

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer offered by Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. The following items were suggested for addition to the agenda for information only. ADA bathroom upgrades, Cyber security and Department of Agriculture grasshopper information.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to add ADA bathroom project, cyber security and Department of Agriculture letter concerning grasshoppers and mormon crickets, to the agenda for information purposes only.

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

IDAWY Regional landfill – Jason Lower and David Lore presented a cost analysis for the proposed regional landfill being explored by the Idaho counties of Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake and Lincoln county Wyoming. Identified challenges for Oneida County include reserves for infrastructure, equipment, closure and post closure cost. Estimated costs of one million dollars per acre to create a new landfill were mentioned.

The proposal by IDAWY is to transfer all municipal solid waste (MSW) to the regional site and to maintain operations at the current location accepting construction and demolition (C&D) material. This effort will allow for the decreased cost of transporting C&D material and allow time and material for the strategic placement of top cover on the existing site in preparation for its closure. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans and grants will be pursued and it is anticipated that Oneida may be eligible for up to 35% of their cost from this source.

Questions and answers that came up during the meeting include;

Q- Are costs equal or separate?

A- Some of the cost will be separate and unique to Oneida County like transportation while others will be universal for all participants such as work at the landfill site.

Q- How will the grant money be spent?

A- Any grant money received will be utilized for the county that it was awarded to.

Q- Why build the transfer site at the current landfill location?

A- It would be more cost effective to have personnel at one location rather than placing employees at two different sites.

Q- What about electricity?

A- With solar power and a generator it is anticipated that the issue with electricity will be eliminated.

Q- Would a fenced area serve as well as a transfer building?

A- If the waste is left in the open then it is subject to inclement weather which will add to the cost of transportation due to increased weight from snow and rain.

Q- What happens to the current employees?

A- All current employees will become employees of IDAWY.

Q- The old landfill will be monitored for 30 years but when did the date start?

A- The final papers were signed in 2017 and that started the clock however the 30 year time frame is subject to the finding of the well monitoring. If the wells test well enough for a period of time then the commissioners can petition to have the well monitoring discontinued however if the wells show

continued leaching then the monitoring could continue past the 30 year time frame. Commissioner Stokes commented that the employees are not satisfied with their current equipment however Jason reported that IDAWY has plans to upgrade the equipment.

DEQ- Regional administrator Bruce Olenick introduced staff members Amanda Hardy and Doug Tanner. As a way of introduction to what his department handles, Bruce presented a letter identifying areas where they work with the counties. Some of these areas include septic tanks, landfills, illegal dumping sites, underground petroleum storage tanks, air quality, ground water sampling and illegal discharges into rivers/lakes etc. Commissioner Christophersen asked about a feed lot near exit 3 on the east side of the freeway. Bruce indicated that this situation is one where they would work with the Department of Agriculture should the situation escalate to that level.

Narrows road update – Rob Ramsey from Civil Science and Matt Koster from LHTAC updated the commissioners on the start date for construction. Due to weather it has been postponed until the end of April. They further indicated that they are working with the Forest Service to identify common areas of interest where the stream bed could be relocated to its original location away from the road. This action would allow Western Construction the ability to eliminate several gabian and H-pile walls in exchange for placement of rip-rap; large rocks strategically placed to eliminate erosion. This action would cost less and be an overall savings to the construction. Some of the saving would be used in the stream relocation preformed by the USFS. Mr. Koster stated that Western Construction could not pay directly to the USFS for this effort like they would pay a sub contractor. He asked if the county would be willing to pay the roughly \$80,000.00 dollars to the USFS for the project and then seek reimbursement stating that this was the preferred method by Federal Highways. It was thought that this payment method would be best for all involved. It would not require special approvals and it is the same process utilized during the design phase.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to authorize the county to pay the Forest Service for costs associated with the proposed value engineering cost proposal (VECP) associated with the Narrows project, if changes are approved, and then submit for reimbursement.

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

LHTAC road scholar program – Road and Bridge will be sending Diana Dredge and Quort Sullivan to the next class referred to as road scholar. The cost is \$80 dollars per attendee however scholarships are available through LHTAC that will pay 50% of the cost. Approval was requested by the commissioners to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the road scholar grant applications for Diana Dredge and Quort Sullivan.

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

Sheriff Jones presented the annual Forest Service agreement for his office to patrol the camp grounds in Oneida County. The grant pays for the wage of the officer and mileage for use of the patrol vehicle. It was stated that the officers who participate do so after their regular scheduled work hours have been met.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the agreement to patrol Forest Service campgrounds.

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

Visitors guide – Annually the local newspaper prints a visitor's guide that is placed at the rest area south of Malad City and around town for passersby. In the past the county has paid for the printing of a county map that is placed in the center of the guide. It is time to print another 3000 copies and the request has been made of the commissioners to participate once again. The cost would be around \$290.00 dollars.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to sponsor the addition of the county map in the welcome to Malad visitors guide for the approximate cost of \$290.00 dollars.

Commissioner Lewis seconded. Commissioners Lewis and Christophersen approved the motion.

Commissioner Stokes opposed. The motion carried.

Tax exempt church properties – A written request was made by the Catholic Church for continued tax exemption. The requirement to submit this request annually was discussed in the last meeting. The commissioners thought it best to approve for this year and then send letters to the appropriate entities requesting the letter each year as stated in Idaho Code.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve continued tax exempt status for the Catholic, Baptist and Presbyterian Church properties for the coming year.

Commissioner Stokes seconded.

The commissioners discussed if the exemption was for all properties or just the Church. It was thought that it should be for just the church facilities.

Commissioner Christophersen amended the motion to reference only the church facilities.

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

Gordon Smith expressed concern over the many wrecked cars and excessive weeds on his neighbors land at approximately 800 N. 300 W. It is his opinion that they have created a fire hazard to the hay stacks on his adjacent property. Pictures were presented of the land in question. Prosecutor Brower indicated that the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) may contain rules to govern this situation if the person in question is selling car parts and running a business. Commissioner Lewis thought that the issue would need further study. Brower stated that the county repealed a junk ordinance in 2010 but that a nuisance ordinance from 1995 may apply to the described situation since it involved the overgrowth of weeds. The suggestion was made to send a letter stating the violations made and the need to come back in compliance. More research will be conducted to find if IDAPA rules or county ordinances have actually been violated. Attorney Brower asked for a complete list of possible violators stating that if they enforce the rules then it needs to include all violators. It was further noted that the right to farm act may also have some impact on the situation.

Four County Economic Development – Kathy Ray made a request that the county commit to participating in the economic development program by authorizing \$6,000.00 dollars for the coming fiscal year. She further indicated that the car she is using has over 200,000 miles and that she is looking to trade for something used but with less miles. The possibility of a lease vehicle was also mentioned as an option. She indicated that a formal request will be coming shortly. The commissioners made no decision at this time.

Kathy reported that Corby Earl is moving forward with his planned fuel station at exit 3. Commissioner Lewis questioned the impact to the program should a county opt out. It was suggested that the remaining counties would need to make up the funding difference.

Financial Audit – Farrell Steiner presented the financial audit for FY2018. His recommendation for all entities is to have internal control procedures and to ensure that they are followed. It was his opinion that Oneida County was following their internal controls. A review of the revenue and expense for the individual funds showed some trending for additional expenses and the use of PILT money. The assurance letter for DEQ was reported as signed and delivered on time. It was stated that audits are given a rating of clean or poor. It was his opinion that Oneida Counties audit was clean.

District 5 Interoperable Governance Board (DIGB5) – was explained as a board assembled to address the challenge of public safety communications. An agreement was presented whereby giving Oneida County support for the DIGB 5 efforts.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve participation in and the support of the DIGB 5 communications efforts.

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

September Smith variance request – The request was made to allow for a 30 foot setback from the front of the property rather than the 50 foot requirement. The reasons for this request include considerations for the slope of the land which could allow flooding and that other homes in the area are only 30 feet off the property line. Planning and Zoning gave a recommendation to approve on this variance.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the variance for September Smith to build her home with a 30 foot setback rather than the 50 foot setback normally required.

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

Building permits were reviewed for T-Mobile- cell tower, Craig Jacaway - commercial building, Dennis Parker – Shop, Gaylene Willie – Manufactured Home and Daren Allred – New home.

The September Smith permit for a new home and an agriculture building was also reviewed but they were not signed by the building inspector. It was discussed that the two permits for Smith's could be approved with a conditional status pending signature from the building inspector.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the building permits as presented and to place a conditional approval on the two permits for September Smith pending signature by the building inspector.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded and the motion carried. All commissioners approved

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

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

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

The claims were reviewed for payment.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the claims for payment.

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

Commissioner Lewis made the following reports. 1) That he had spoken with a contractor that will review the "bathroom remodel" project for ADA compliance and submit a proposal with the intent to complete the project the last week in September when the court room is closed. 2) ICRMP cyber

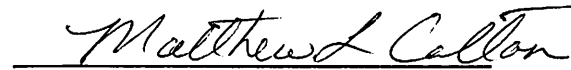
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security training will be coming to Oneida County. 3) Department of Agriculture will be working with locals to bait the grasshoppers and mormon crickets this year. 4) The event center bid was reduced due to Oneida County having tax exempt status and the building will be delivered by June 21st.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk