

Farrell Steiner presented the 2017 fiscal audit as prepared by the company Searle Hart from Idaho Falls. The report was good for the county with exceptional compliments going to the Civil deputy. Graphs for each fund were reviewed by the commissioner. It was suggested that the current trust funds be reviewed. Farrell suggested that some trust funds might not be in use and should be closed.

It was reported that the Narrows project is on track for this summer.

The Road and Bridge crew is in the process of cleaning up from the recent heavy rains and that a couple of roads in the Daniels area were flooded or washed out.

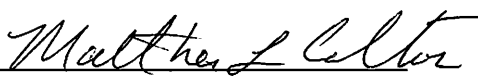
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to hold the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206(b).

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The executive session was vacated and the meeting adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk