

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Commissioner Firth asked if there were changes to the agenda.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to amend the agenda to allow him time to congratulate the commissioner elect from the May primary and also to add Turkey Trail road onto the agenda.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes gave a thank you to all citizens serving in the military and the veterans who have served. He further wanted to congratulate the new commissioners winning the May primary. He reported that he hoped they would be in person but none the less gave congratulations to them. He then gave report of words being spoken against him, presumed to come from one of the new commissioners, and he stated how he hopes that they would all be able to work together and not against each other.

Ambulance Department – Shane Howard reported that they still had an older response vehicle that they would like to sell. It was replaced over one year ago and there was some discussion about selling it then but no action was taken. Shane asked permission to sell the vehicle at this time. Commissioner Firth expressed the approval of the sale but asked Shane to advertise in several locations thereby giving the issue broad exposure. It was suggested that the sale could bring in around \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 dollars.

Shane further reported that the ambulance department is in the process of talking with Etna and Blue Cross of Idaho to see if they can be placed on their list of providers. It was explained that this action could assist residence that use the service when they deal with their insurance carriers. It was further explained that the insurance money would come straight to the department if they were on the provider list. Currently the money is mailed to the policy holder and it doesn't always find its way to the county.

The most recent grant application if awarded will help acquire an EKG unit which will allow the EMT's the ability to send more patient information into the ER prior to arrival.

4-H – this topic was tabled until a future meeting when all participants could be present.

Information regarding the question of subdivisions was reviewed while the commissioners waited for the next appointment.

Scott Murray questioned the commissioners about a road east of his property on 1100 west north of Grandview Drive. Scott is working on a development in this area and has previously spoke with the BOCC about this road. He claims that the road was encroaching on Dan Hess's property to the east however Scott has offered to give the county some of his land on the west so that it may be expanded to the required width. This offer can benefit both the county as well as he however the issue of power poles is still a problem. Currently the poles sit on the west side

of the road and would need to be moved if the county were to expand the right of way to the west. Scott stated that he would be willing to give forty feet of his land to the county for the road and that if the county were able to get the power poles moved that he could work on the road. Commissioner Daniels asked if the issue could be investigated and discussed in the next meeting. Commissioner Firth will travel to the site with Scott to get a better understanding of the area.

Cathy Asay questioned the commissioners regarding the status of an alleged subdivision near 3900 west and 3100 north. Commissioner Daniels indicated that the process to developing a subdivision was not met in this instance. There was no formal hearing held, and on approvals or signatures on an approved plat map. Lola Bott indicated that she had researched the commissioner's minutes and the planning and zoning meeting minutes but found nothing to show where approval was given for the creation of this alleged subdivision. Mrs. Asay questioned the issue with the water rights and the status of the road. The commissioners stated that the water issue falls under a different agency and that the road would have to be presumed a private road. A letter will be written to Mrs. Asay stating the findings of the Commissioners. Attorney Brower stated that the issues that were discussed are of a civil matter and not county business.

Building permits were reviewed. The requested permits are for Steve Finder, Ag building; Terry Davis, Ag building; Scott Clark, Ag building; Max Firth, Stick home; Bill Lewis, Addition; John Walczykowski, Stick home and Samaria Community Foundation, Log Cabin.

The Samaria Community Foundation requesting the log cabin also asked if the fees could be waived. It was indicated that they are a not for profit organization.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Ag building for Steve Finder. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Ag building for Terry Davis. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Ag building for Scott Clark. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the stick home for Max Firth. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the addition for Bill Lewis. Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Stick home for John Walczykowski. Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the Log Cabin and to waive the fees for the Samaria Community Foundation. Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

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

The minutes were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels suggested adding a line at the end of the Mr. Christensen topic stating that no formal action was taken as there were no formal complaints given.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to add to the minutes to show no action taken on the Mr. Christensen issue and to approve the minutes as submitted.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

PTO and Cell phone policy – Commissioner Daniels indicated that ICRMP didn't have any concerns with the PTO policy as it is whatever the county wants to give however there are several items that need to be considered with the cell phone policy. Commissioner Daniels suggested adding this issue to the next agenda and allowing Carl Erickson from ICRMP to explain his concerns to the full board. This will be added to the next agenda.

A contract for Engineer of Record was presented for review. This is a contract for Keller Associates to support the work on the Narrows project as the Engineer of Record.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve and sign the engineer of record contract.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Board of Equalization – Commissioner Firth asked if anyone had scheduled. No one had so the BOE was not held.

Commissioner Stokes asked if the County had a Human Resources person to help in posting for job openings. Commissioner Daniels indicated that the county did not stating that the elected officials for each department are in charge of the notice or posting for their respective job openings. Commissioner Stokes suggested that because the job descriptions are so different throughout the county that a Human Resources official could help post the advertisements for new hires in a more uniform way. Commissioner Firth explained that a lot of times the open position would be filled in-house with a part time person moving up to the vacant spot. Commissioner Stokes indicated that he thought that a vacant position should be posted so all can try however Commissioner Firth explained that the elected officials have the right to fill the position from within if the person is qualified. Commissioner Stokes has concerns regarding a previous law suit however it was noted that the personnel policy references that Oneida County is an "at will" and not "for cause" county. Further questioning took place regarding the status of the building inspector and how his job was posted. It was said that he was not replaced immediate as the county needed an inspector until another one was found. Commissioner Stokes asked if Commissioner Daniels had a personal friendship with the building inspector. The clerk posed the question to the chairman if the questioning was not more appropriate for executive session. Commissioner Daniels wanted to answer and stated that the relationship is professional. Chairman Firth indicated that only questions regarding the hiring process would be taken otherwise the discussion would be over. Commissioner Stokes continued to question

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about the building inspector specifically. The discussion then went to the applications that were submitted for the position previously.

Commissioner Daniels stated that the applications did not look promising and that an agreement was made for the current inspector to stay employed at the approval of the board. It was reiterated by Commissioner Stokes that the notice for new jobs should be more detailed in the future.

Commissioner Stokes gave a report on the IAC 5th, district meeting. Topics addressed were Public defenders, the Snake River aquifer and HB 420 which deals with online publications.

Commissioner Stoke reported on the public health meeting; Southeast Idaho is 2nd in the state for suicides and this is found in older citizens as well as younger people. Investing excess money in a state pool to gain interest was another topic of discussion. The Health Department is active in this investment and the county should be able to do the same. Fitness was also addressed and it was noted that this would be a good program to help employees stay healthy.

Turkey Trail – it was reported that a portion of this road, near the Harold John cabin, runs across Mr. Buehler's land and that both sides of the property are gated and locked. It was requested that the allegations be investigated and the appropriate measures be taken.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to hold the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(b).

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned following the executive session.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk