

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Stokes.

Economic Development – Kathy Ray presented an MOU for renewal between the State of Idaho and Oneida County whereby Oneida County will act as the fiscal agent for the Four County Economic Development program. Kathy reported that Ward Feed was talking about relocating their business and was looking into building a larger facility. With the relocation Ward Feed is looking to see if the City or County would be willing to help in any way.

Law enforcement grant - Dallas Jones presented the final papers for a state-wide electronic ticketing (SWET) grant to help purchase some of the equipment necessary to allow the department to use electronic tickets. The e-ticket will eliminate the hand written tickets that can be hard to read and will help in the overall flow of information. The grant will pay for 75 percent of the cost of computers, printers and scanners. The other 25 percent will be covered by the county with the option to use labor and mileage as a soft match. The total cost will be \$42,967.85. The items must be purchased by the end of September and will be reimbursed within 60 days. Commissioner Firth questioned the maintenance and it was stated that the items come with a three year warranty.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the application for the SWET grant for the sheriff's office.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Sheriff's budget – it was reported that no applications were received for the position of full time dispatch. The sheriff is concerned that the allowed wage is too small. He reported that a deputy assessor was just hired at \$14.00 dollars per hour and he only has \$12.00 dollars per hour for his new dispatch position with three of his dispatchers being POST trained and only receiving \$13.00 dollars per hour. He is asking for more money for this position reminding the commissioner that the duties of 911 dispatcher are vital and significant within the community. Commissioner Stokes agreed that a better wage is necessary.

Planning and Zoning – Commission members spoke to the commissioners regarding concerns about the current building inspector also being an active builder in the county. Acknowledgement was given by the commission to the fact that arrangements have been made to allow an inspector from Franklin County to inspect his work however they recommended that he physically sign the inspection reports for the permit file. Commissioner Daniels stated that there was a two week gap from the time that the current inspector was officially made a county employee and when Franklin county agreed to inspect his work and that since that time his work has been inspected by someone else. She further reported that all of Roberts permits now go to Franklin County and they process the permit and collect the money, sending the remainder back to Oneida County. The hiring of Robert was again addressed with the commissioners stating that the IRS audit was the reason that the position was changed from a contractor to a county employee. Commissioner Daniels stated that every building inspector in the surrounding counties was paid higher than what Oneida pays however it was also mentioned that each county had different job duties and responsibilities.

Currently the city is contracting with the county for building inspector service and it was discussed that this cost should be calculated by the percentage of inspections done in the city as compared to the county. Commissioner Daniels suggested that the numbers currently show that this would be a 60/40 split with the county paying the greater amount. This amount will be for the wages alone, as the county will cover the benefits and mileage. The city reported that they did not budget the amount of money that was suggested however they will call a special meeting to discuss the funding.

Regional landfill – The discussion about a regional landfill has been ongoing throughout the summer. An MOU has been drawn up between the participating counties to allow for the collection of money to be used in the exploration of the endeavor and the agreement to be added as a partner in the district pending approval for the creation of a regional solid waste district. The commissioner discussed the fact that the current landfill in Oneida only has about 15 to 20 years left at which point they would need to find another option for the disposal of the garbage collected in the county. It was thought that it would be best to start the discussion now and be part of the beginning process of this regional land fill rather than waiting for the current site to fill up. It is expected that the cost to Oneida county will not increase above the current expenses now being paid for the operation of the county site.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the MOU with Idaho counties consisting of Bear Lake and Caribou and with Lincoln County, Wyoming for the exploration of creating a regional landfill.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

LHTAC invoice for work done by Keller Associates for the “Narrows” project – This invoice is for \$4,710.39 and will be reimbursed to the county at a rate of 92.66 percent. The project is slated to complete in 2019.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the invoice for payment to Keller Associates in the amount of \$4,710.39.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth reported that confirmation had been given that Oneida County has been included in the class action lawsuit against the Federal Government in regards to past PILT payments being paid less than required by law.

Two Certificates of residency were reviewed for approval. Caleb Hess and Julia Skinner.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve both certificates of residency as presented. Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Ordinance for the control of open fires – In past meetings it has been discussed as to the proper way to control the open fires in Oneida County. Attorney Brower stated that if the county were to enforce any ban on open burning they would first need to pass an ordinance allowing the county the authority to place the ban. It was stated that the State of Idaho currently has some laws that direct the open burning of fields and such and that the Forest Service and BLM likewise have controls for their lands. Questions were still unanswered as to the authority that

the Fire District has in placing a ban on open burning. It was determined that more research needed to be done before a decision could be made.

Road and Bridge – Lisa Baker reported that a grant opportunity was available that may help with the upgrading of the old hwy. east of the fair grounds. She wanted to confirm that the county recognizes the road as belonging to the county and that it didn't belong to Malad City whereas they recent annexation land surrounding this road recently. The commissioners confirmed that it was indeed a county road and that they were interested in obtaining assistance in rebuilding it for regular use.

Lisa also reported on damage to some signs in Arbon Valley due to residence moving farm equipment along the road way and pushing the signs over. She stated that the signs were made to be removed for this purpose and that the people only needed to stop and remove the sign while they passed. Lisa was given permission to send a bill to the person responsible for the damage. It was estimated that the cost would be around \$750.00 dollars.

In other matters it was reported that Rocky Mountain Power is currently working at placing poles in Samaria and that Lisa had tried to call them to ensure that they were working within the right of way. She further suggested that the county pursue an updated franchise agreement with them. The current document they provided to the county is well over 100 years old and not applicable.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

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

The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed for approval.

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

Commissioner Firth made the motion to hold and executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(d). to discuss medical indigent applications.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The executive session was vacated.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny case number 10-2018-10008 due to lack of cooperation.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve case number 10-2019-00001.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

A request was made by Tammy Henderson in early July for forgiveness of payments for a medical indigent case approved several years ago for her husband who is now deceased. The commissioners discussed the request again. It was noted that the indigent program is a reimbursement program and that this particular case was significant enough to be sent to the

State catastrophic program for additional payments. The overall bill has been reduced by about half due to the program only paying Medicaid rates.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny the Tammy Henderson request for forgiveness of the medical indigent payments.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Building permits were presented for approval.

Dan Bybee – two agricultural buildings

Mike Asay – three agricultural buildings

Dale Lethrowe – one manufactured home

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve all six permits as presented.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion for the FY2019 budget – Commissioner Daniels shared a cost analysis of the employee benefits paid by the county. She then spoke to how the county needs to live within its revenues and that PILT money should not be budgeted but should be used for onetime expenses. Road and Bridge wages were discussed as they wanted a dollar an hour raise for each employee.

The city reported that they were increasing the money they pay the county for law enforcement by \$8,000.00 dollars for the year. This is short of the projected increase that was discussed in negotiations last year.

Benefits renewal – Scott Leavitt, insurance broker for Oneida County health benefits reported to the commissioners that the \$10,000.00 life insurance policy would remain the same at \$5.10 per month per employee. The dental plan would also stay the same at \$41.04 per month per employee. He further reported that the medical benefits would decrease by fifteen dollars per employee dropping to \$615.00 per month per employee.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the renewal of insurance benefits as presented. Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Adjustments were made to the proposed budget for FY2019.

The Airport was increased by \$100,000.00 dollars to go towards repairing the runway.

The Clerks salary was decreased to \$46,000.00 per year.

The Assessors salary was decreased to \$45,000.00 per year.

The Treasurers salary was decreased to \$45,000.00 per year.

All of the employees from Road and Bridge, Weeds, and Solid Waste were given \$.75 cents per hour raises except Josh Finder who will receive his raise after 6 months of service.

Legal secretary Leah Hunt and Civil Deputy Tammy Williams were increased to \$16.50 per hour.

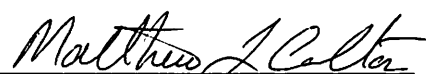
Sheriff Dispatch employee Jana Davis and Wendy Steffenhagen were increased to \$14.00 dollars an hour with the vacant dispatch position being budgeted the same amount to accommodate the hiring of a new employee and that person passing POST training.

The Oneida Crisis Center request was adjusted to \$4,000.00 dollars.

The meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk