

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. No agenda items were added however commissioners Lewis indicated that he had received two letters of interest. One for the E-911 system and the second letter regarding an ITD tour in southeast Idaho.

The Four county economic development program was explained by Kathy Ray. When working with grants Kathy stated that she works mostly with Gem grants and indicated that Federal grants are administered through Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG). Kathy made a formal request for \$5,000.00 from Oneida County to support the Four County program.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to authorize \$5,000.00 dollars for the four county economic development program for the next budget year.

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

Corby Earl made the request of Oneida County to sponsor a Gem grant for the improvement of a small section of county road that will front his proposed gas station at exit 3 on Interstate 15. The request included a county match for the grant in the form of in-kind work. Commissioner Lewis asked about the grant had how it would be processed.

The Gem grant must be sponsored by a city or county, with the project being paid for by the sponsor and reimbursement being requested at the close of the project. The projected cost of the project is \$125,000.00. The maximum request for the gem grant is \$50,000.00. The remainder would be paid to the county by Mr. Earl. It was further requested that the county bid the project and maintain oversight through completion.

Commissioner Lewis indicated that he was not ready to commit the county to this project at this time. Commissioner Stokes voiced his approval of the request stating that the county should help businesses that are coming to the county.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to sponsor the gem grant for Colby Earl with the county contributing in-kind work and to oversee the project as requested.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded the motion. Commissioner Stokes and Christophersen approved the motion. Commissioner Lewis was against the motion. The motion passed with a two thirds vote.

Clerk Colton questioned the Chairman about specifying just what the county would be liable for regarding the in-kind work and the obligation for Mr. Earl to repay the county any money in excess of the Gem grant.

The motion was restated

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to authorize the county to give oversight to the bidding of the road rebuild as requested by Mr. Earl; to give 10 hours of grader service from the county and a maximum of 10 tons of gravel to the project; to also sign a contract with Mr. Earl regarding the

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reimbursements of funds in excess of the gem grant award with the money being placed in escrow. All efforts from the county will be contingent on the approval of the gem grant.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded the motion. Commissioners Stokes and Christophersen voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Lewis voted against the motion. The motion passed with a two thirds vote.

Soil and Water conservation district funding request – Members from the Soil and water board came before the commissioners to request funding for the coming budget year. Their request is for \$15,000.00 dollars. It was noted that in addition to teaching water conservation that the boat check station is also administered through their office. The boat check station monitors water craft coming into the state to ensure that the Quagga muscle isn't being transported to Idaho waters.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to support the Soil and Water conservation district funding request of \$15,000.00 pending available revenue.

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

Fair Board member replacement – The fair board is still looking for one more person able to serve on their board. Those on the list of candidates are Garren Atkinson, Ken Moss Jr., Kyle Phillips, Krystal Bates, Chris Jones and John Hardy. This list was presented to Commissioner Christophersen in the order that the board would like them considered.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the list of names presented by the fair board for consideration to fill the one remaining spot on the volunteer board in the following order; Garren Atkinson, Ken Moss Jr., Kyle Phillips, Krystal Bates, Chris Jones and John Hardy, With the candidates being asked in this order until one person is able to accept the position.

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

Rich Moore, Superintendant of School District 351, came before the Board of Commissioners seeking some information regarding cost at the land fill. The school district is trying to pass a bond to build a new elementary school and if it passes they will be removing the old buildings on the current location. Mr. Moore has requested that the commissioners consider a reduction in cost for the material that will be transported to the landfill. Mr. Moore further reported that he is working with Malad Rock to recycle the cement that will be removed.

Commissioner Lewis questioned the cost savings to the citizens stating that they will pay either for the disposal of the building from the school district or the increased landfill cost for the disposal of the materials per DEQ requirements. The types of materials to be disposed were discussed including asbestos. Commissioner Stokes suggested that the county should accept the construction and demolition materials as long as it doesn't include hazardous items. Commissioner Lewis called for a motion to reduce the rates for the school district to haul the demolition debris from the elementary school to the land fill. No motion was made. The rates will stay the same.

Department report –

Sheriff; two officers participated in a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) school. The Civil Deputy has attended training to help with garnishments, sheriff sales, etc. Dispatchers are now ILETS certified. Officer Sherman recently attended a Juvenile conference. School district 351 has been asked to renew the contract for the resource office with would amount to \$20,000.00 dollars per year or one third of the cost. This will be presented to the school board for approval.

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Prosecutor; One Jury trial was cancelled due to a plea of guilty being entered by the accused. The courts have relinquished jurisdiction in the Hawker case and she has been sent to prison for 6 years fixed and 8 year indeterminate. Hawker has filed for a rule 35 seeking leniency.

Assessor; Assessments notices are being prepared for print and will be sent out by the first Monday in June. Assessed values for Irrigated and non irrigated agriculture land will decrease slightly. Property in the city limits will also decrease slightly however homes will be coming up in value.

Clerk; Budget sheets have been sent to the various departments and should be returned by the 20th, of May. It is anticipated that the school will have another bond election in August.

Airport; Bill Statham and Jennifer Schildgen met with the airport board to discuss future plans for improvement. It was suggested that the Federal grants are slow to process and have many strings attached. The state funding is typically a 50 percent match and awards are made two years in advance of funding availability. The state will be conducting an airport planning study to review and plan for the future. It would be anticipated that a good 5 to 10 year plan would be the result. The state will also send an independent engineering firm to the airport to review the condition of the runway. Initial review of the runway shows it in very poor condition.

Junkyard / Nuisance ordinance; Follow up from a previous discussion regarding junkyards and nuisance ordinance. Commissioner Lewis stated that it should be the responsibility of the commissioners to create laws and that the sheriff will then enforce them. He advises that the commissioners should not get involved in the sheriff's responsibilities. The question was asked if the commissioners wanted to change the current ordinance or add a section to require fencing. No decision was made at this time. Time for further investigation will be given.

Landfill well monitoring - Cascade Earth Sciences has been under contract to monitor the wells at the old landfill. The contract is coming to a close and it has been proposed that a new contract be signed for the next five years. The proposed contract includes the same requirements as the existing contract for both parties.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the proposed five year contract with Cascade Earth Science to monitor the wells at the old land fill.

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

In accordance to the Uniform Environmental Covenant Act, Chapter 30, Title 55 in the Idaho Code, a notation, in the form of an environmental covenant, must be recorded with the deed to the old landfill property. A draft environmental covenant was presented for review.

Commissioner Christophersen made a motion to approve the environmental covenant as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

D6 Treatment center – The sixth Judicial District has formed a district wide treatment center to help with the behavior health treatment for those persons under court supervision. Bannock County will act as the host county with each of the other counties being asked to help find meeting space in their respective areas. The D6 center will pay rent if space can be found. The commissioner's room and attorney's room in the courts will continue to be made available. The long term plan is to relocate to the annex building once the extension office has been moved to the new events center.

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Commissioner Stokes made a motion to revisit the meeting location issue for the D6 treatment center once the annex building becomes available.

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

A memorandum of understanding was presented whereby stating the working relationship between the county and the D6 treatment center.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the D6 treatment center.

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

Commissioners Lewis presented information for the commissioners to review regarding building permit costs. It was stated that going into budget season the commissioners will need to determine what they would like to assess the city for building inspections. It was further stated that the county should look closely at the permit costs with the intent of charging the correct amount to better cover the cost of the service. Commissioners Lewis indicated that the permit fees should not be a money making effort for the county however the current fee structure only covers around 60% of the expense. He feels that a review of the current fee structure is necessary. This topic will be addressed in the next meeting.

Events center – a bid notice and proper bid information is being assembled with the intent to place a bid notice in the newspaper in the coming week.

Commissioners meeting schedule – several scheduled commissioners meetings have conflicts due to holidays and or commissioners availability. It is proposed that the following meetings be rescheduled.

May 27th, moved to May 28th.

August 26th, moved to August 29th.

October 14th, moved to October 15th.

November 11th, moved to November 12th.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjust the commissioners meeting schedule as follows.

May 27th, moved to May 28th.

August 26th, moved to August 29th.

October 14th, moved to October 15th.

November 11th, moved to November 12th.

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

It was reported that commissioner Lewis has accepted the offer to have the Idaho Supreme court complete an ADA compliance assessment on the county court house. The time has not be determined.

Solid Waste exemption – A request was made in writing to the commissioners requesting exemption of the solid waste fees. It was noted that the person did not have a collection can at his residence to handle household waste. The landfill was notified and a can will be delivered. The person has had to purchase punch cards to handle his waste which normally would have been hauled away.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to give the requestor a free dump pass for his inconvenience.

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

An MOU with Bonneville County was presented whereby formalizing the approval made in the last meeting to have them help with the mapping efforts in Oneida County for the E-911 upgrades.

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Commissioners Christophersen made a motion to approve and sign the MOU with Bonneville County for their work on our E-911 mapping.

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

A seconded grant has been made available for the sheriff to purchase equipment for the e-citation effort. The grant requires no match and will purchase equipment for four vehicles.

The sheriff reported that he will be cancelling the contract with Keller Engineering for the 911 mapping.

The extension office position was accepted by Madison Moeller. She will begin work on the 10th of May. She has been approved to work a flex schedule through July and August to accommodate a new addition to her family. Janice will work as needed to help in her training.

Commissioner Christophersen made a motion to approve Janice to train Madison Moeller and to pay her at her current rate for the office position.

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

Attorney Brower stated that nepotism was not an issue with Madison although her mother in-law works with the 4-H students in the same office.

The Forest Service is working on a contract with Oneida County for some additional work on the stream bed near the Narrows road rebuild in Holbrook. The contract was not ready at this time but it is anticipated that it will be presented in the next meeting.

The swimming pool has researched the installation of a credit card reader. They would like to use that same vendor as the Clerk and Treasurer and have presented a contract for commissioner's signature.

Commissioner Christophersen made a motion to approve the contract with Access Idaho for credit card services at the swimming pool.

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

The meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioners Lewis noted that a motion to hire Bonneville County for mapping services was capped at \$8,000.00 dollars and has asked that the minutes reflect that amount.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the minutes with the clarification that the Bonneville County work would not exceed \$8,000.00 dollars.

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

The claims were review for payment.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.

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

Building permits were reviewed.

Commissioners Stokes made the motion to approve the following building permits and to exempt the permit fee for the Samaria Community Foundation.

Brad Hess – Shed Olin Hannum – Ag building Keith Love – Stick home

Jerry Waite – Ag building John Christophersen – Stick home

Samaria Community Foundation – Barn

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

Commissioner Christophersen made a motion to move into the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(d)

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to deny the medical indigent application 10-2019-10012 due to non co-operation.

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

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk