

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened. Commissioner Stokes led the Pledge of Allegiance and then offered a prayer.

Chairman Lewis called for a review of the agenda. No changes were made.

Josh Sorensen and Renee Richardson introduced themselves to the commissioners as representatives of Representative Mike Simpson and Senator James Risch respectively. They explained their job functions and purpose which is to assist citizens and groups with the coordination and hopeful resolution to their problems that reach to the Federal level. It was emphasized that they do not give legal advice and they do not get involved in law enforcement issues.

They also gave awareness to a grant writing workshop offered to various local government entities. Commissioner Stokes suggested passing the workshop offer to other local groups and non-profit organizations.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints submitted a letter requesting continued tax exemptions for many of their properties located in Oneida County. They further made the request for certain properties to be placed back on the tax rolls.

Parcels requested for continued exemption include; #0147601, #0087301, #0098202, #0046400, #0046502, #0047001, #0086701, #0066523 and #0066525.

Parcels to be reinstated to taxable states include parcel numbers #0198800, #0202900, #0199600, #0202800 and #0202600.

The question was raised as to the requirement for those receiving tax exemptions to submit a written request each year for the continued exempt status. It was reported that other religious building are receiving the exemption however they have not submitted the written request. Previous commissioners have given the approval to continue the exempt statues nonetheless. Chairman Lewis reminded the board that the agenda made reference to only one institution and so the decision can be made on their behalf only. The other tax exempt properties will be addressed in the next meeting.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the continued tax exempt status for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and also to add the requested properties to be placed back on the tax rolls as requested.

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

Delinquent tax report – Treasurer Edwards reported that the Monica Marino property has been sold and the past taxes have been paid with the exception of the late fees, penalties and interest that were forgiven by previous commissioners. It was further reported that the one other property that had the potential of being sent to tax deed is in the process of transferring ownership and those taxes will also be paid in full. The commissioners should have no tax deed properties to deal with next year.

A resolution was presented whereby allowing the Treasurer to destroy records that have exceeded their retention period as required by State law.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the resolution to destroy treasurer records as identified.

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

Gravel crushing – Road and Bridge anticipate around \$80,000.00 dollars of unexpected revenue from the sale of gravel to Western Construction for their work on the Narrows project. The Department is in need of crushed gravel for county use and would like to use the money for the purpose of crushing gravel. They further would like to spend additional money in excess of their budget for this effort. They currently have \$100,000.00 dollars in their budget for this purpose with cash reserve available as well. The total request is for an additional \$200,000.00 dollar increase to the crush gravel budget to be paid from the sale of gravel to Western Construction and from cash reserves.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to allow for the increased spending in the road and bridge budget by \$200,000.00 dollars for the purpose of crushing gravel in the Stone Pit with the money coming from gravel sales and cash reserve.

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

Planning and Zoning – no building permits were presented for review. Administrator Bott reported to the board of the process used to assess the fee for the change of use permit approved in a previous meeting. The Development Code gives instruction on assessing the fee based on the total cost of the project. Where no buildings are being constructed the requestor will provide the anticipated cost for their improvements and this will provide the base for the assessed value.

Bott also provided information obtained from surrounding counties regarding their building permit fee structure. Chairman Lewis will compile this information for future discussion to aid in assessing Oneida County's fees.

Malad City easement – Attorney Brower reported that his review of the recent proposed easement for the city did not give adequate protection to the county. The easement was one prepared with the USDA in mind and was thought to be too broad. Attorney Brower suggested some wording to help protect the county. Chairman Lewis indicated that he would like to approve one of the two options for the alignment so as to expedite the process for the City. It was thought that the alignment going west to 100 west then south to 1500 south then east to the destination was better than routing west then south to 1500 south before turning east to the destination.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the easement for Malad City from 100 west near the south border of the sewer treatment lagoons, south to 1500 south then east to their anticipated dispersion site; final wording to be added by County Attorney Brower.

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

Event Center bids – Three bids were received for the manufacture of the event center. Excel Fabrication for \$483,940.00, CSI Steel for \$240,370.00 and Ultimate Steel Erection for \$228,860.00. It was noted that all three were received via e-mail and not in a sealed envelope as requested. It was thought that the bids should be rejected and the project rebid. Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to reject all bids and rebid the project. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Further discussion took place. It was unclear when the bids were sent as two of them were routed through the fair board president Darin Daniels however after review of the e-mail it was decided that all bids were received shortly before the deadline. Attorney Brower reviewed Idaho Code and came to the determination that the bidding requirements were met. After discussion with Attorney Brower it was determined that there was very little chance of the bidders being aware of the opponents bids due to the delivery times for each was relatively close. The conclusion was that the bid could be awarded based on individual merits of each bid if the lowest bid is accepted. The bid from Excel Fabrication included the erection of the building which accounts for the increased amount. Building inspector Phillips reviewed the bids and informed the commissioners that two of the bids were real close to the request in the notice. The

Lowest bid was the closest to meeting the requirements with the exception of additional items such as insulation.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to rescind the previous motion and to accept the bid from Ultimate Steel for \$228,860.00 dollars.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to resubmit the notice for bids and start over.

Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Ultimate Steel bid on the advice of the attorney that it would be acceptable to move forward with approving one of the bids received.

The motion to approve carried. Commissioner Lewis called for a vote. No audible votes were heard to the negative.

Road extension – Mike Hess gave a recount of a previous commissioner meeting where he proposed that a road be constructed from the industrial park entrance to the east connecting to the old highway. The land would be given to the county in exchange for the county completing the excavation and building of a gravel road. The intentions are to alleviate the large truck traffic traveling from the industrial park along South Main Street as they proceed to the freeway. Road foreman Blaisdell indicated that it might take two years to complete the project.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to accept the land grant from Mike Hess for the purpose of creating a connecting road from the industrial park to the old highway and that the road and bridge department will complete the excavation and creation of the gravel road.

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

The claims were reviewed with two reports being presented for signature. One for Monthly expenses, one for Jury service.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve both claims reports as submitted.

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

The minutes from the March 11th, meeting was reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the minutes as written.

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

The Certified Local Government Board was approved in a previous meeting however the official ordinance was not ready for approval. The commissioners were presented with the final draft with a request to approve.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the ordinance creating a County Certified Local Government board.

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

Sheriff Jones presented an agreement with the Department of Agriculture for his office to assist in the boat check station South of Malad. The station is set up to catch and eradicate any and all quagga muscle that may be transported via water craft. The request is for a renewal of last year's agreement.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the Department of Agriculture agreement for law enforcement help at their boat check station.

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

March 25th, 2019

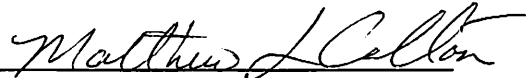
Weed Department information – Weed superintendant Mike Larue took some time informing the commissioners about Idaho Code as it relates to noxious weeds. He spoke about previous agreements with the BLM and the effort to negotiate a BLM contract for Oneida County rather than a multi county effort. He reported that we have very little Dyers Woad in the county however surrounding counties are struggling to keep it contained. A report on total road miles treated in 2018 was projected to be around 1065 miles. Mike indicated that he has purchased no spraying signs to be used by private land owners who are making an effort to be organic in classification. He thinks that county would look much nicer if the signs were uniform. He indicated that he is having them pay for the signs at \$25.00 dollars each however Commissioner Lewis informed Mike that he cannot force anyone to purchase his signs but he can offer them for purchase. The last issue Mike addressed is his weed building. He indicated that it is a catch basin for the runoff from the road and bridge building and that the structure is in need of repair. He is in hopes that some work can be accomplished in the near future to bring it up to a better standard.

Assessor training – Assessor Atkinson explained the duties of her office and how the land assessments are accomplished. She also explained the Department of Motor Vehicle and the changes that are coming. She reported that in a follow up from earlier discussion regarding tax exempt properties that not all counties require the written request and that it was a decision to be made by the commissioners if they are going to require it.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk

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