

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth.

Tax deed sale- Two properties were taken tax deed by the county and now going to be sold. Commissioner Firth explained to those in attendance the manner in which the sale would be conducted, how the funds would be paid to the county by the winning bidder and that the property is sold as is with no guarantees. The first property to be sold is located on Bannock Street, in Malad and was previous owned by William Colton. Chairman Firth started the bidding at \$5,641.01 which is the amount needed to repay the delinquent taxes and penalties. Several bidders were in attendance and interested in this property at the open bid price. Commissioner Firth increased the bids in increments of \$1,000.00 dollars. Val Boyce had the winning bid at \$24,000.00 dollars with Steve Atkinson stopping at \$23,000.00 dollars. The second property is located on South Main Street in Malad and was previously owned by Charles Gardner. Chairman Firth started the bidding at \$5525.96 which is the amount needed to repay the delinquent taxes and penalties. Micah Butler was the only interested party for this property and was the winning bidder at the open price. Both parties were given 24 hours to pay the county with certified funds at which time a Quitclaim deed will be recorded transferring the property ownership.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Stokes asked that the minutes be ammended regarding the Tammy Henderson request for indigent reimbursement forgiveness. The minutes read that the commissioners were willing to forgive some of the debt to the county and Commissioner Stokes indicated that he was willing to forgive all of the debt to the county. Commissioner Stokes approved the motion with this correction. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ice rink – Jack Harwell has assumed the role of caretaker on a winter ice rink located at the west end of the fair grounds. The ice rink is a public service initiated and maintained by Reed Smith for several years. Currently the rink has been excavated to form a small outer barrier of dirt to contain the water however the inner basin in deeper at one end. Jack made the request that the ground be leveled off stating that the current site takes too much water to fill. It is his desire to use sand bags to form the perimeter and then line the area with plastic. By doing this he hopes to create a better pond that uses less water. Commissioner Firth indicated that he would visit with the Road and Bridge department to see if they can fit the requested project into their schedule.

Oneida Fire District – Commission members of the Oneida Fire District came to the meeting to discuss the fire hazards in the county and the best way to minimize any future fires from happening. A proclamation was printed in the paper stating the concerns the fire district and the county has. The discussion to pass a resolution or an ordinance was the main topic of their current discussion however County attorney Cody Brower stated that only an ordinance can be enforced by the law and that a resolution carries very little weight. Cody further stated that

without an ordinance the only law in effect would be that of the State of Idaho which mainly deals with the burning of fields etc. The question was raised regarding what the fire district could do as far as passing an ordinance but this will need to be researched better. It is the recommendation of the county attorney that the county pass an ordinance that can be acted upon when needed. The Commissioners ask if he Cody would draft an ordinance that they can review in their next meeting. It was noted that the proclamation printed in the paper was not officially approve in open meeting.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the printing of the proclamation expressing concern over the current fire hazards in Oneida County.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Jared Simpson addressed the board of commissioners to clear up some miss information about his development near the county fairgrounds. He stated that contrary to the report in the commissioner's last meeting he is not constructing low income housing. He further stated that there is no government funding involved and that the development is not tied to any H2B nonimmigrant work effort. He explained that he and his investors are tied to the community and are interested in growing a healthy vibrant addition to the city. Commissioner Stokes indicated that he was repeating concerns from citizens that have spoken to him and offered an apology for repeating miss information. Mr. Simpson welcomed any input from the county as he moves forward indicating that he wants to do what's best for the community.

David Jones met with the commissioners with questions regarding the county right of way and the responsibility to maintain and keep it clean. It is his claim that a fire near some of his property damaged much of his fence line and indicated that a large bale of straw was to blame. The bale is said to have been left in the county right of way for around two years and somehow caught fire. The fire was thought to have been extinguished but then flared up again. In all he claims about \$6,000.00 dollars worth of damage to his fence. The discussion then lead to notification to the property owners when there is a fire and the land owners having access to their property during the incident. The sheriff was present at the meeting and he indicated that when calls are made to his office the caller usually only receives an address. He further explained that the fire department is in control of the situation of a fire and will likely limit anyone from entering the scene except those individuals fighting the fire so as to minimize the number of people exposed to the fire and help reduce the possibility of accidents happening. Commissioner Firth asked if the sheriff could have his deputies monitor the roadsides when on patrol. In parting Mr. Jones further asked about a small portion of his land being used by the county for the purpose of storing rock chips. He has let the county use the land for free however he suggests a small yearly fee for the use. Commissioner Firth indicated that the county is not interested at this time and will find another place to store their rock chips.

Sheriff Jones made the request to modify construction work on his holding cell plans to include adding a closet, new flooring to match the adjacent rooms and carpet on the walls in the interrogation room to aid in the sound buffering.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the construction modifications as explained.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Weight limits on county roads – the request was made in a previous meeting to increase the allowed weight limit on the Arbon Valley road and the road to Stone Idaho beginning at the Power County line. Idaho Department of Transportation representative Ed Bala reported to Chairman Firth that his department is confident that the county road is well suited for the change in weight noting that the off tracking should not be a cause for worry. Commissioner Daniels reported on her attendance at a District 5 meeting where this topic was discussed stating that the weight change will most likely come in the near future if not now. With the road north of Holbrook still slated for reconstruction the commissioners are not ready make changed there.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the 129,000 pound weight limit on the county road from county line in Arbon south to state road 38 and from the junction of State road 38 in Holbrook to the Utah board in Stone Idaho.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Chapter six of the Development Code dealing with fines and fees has been updated and presented to the commissioners for approval. This chapter has been under review for several months and is coming to the commissioners for the second time. Attorney Brower assisted in the rewrite of this chapter in an effort to add continuity to the code and help make the fines and fees more enforceable.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to adopt the changes in chapter six of the Development Code.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Previously a letter was sent to the commissioners regarding a law suit over PILT payments (payments in Lieu of taxes). The letter offered all counties receiving PILT to join in the law suit against the Federal Government which claims underpayment in previous years.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to join the law suit for under payments of PILT money. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The quarterly Treasurer/Auditor report was reviewed.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the quarterly Treasurer/Auditor report as submitted.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Dunn's number administration. A Dunn's and Bradstreet number must be assigned to each entity receiving money from the federal government or those businesses seeking grants or contracts from the government. Beginning this year the administrator for these numbers is requiring each entity to assign a representative that has approval for all updates and correspondence with them. Whereas the clerk has filled this role in the past it was recommended that the clerk continue in this role.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the action of allowing the clerk to act as the County representative for updating and correspondence regarding the counties Dunn's numbers.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

LHTAC invoice numbers 5 and 6 were review for acceptance and payment to Keller Associates in conjunction with work on the Narrows project.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve LHTAC invoice numbers 5 and 6.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

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

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Fair grounds - The display building and Quonset at the fairgrounds are becoming a hazard and will need to be removed if the decision is made to build a new event center. Fair board chairman Darin Daniels suggested the selling of the buildings through the bid process to see if anyone would like to salvage the buildings. It was further suggested that some of the cement floor could be utilized by the hog pens to create a platform for washing animals. In further discussion about the new building proposal Darin reported that the building committee thought it best to bid the project to one contractor rather than several subcontractors. The committee is in the process of getting detail plans that can be used for the bid process.

Malad City council – In a quarterly meeting with the Malad City council and Mayor, the issue of contracts was discussed. Currently the City pays the county for building inspector services and the county covers the wages and benefits for this employee. The issue of how to charge the city was addressed with the suggestion that they pay on a percentage basis of how many buildings were erected in the city vs. the county in one year. It was further recommended that they use July 1st as the start date and to use the previous year's numbers for the current year's budget. The reasoning is that each entity would know what the charge would be for the next year and in turn be able to more accurately budget for the coming year.

The law enforcement contract was also discussed. Commissioner Daniels reminded those in attendance that during last year's meeting it was proposed that the city would increase their payments each year for three years until the annual payment was \$300,000.00 dollars.

A request was made that the city writes a support letter to accompany a 911 grant request that the sheriff's office is applying for.

Economic development was approached by Ward Feed and Seed about obtaining help with their endeavor to build a new store south of their current location on State Road 38.

The city reported that they are still exploring the purchase of the old co-op building with the intent to relocate city hall. Renovations would be limited to the main floor for the purpose of creating accommodations for the city office space. Future plans would have to wait for funding. Garbage collection was also discussed with the county reporting that they are exploring the option of joining a regional land fill with Caribou, Bear Lake and Lincoln county, Wyoming. Both governments expressed their concern that the spring cleanup in May is getting out of hand. The county is considering the discontinuation of this free dump week stating that the risk of DEQ violations due to citizens not following the rule is too great.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to convene the scheduled executive session to address medical indigent applications.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

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Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny medical indigent application 10-2018-10007 due to the applicant not being indigent.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The county medical insurance renewal posted on the agenda was in error and will be held during the next meeting.

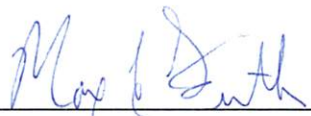
The commissioners discussed the FY2019 budget proposals.

Sheriff Jones presented a resolution for records destruction. Attorney Cody Brower reviewed the resolution and gave his approval. After review the commissioners gave approval as well.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve resolution 2018-07-02 for the destruction of records kept in the sheriff's office.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The commissioners scheduled a special meeting for the 31st, of July to discuss the FY2019 budget.

The meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk