

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Jeffery Matkin, owner of Geffs Manufacturing, addressed the commissioners regarding chip spreaders. This equipment spreads the rock chips onto the road after the oil has been applied. Geffs rebuilds this equipment and has asked the commissioners to consider purchasing one. Oneida County currently borrows one from Franklin County but they would like to own their own so they can have more flexibility to schedule their road work and also add more time to chip the roads each year. The model being presented is also wider unit that will give better coverage thus reducing the time to complete a single road. The quote price is \$55,000.00 dollars with attachments costing extra. The commissioners asked if additional personnel would need to be hired whereas the machine requires two operators. It was thought that the existing crew would be sufficient if Franklin County continues to trade labor hours. The commissioners will watch the Franklin County machine in operation while they are in Oneida.

Indigent lien – Tammy Henderson was approved for indigent services rendered on her late husband. With this approval a lien was placed on her per Idaho Code. She has asked the commissioners to forgive some or the entire amount owed so that the lien could be released. It was explained that the commissioners only had authority to forgive the county portion. The state will approve a 25% forgiveness of the debt owed to them without question however the commissioners can petition the State to forgive more. If this request is made then the State board would take it into consideration. The commissioners are aware that if they forgive the debt that it might set precedence going forward. The program is a reimbursement program funded by tax dollars and is meant to be repaid. Commissioners Firth and Daniels were in favor of forgiving some of the debt and Commissioner Stokes was in favor of forgiving all of the debt owed to the county. Commissioner Firth however they did not think it prudent to forgive all of the counties \$11,000.00 dollars. Commissioner Firth said the request would be taken into consideration and a response would be given at a later date.

Department reports

Emergency Services – Dan Williams reviewed the grant monies available and indicated that they would need to designate the projects that they want to move forward with. It was further mentioned that about \$2,000.00 dollars of EMPG money will be given back to the state if it isn't utilized. This money is tied to a 50/50 match and the county will need to add money to each project.

Road and Bridge – Lisa Baker reported that the crew is currently chipping designated roads in the county with the help of Franklin County.

Treasurer – Jan Edwards reported that her second half collection is over with good results however there are several properties still delinquent on their property taxes.

Assessor- Kathleen Atkinson indicated that she will be running her abstracts in the coming weeks at which point the values will be set for the county taxing districts. It was noted that the base value of each property is to be addressed at least once every five years.

Prosecutor-Cody Brower asked if the commissioners would search their e-mails for any correspondence regarding the public defense costs and compliance with the PDC rules and recommendations. Cody informed the commissioners that he has been checking into the airport

questions raised in a previous meeting, namely the lease agreements for the private hangers sitting on county land. It was suggested that going forward, the commissioners could assemble an active airport board and move forward with drawing up appropriate leases. The ordinance codification effort is still under way. It was noted that the county is in need of a major review of their ordinances. Once the review is complete and the ordinances are cleaned up, then it will make more sense to codify them. The Commissioners suggested contacting surrounding counties and using their codes as a pattern. Cody also reported on the successful prosecution of a jury trial recently that took only one week and resulted in a guilty verdict in all eight counts against the defendant.

Probation- Jill Davis reported on the successful completion of both adult and juvenile POST courses by probation officer Kristi Christophersen and asked that she be given a raise. It was also reported that there are currently eleven participants in drug court with the possibility of a couple of graduations in the near future.

Gordon Smith sent copies of a written complaint against his neighbor for his noxious weeds and collection of junk cars. Prosecutor Brower informed the commissioners that there are laws relating to noxious weeds and that the county has a nuisance ordinance that could address the junk cars if they are determined to have no commercial value. It was noted that Malad City is enforcing their ordinance for junk cars now. It was determined that the Sheriff should review the issue and that the weed superintendant can look into the noxious weed complaint. Commissioner Firth indicated that a letter can be sent to the property owners however attorney Brower indicated that it is best to wait for the reports to come back to ensure that citations can and will be issued.

Landfill – Commissioner Firth reported that in the four county commissioners meeting they discussed the possibilities of a regional land fill. Site proposals are near Caribou County and Bear Lake County. Lincoln County, Wyoming is interested in being part of the district as well. Oneida County is interested in the prospects of join with the other counties however there are a few possible road blocks that may keep them out. The first question is whether a county not contiguous to the district can join. The second factor will be the cost difference if any. It was stated that even though the current land fill is working well, it only has a 10 to 15 year life span if we cover with dirt and 15 to 20 years if we use the spray foam to cover the trash. Each county will pay \$30,000.00 dollars to assist in the investigation and creation of the regional landfill and if the district is approved then the money would be repaid. All commissioners thought it was a good idea to investigate this option.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to participate in the regional landfill project and pay the \$30,000.00 dollar startup fee if it was a possibility that Oneida County could join. Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels will be the contact for all meetings dealing with the regional landfill discussions.

Cell phone policy – It was stated that the county could either continue to provide the phones for employees or let the employees use their own phones and then pay them a monthly stipend. It was stated that if the county continues to provide the phones that the cell phone policy should be rewritten and modified extensively and that the policy should be reviewed and signed each year.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to continue to provide the phones for the employees and to rewrite the policy for clarification on cell phone use.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Events Center – Commissioner Firth suggested that the commission make a decision regarding the proposed events center now that the public information meeting is over. It was stated that those in attendance that spoke up were in favor of the construction. Commissioner Stokes expressed concern that the proposed building is rather large and that it might be better to consider a smaller building without all the office space. Commissioner Daniels commented that the Fire District took the smaller option on the size of their meeting room and has since regretted the decision. Her thoughts are that the current proposal will allow for more activities and can be the multipurpose center the community needs.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to move forward with the project and put the building out for bid.

Commissioner Firth seconded the motion and called for a roll call vote with Commissioner Daniels and Commissioner Firth voting in favor and Commissioner Stokes voting against.
With a two to one vote the motion carried.

Court house backup generator – Bids were reviewed for the installation of the new backup generator and for the relocation of the propane tanks. The bid for the generator install was received from Dairy Systems Company for \$17,379.20 and will include the cement pads and chain link fence for the generator and the propane tanks. The bid to relocate the propane tanks comes from Direct Propane and will include the hookups and regulators.
The cost will be covered with the SHSP Emergency Services grants.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the bids as written.
Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion with the understanding that they would be paid for with Emergency Services grant money.

Emergency Services coordinator Dan Williams asked the commissioners about the old generator from the court house suggesting that this equipment could be located at the Fire Station to power the Emergency operations center. Although they have a small generator there currently it was hoped that a bigger unit with the capability to auto start could be installed. It was questioned if this would be the best use of the equipment. The suggestion was made to see if there were any other places where it could be better utilized. Commissioner Firth suggested using it at the new events center should it be built.

Building permits – two permits for ag buildings were submitted by Fuhrman Farms and Mike Payne respectively.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the ag permits for Fuhrman Farms and Mike Payne.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

One certificate of residency was submitted for approval.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve and sign the certificate of residency.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed for payment and the minutes were reviewed for approval.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims for payment as submitted.
Commissioner Stokes seconded.

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

A resolution was presented to allow for the destruction of election records that have exceeded their retention period. The resolution will be numbered 2018-07-01.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve resolution #2018-07-01 for the destruction of the election records that have exceeded their retention period.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

E-911 system needs to be updated. A vendor has been contacted and is already supplying other surrounding counties. This change will eliminate some of the current vendors which should be a cost savings. To help pay for some of the cost the sheriff has found some promising grant opportunities and is asking for the county to give a letter of support for the grant.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to support the grant application do assist in the updates to the 911 system.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

A report was given on the recent P&Z hearing for chapter six in the development code dealing with fines and fees.
Commissioner Daniels asked that the topic be placed on the next agenda to allow for some time to review before making a decision.

A tax extension was granted on some property being held by the courts pending the active case of State of Idaho v Britt Hawker. The criminal trial has finished however prosecutor Brower asked that the commissioner to continue the extension until September to see what comes of the civil case stating that the settlement of that case could allow for the payment of back taxes.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to continue the tax extension on property held by the courts pending a civil case of Marino v Hawker.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to amend the agenda to allow for fire danger in the county.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth expressed concern regarding the fire hazard this summer and questions what the county can do to help prevent them. It was noted that the state does put limits on fireworks however it comes down to the individuals using them properly. The sheriff is

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encouraging prudent behavior when it comes to fireworks. Attorney Brower suggests that an ordinance could be used to help control the threat from fireworks. The suggestion was made to speak with the Oneida Fire District to see what efforts they are taking to avoid fires. Commissioner Daniels suggested that a notice be placed in the paper giving more awareness to the public of the fire dangers this summer.

Sheriff Jones gave his office report stating that they are in need of full and part time dispatch personnel. He also reported that his office participated at the Welsh festival which turned out to be good public activity. Sheriff Jones also complimented the fire department and the Search and Rescue volunteers for their quick and efficient actions in dealing with the fire at the mouth of Two Mile Canyon southeast of Malad.

FY2019 Budget discussions - the following office's and departments addressed the commissioners with their budget requests; prosecutor, probation, treasure, fair board, assessor, road and bridge, weed department, extension office, ambulance, swimming pool, sheriff.

Max C. Firth, Chairman

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk