

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 Stokes participated via telephone.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda.

A letter announcing the retirement of Treasurer Jan Edwards was presented to the commissioners.

The agenda was modified to discuss the letter.

A Collection agreement was provided by the Forest Service. The purpose of the agreement is to track voluntary contribution of funds to the U.S. Forest Service for technical assistance, implementation and oversight of the Rock Creek stream and wetland restoration/mitigation design modifications. This work is in conjunction with the road rebuild through the Narrows with all county money being reimbursed through the grant funding. It was recommended that the document be approved pending a final review with LHTAC.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the F.S. collection agreement pending final approval from LHTAC.

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

Building permit fees – Commissioner Lewis has been investigating the current cost for building permits vs. the expense incurred by the county for a building inspector. It was requested that this topic be tabled until a future meeting to allow for further investigation.

Building permit process - Commissioner Stokes reported that several contractors have made the request that the building permit process be modified for the purpose of expediting the approval of permits. It was thought that when a permit was returned to the county for approval that the inspector should review and approve at that time. A commissioner would then be called and arrangements made for his/her signature. It is hoped that this would drastically shorten the two week waiting period between commissioner meetings. P&Z administrator Lola Bott explained that a previous board of commissioners changed this process because the permits were coming in non-stop at all times of the week. They felt the need to organize the process and help eliminate duplication of effort. Commissioner Lewis thought that having all permits ready for review when the inspector was in the office on Monday mornings would speed the process up without much disruption. Commissioner Stokes stated that as a county employee, the inspector should be available any time of day. Commissioner Lewis expressed concern that customers could start to demand services at their leisure rather than following some guidelines that would accommodate all. He was not willing to specify a specific time frame for approval but did believe that process could be shortened.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to change the building permit approval process whereby getting the permits approve by the inspector as quickly as possible after they are completed by the applicant and then calling for commissioners signature prior to the next meeting.

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

Events Center update – copies of the bid packet were presented to the commissioners. These packets will be available to all interested bidders.

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Oneida Crisis Center – The crisis center is seeking a letter of support that can be included in their applications for grants.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the letter of support for the Oneida Crisis Center. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approve and the motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

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

The claims were reviewed for payment.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Commissioner Lewis seconded. Commissioner Lewis and Christophersen approved. Commissioner Stokes abstained as he was not present to review the claims. The motion carried.

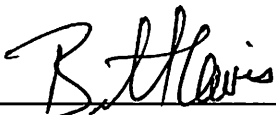
Building permits presented for approval – Hess Pumice - addition, James Davis – Ag building, Gary Cox – new home, Wallace Cooper – new home, Larry Mattson – Manufactured home.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the building permits as presented. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

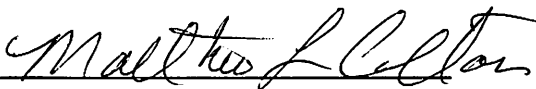
Commissioner Lewis read the retirement letter from Treasurer Jan Edwards. The process was explained to the commissioners whereby the Political party would present three names for their review. The Republican Party chairperson will be notified.

Steve Liechty from Rocky Mountain Power spoke to the commissioners regarding concerns about the many power bumps and outages that occur in Oneida County. The power bumps are under investigation and Mr. Liechty explained some of the efforts that are being used to identify and correct the problems. It was identified that both parties would like to keep the communications open and that by working together, improve the services to Oneida County. Mr. Liechty was unaware of the franchise agreement signed by past commissioners but promised to do some follow up investigation.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk