

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 additions were made.

Three nominees were scheduled for interviews with the commissioners for the position of County Treasurer, Leigh Love, Jaime Olsen and Becky Blaisdell. Each candidate, in turn, introduced themselves then answered questions from the commissioners. Following the interviews the commissioners discussed their merits finding each candidate capable. The commissioners could not come to a consensus and the discussion was postponed until the end of the meeting.

The meeting minutes were reviewed for approval.

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

The renewal contract for the Westlaw service was introduced. Westlaw is a software program that allows citizens to research court issues on a county supplied computer as directed by law. The five year renewal contract would cost \$428.27 per month with a 2% increase each year.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the renewal of a five year contract for Westlaw.
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

County Hospital administrator John Williams and Financial officer Cindy Howard came before the board to seek approval to renew the \$150,000.00 dollar operating line of credit with Ireland Bank. It was stated that they are less likely to use this credit currently but that they would like to keep this option open should it be needed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the renewal of the operating line of credit for the county hospital.
Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Bryan VanBebber addressed the commissioners about a road running through property he recently purchased. The road is listed as 2500 south and has been surveyed and shows as belonging to Mr. VanBebber. He indicated that he was aware of the situation when he purchased the property however he came to the commissioners to see if something could be done to keep the county from taking more of his land should the road need to be widened. He was ok with giving up the land used for the current road however he didn't want to lose more ground. It was stated that no guarantees could be made. If the county needed more land in the future then the possibility existed that it would be taken from Mr. VanBebber.

Wetland credit agreement – .09 acres of wetland are needed for the Narrows project. This land must be purchased and the money will be used to purchase more wetlands in another part of the state in order

to maintain the same total number of wetland acres. The cost is \$9,000.00 dollars and will be reimbursed to the county.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the wetland credit agreement. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Building permit fee schedule – Commissioner Stokes cited examples of wages paid for building inspectors from surrounding counties and the duties they fulfill. He further stated that Franklin County only charges \$100.00 to inspect in Oneida County and it is his opinion that Oneida pays too much for the current inspector considering he is certified for residential only and not commercial. He is against increasing the fees for building permits for the purpose of paying the wage for our current employee and suggests that he at least certify for commercial building. Commissioner Lewis agreed that it was reasonable to expect the current inspector to certify for commercial inspections however he stated that Oneida County could not expect another county to cover all for all the inspections needed in Oneida. He further expressed his thoughts that it was important to have our own inspector available and this comes at a cost. He further stated that the cost should be covered by the ones needing inspections and not passed on to the taxpayer and that his proposed increase would be in the same range of surrounding counties.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to increase the fees for building permits. Attorney Brower explained that a fee increase would be best if passed via resolution. A resolution will be presented in the next meeting for review and approval.

Excess county property – several departments have used equipment that is no longer needed. It was suggested in a previous meeting that a list of these items be assembled and sold at auction. Lynn Livingston has indicated that he would be willing to sell these items for 10% of the sales. A contract will be drawn up and approved in the next meeting.

Landfill – Commissioner Stokes recounted many instances in the county where citizens have dumped trash along the side of the road. It was his thoughts that this illegal dumping was due to the costs at the landfill. He cited operating procedures in surrounding Utah and Idaho county landfills where citizens were given limited free passes to the landfill, either by the ton or by the pickup load and in one case, Jefferson County Idaho, where they had zero fees for hauling trash to their landfill. It was proposed that Oneida County consider offering free dump times as they have done in the past. It was stated that there is an increasing cost to operate a landfill every year. All county parcels are assessed a fee for the basic operation of the landfill for municipal waste. If users don't pay at the gate then the fees would need to be increased for all parcels. This option could be considered a tax shift rather than a user fee. A question was raised regarding the fees that were charged by the other counties after all free passes were used.

It was reported that one of the part time workers at the landfill gate will be taking a few weeks off for medical reasons. It was suggested that another part time county employee be allowed to work at the gate as a replacement for this time.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve letting part time employee Vicky Ingram fill in at the landfill gate position in the absence of the regular worker, Pat Ingram. Commissioner Stokes seconded, all commissioners approved and the motion carried.

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The claims were reviewed for a approval. There were two reports. The first report included regular expenses and the second report was for jury service.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve both claims reports as presented. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approve and the motion carried.

The Public Defense Commission, after review of the FY2020 grant application, has asked for additional budget information. This information was compiled and presented to the commissioners for signature prior to being sent in the mail.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve and sign the budget information report for the PDC. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approve and the motion carried.

Sheriff Jones has negotiated a contract with Oneida School District 351 whereby they will once again help pay the wage for a resource officer. This MOU was presented to the commissioners for approval. The School will now pay \$20,000.00 dollars per year to help pay wages and benefits for a resource officer.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the MOU with Oneida School District for a resource officer.

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

Sheriff Jones reported that the mapping effort on all residence in Oneida County for E-911 purposes is about 90% complete. He indicated that there are many roads and/or addresses that are confusing the system because of the way there were labeled. He indicated that when a road winds back and forth it is best to give the road a specific name and when the road runs straight then a road number would suffice. He cited instances where winding roads with a number would confuse the software and lead a person to an incorrect address. It was suggested that some readdressing take place. Possible solutions will be presented in a later meeting for commissioner approval.

Building permits were presented for approval.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve building permits for Mel Tucker, Ag. addition; Gary Lund, carport; Lee Olsen, new home; Bryan VanBebber, new home; Bill Lewis, deck; Frank Wendt, Deck; Denver Sweeten, ag building.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Commissioner Lewis abstained because one of the permits belonged to him. Commissioner Stokes and Christophersen approved and the motion carried.

The commissioners had further discussion on the candidates for Treasurer. Commissioner Lewis stated that all three candidates were very good however he favored Leigh as the top candidate. Commissioner Christophersen thought that Becky was his first choice. Commissioner Stokes thought that Leigh would be better for the position. Attorney Brower was offered time for input to which he responded that the commissioner's selection would be that face of the county. He clarified that elected officials represent the county and can have an impact on how the citizens view county government. Commissioner Stokes asked for input from Clerk Colton to which he replied that he felt the commissioners should view the selection as "hiring someone to run a company rather the to be an employee in a company. They need a good manager and not just a good employee."

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Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve Leigh Love as the next Oneida County Treasurer. Commissioner Stokes seconded. A roll call vote was taken and Commissioners Lewis, Christophersen and Stokes all voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed the entry wage for this position and thought that a wage of \$40,000.00 dollars would be appropriate with a raise being considered in the FY2021 budget cycle next year.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the wage of \$40,000.00 dollars for Leigh Love. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Lynn Livingston supplied his platt map for the proposed subdivision.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the Livingston platt map as presented contingent on proof of the bond being brought forward. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

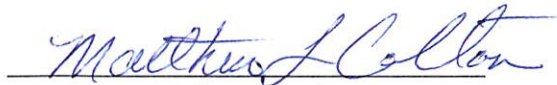
Commissioner Lewis called for a Board of Equalization but no appeal request had been submitted and the appeal period was closed.

The commissioners began the review process of the FY2020 budget requests. The following departments presented. Probation, Weeds. Prosecutor, Solid Waste, Road and Bridge and Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk