

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

Chairman Lewis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Darin Daniels presented a bid for the engineering of the events center plans that will be used in the construction bidding phase. Two bids were to be received. The first bid was from a company in Kaysville Utah, the second from a company in the Rexburg Idaho area.

The bid from Kaysville was seeking \$26,000.00 plus additions as needed. Building inspector Robert Phillips was on the phone with the second bidder and his bid was for \$70,000.00 dollars without additions. Commissioner Stokes voiced his opposition to the project due to the size of the building. Chairman Lewis identified the need to move forward quickly with the project due to time constraints for construction and thanked Darin and the building committee for their hard work in getting to this point.

Commissioner Bob Christophersen made the motion to approve the bid from Gary Hunt for \$26,000.00 dollars.

Commissioner Lewis seconded.

Commissioner Christophersen and Commissioner Lewis were in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Stokes opposed the motion. The motion carried by a two thirds vote.

Commissioner Stokes questioned the cost of operations for the center including electricity however no study has been conducted for this purpose at this time.

Darin will call Gary and inform him of the bid award. A formal letter of acceptance will be sent by the clerk.

Grasshopper control – Extension agent Jacob Rickman reported back to the commissioners on this topic. He informed them that the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will be hosting a meeting in Malad on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The location will be determined closer to the meeting date in order to ensure adequate seating. As part of the prevention it was further reported that personnel will be scouting the area looking for signs early to help get ahead of any possible issues. While bait will be available it was also suggested and discussed about spraying instead. It was reported that this method was more effective. Jacob reported that the state would provide the bait but not the spray.

Prime Time Auctions – Bryson Johnson offered the services of his company to help sell used and excess property that the county sells from time to time. He explained the process and how they use on-line methods to enhance the sale. He further suggested that by selling at an auction, the county could receive better sales than if they sell alone. The commissioners stated that they would keep him in mind next time they had equipment to sell.

Road and Bridge – another truck is needed and a pre-authorization request to purchase a truck was made. The expected expense is to be around \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 dollars however they would like authorization to spend up to \$80,000.00 dollars in case they end up purchasing a vehicle that needs to be built up for their specific needs.

Commissioner Stokes stated that if it is in the budget then there should be no need for approval and they should be able to purchase as needed.

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It was noted that the new grader is housed in Bruce Hubbard's shed and used by part time employee Dakota Hubbard. Also noted was the correction to last meetings discussion about selling gravel from the Stone pit at the rate of \$1.50 per ton. It should have been stated that it is sold by the yard.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move into executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(f). Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved.

After the executive session the commissioners reviewed the joint Treasurer/ Auditor quarterly report.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the joint Treasurer/Auditor quarterly report. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved.

IDAWY board member – with the change of commissioner assignments it was thought that it would be best to change the Oneida representative on the IDAWY board to Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to have Commissioner Lewis serve as the Oneida representative on the IDAWY board.

Commissioner Lewis seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved.

Commissioner Lewis wanted to revisit the purchase of a new fuel pump for the airport. It was noted that the original cost was to be around \$7,000.00 dollars with a 50/50 split with the leasee at that time. Since that time it was found that fuel pumps were hard to come by and that in order to collect on all sales, a pump with a card reader would be best. This cost was to be around \$30,000.00 dollars with several citizens offering to pay a large share of the cost. At that time it was determined that the county should bear the burden of the cost rather than having private citizens purchase capital improvements. In part the question was about liability in the future. It was questioned how the county could justify the cost for such an item from county tax dollars when only a few citizens used the airport. The explanation was given that the airport is used extensively by pilots from other areas as well. Examples were student pilots, crop dusters, fire fighting personnel etc.. It was further noted that most of the money in this year's budget was coming from Federal PILT money and not local tax dollars.

For the purpose of clearing up any confusion it was determined that a motion to purchase the card reader fuel pump should be made.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the purchase of a fuel pump for the airport with credit card reading capabilities.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner assignment reports –

Commissioner Stokes has seen a reduction in meetings he has been attending.

Commissioner Christophersen has been in contact with his affiliates and is learning what is needed and what may need to be done in the future. The landfill meeting with IDAWY went well. They looked around the county for possible sites for a transfer station. The regional landfill is going to take a few years but will be good for the county as the current landfill has a limit to how long it can operate.

Commissioner Lewis concurred with the need for the county to pursue the regional landfill as a long term solution for the county waste. He further reported that the Eastern Idaho State Fair (EISF) board budget meeting went well. The county budget allotment for the fair will be \$1,000.00 dollars for the coming year. It was noted that over the last five years the county has paid about \$3,692.00 dollars towards the fair in annual allotments and the citizens in the county have received over \$12,000.00 dollars in premiums in that same time frame.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.  
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved.

The January 14<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes were reviewed for approval.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lewis indicated that on the commissioner assignments Public Health was not added to Commissioner Christophersen assignments. In regards to the sale of the Stone gravel it should state that the sale is per yard and not per ton as that is how it is printed in the agreement.

Commissioner Stokes restated the motion to approve the minutes with the following changes. To add Public Health Board to Commissioner Christophersen assignments and to reference that the sale of gravel from the Stone pit to Western Construction Co. is \$1.50 per yard and not per ton.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved.

Request for building permit refund –

The Rowe brothers have had a financial setback and have requested that the fee paid for their building permit is refunded. Lola Bott informed the Commissioners that the Development Code allows up to 80% refund if the permit has not expired.

The only money spent by the county at this time is for the two public hearings held by the P&Z board and the Commissioners respectively.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve a 100% refund to the Rowe brothers.

Commissioner Lewis inquired about the cost of the permit and it was reported that they had paid \$8276.80.

The clerk reminded the commissioners that there have been indirect costs spent on this project through his deputy clerk who is shared with Planning and Zoning and that the development code is in essence county law and that it should be followed as written.

Commissioner Stokes indicated that the Sheriff has discretion in the law such as issuing warnings instead of tickets.

The Sheriff indicated that he does have discretion in issuing tickets but they have no discretion in the fines or fees once a ticket has been issued.

Commissioner Lewis expressed his thoughts that the county has expended some time and expense and feels the county needs some compensation.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve a refund in the amount equal to 80% of the permit price.

Commissioner Lewis seconded. The motion carried by two thirds vote.

Building inspector hours – Commissioner Stokes questioned who had oversight of the building inspector and if his work hours were monitored. He further questioned why the county car was not used by the inspector as cost savings for the county. Assessor Atkinson explained the priority of using the car stating that it was mainly purchased for her office to conduct property appraisals and for the elections department when needed. It was then available for other offices to use as needed. Her office keeps a calendar where the car can be scheduled. Building inspector Robert Phillips informed the commissioners that some of his inspections are scheduled but that a lot of them are last minutes requests by the builder and if he is close to the site it is easier to travel from his current location rather than coming to

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the court house to change vehicles. He indicated that he would use the county car when feasible but that not all circumstances would allow it.

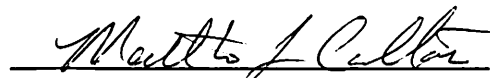
The revenue and expenses for building inspection were reviewed by the commissioners. It was found that the current fees collected did not cover the current expenses. The commissioners asked Robert to help identify a new fee schedule that would bring the county back into a positive status on money. Lola further informed the commissioners that for commercial buildings going through Franklin County that Franklin keeps 70% of the fee for their work and sends 30% of the fee back to Oneida County for administrative costs. Lola noted that she is working with Robert to complete the permit packets by obtaining all inspection sheets as these may be needed in the future when someone is selling their property.

Commissioner Training – Attorney Brower spent some time talking to the commissioners about open meeting law and helping them understand what is written in Idaho Code.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(b).

Commissioner Christophersen seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved.

Following the executive session the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Bill Lewis, Chairman  
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Matthew L. Colton, Clerk