

MEETING MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Christophersen leading the Pledge of Allegiance and then offering a prayer.

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

The executive session was vacated and the regular agenda items addressed.

Commissioner Lewis asked attendee Jean Thomas about the benefits of a Certified Local Government (CLG) Board. Jean explained that a CLG board would consist of five to ten members who would meet to for the purpose of identifying and discussing ways to preserve local properties by obtaining national historic register status and then pursuing funds/grants as needed. Some names were presented as possible board members however it was discussed that an advertisement might help to identify others in the community willing to serve in this capacity. Commissioner Lewis stated that an ordinance would need to be passed if the commissioners chose to create the CLG board. The commissioners agreed that the creation of such a board would be good for the county.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move forward with the creation of a Certified Local Government Board for the preservation of Oneida Counties' heritage areas. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried. All Commissioners approved.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the following names as those to be contacted as possible board members. Luke Waldron, Jean Thomas, David L. Evans, Dotty Evanson, J.D. Thomas, Larry Thomas.

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

Commissioner Christophersen informed the board that Jason VanBebber would not be able to continue his service on the fair board. The name of Timothy Spencer was given as one they would like to fill this vacancy.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve Tim Spencer as a member of the Oneida County Fair Board.

Commissioner Stokes opposed the nomination stating that he felt like all board positions should be advertised whereby giving the public a chance to serve. Commissioner Lewis indicated that in the future the Commissioner can have that discussion however in the essence of moving forward and filling the vacancy that he was inclined to approve the nomination of the fair board.

Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and the motion carried by a two to one vote.

Commissioners Lewis and Christophersen were in favor.

Commissioner Stokes was against.

Western Construction will begin work on the Narrow road project this spring. An agreement to sell gravel to Western was presented in a previous meeting. the final draft was presented today with one addition by Western. They would like to haul the waste gravel back to the same pit in Stone. Road Forman Scott Blaisdell thought the waste might be useful in other county projects in the future and was

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in favor of allowing the waste gravel to be hauled back to the pit. The cost for the sale of the gravel is to be \$1.50 per cubic yard.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the agreement to sell gravel to Western Construction for the work on the Narrow road project at the rate of \$1.50 per cubic yard.

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

Question was raised about the money from the gravel sales. Road and Bridge would like to use it for the purpose of crushing gravel for future use.

The commissioners asked that this question be placed on the next agenda for discussion and decision.

The results of the March 12th, school bond election were canvassed.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the results as reported.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Lewis, Chairman

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk