

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. Live streaming of commissioners meetings and Probation were two topics that were suggested as additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to add live streaming of meetings and probation concerns to the agenda for discussion.

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

Airport board – Capital improvement plan was discussed and there is a deadline of December 22nd, 2019 to commit to the grant for runway rehabilitation. It was stated that the Idaho State has already approved the grant and that due to the many strings that can be attached to Federal funding that they recommend not pursuing the Federal grants. The State grant has a 50 percent match however this can be obtained from available materials and through in-kind work and will not require much money. The request was made to approve an engineer to review the current status of the runway for the purpose of verifying what work will be needed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve hiring an engineer to review the current runway. Commissioner Christophersen seconded.

Commissioner Lewis amended the motion to require that the board also seek a grant to help pay for the engineer before paying from county money.

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

The hanger lease was brought before the board and it was requested that a change be made to the limitations for use. Currently it reads that the hangers are limited for aviation use only and the board would like it to read “primarily limited” for aviation use. This change would allow them to store other items in their hangers without violating the lease.

Their final request is to increase the allowed expense for maintenance from \$4121.00 dollars per year to \$5,200.00 per year. This slight increase would make it more enticing when searching for another part time maintenance person.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve \$5,000.00 dollars for the employment of a new airport maintenance person beginning December 1st, 2019.

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

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to change the airport hanger lease to reference use as “primarily” limited to aeronautical use and other personal property.

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

The airport tractor discussion will be moved to the December 9th, 2019 meeting.

Stump canyon follow up – The commissioners investigation resulted in citizens claiming that the road in question was graded in the 1960's and that the water line that runs parallel to the road was installed in

the 1970's. The BLM representatives stated that they are unaware of an easement for the pipeline. It has been suggested that the road was created for the cattlemen to gain access to the grazing on BLM and that it is vital for the animals to access water in the later parts of the summer. Ronna Bowcutt reiterated her situation that when the cattle break through her fence on to the CRP land that she is the one that is fined. She has fenced both sides of the road and along the boundary of her property. She has only asked that the cattleman help to keep the fence in good shape. Because it is not a county road the commissioners could not make any rulings. If a citizen were to petition the Board of Commissioners then they could review the issue and either vacate or validate the road at that time.

BLM – Blaine Newman indicated that the BLM would like to propose a new five-year plan to allow the county to preform maintenance on their roads for compensation. The agreement will be presented in the spring. They will also like the county to consider a similar agreement with the weed department.

Catholic church tax exemption – Art Martinez approached the commissioners regarding the 2018 taxes. It was explained that he purchased land in late May of 2018. Upon receiving his tax notice in November, he petitioned the commissioners for tax forgiveness due to the 501 C3 status of his church. The commissioners at that time approved the tax-exempt status for the church but did not address the current taxes at that time. Mr. Martinez has made the request to have the penalties and late fee's forgiven for 2018.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to forgive the penalties, late fees and interest for the Faithful Followers of Fatima church on Samaria lane for the 2018 tax year. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Alicia Seamons addressed the topic of winter road maintenance for school busses. She lives on the road leading to Pocatello Valley in Pleasantview and has asked the commissioners if the road crew would clear the road sufficient for a bus turnaround. She is confident that if the county could commit to creating a turnaround that the school would modify their route and pick up the kids at their homes and not at the end of the road. Road Supervisor Scott Blaisdell indicated that they could plow for a turn around but could not ensure that recreationalist wouldn't park in the way.

Samaria ice skating rink follow-up; Attorney Brower reported that he had been in contact with ICRMP, the counties risk management provider regarding Mr. Travis Huckaby's request to create an ice rink on his property which extends onto the county right of way. It was reported that ICRMP had some concerns depending on the circumstances, ie. how much traffic uses this road and how fast they travel. ICRMP compared this instance to that of people placing mail boxes near the road. Citizens can use the right of way at their own expense in certain conditions. This particular instance was found to be allowed by the commissioners as long as certain precautions were taken. Those precautions are that a barrier be placed along the roadway and that Mr. Huckaby apply for an encroachment permit.

Commissioner Stokes made that motion to approve Mr. Huckaby's construction of a temporary ice rink in Samaria on his property and extending onto the county right of way with the provisions that he places a barrier along the roadway and apply for an encroachment permit. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The November 5th, consolidated election results were canvased.
Malad City Mayoral race - Joan Hawkins ran unopposed and received 431 votes.
Malad City Council - Incumbent Tom Jenkins received 335 votes.
Challenger Charles Thurber received 90 votes.
Incumbent Lance Tripp received 356 votes.
Challenger Ruth Zivkovic received 95 votes.
The city council race was a "vote for two" race with both incumbents winning.
A total of 489 votes were cast giving a 38.35 percent turnout.

School District #351 Zone 3 Trustee –
Challenger Mary B. Young received 91 votes.
Incumbent Kirk Willie received 191 votes.

School District #351 Zone 4 Trustee –
Chalae Cox Teeples received 110 votes.
Write-in Patrick Evans received 93 votes.
A total of 497 votes were cast giving a 38.98 percent turnout.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the results of the November 5th, consolidated election.
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

A change order for work on the "Narrows" road project in Holbrook was presented. The change involved a different style of slope from the road to the stream bed. The change allowed for a more natural slope instead of the designed Gabian Wall and H-pile wall. It was also beneficial in reducing the overall cost.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the change order for the "Narrows" road project in Holbrook.
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

District six (D6) has been operating on a previously signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) where they are allowed to use a room in the court house two nights a week to meet with clients in the Drug Court program. This MOU has expired and the request has been made to renew the agreement.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the MOU with the D6 treatment center allowing them to operate in the court house twice a week in conjunction with the drug court program.
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Primary Conflict Defender – As previously discussed Brendan Taylor is interested in the continuation of serving as Oneida Counties primary conflict defender. A concern was raised about having a contract for this service due to the many changes being made by the State Public Defense Commission. PDC representative Jared Ricks indicated through e-mail correspondence that the rule is written in such a way that there are a few different interpretations. The main concern seemed to be available expenses for investigations etc. It was suggested that if a contract is signed with Mr. Taylor that it specifies the availability of other money for investigations etc. in addition to his wage. This will help eliminate the concern regarding flat rates and lack of additional services being available.

Eastern Idaho State Fair board member – Regene Jones has been serving on the EISF board and her current term is coming to a close. She has indicated that she would like to serve one more term if the counties would allow.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to vote in favor of retaining Regene Jones on the EISF board for another term.

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

Probation presented a report showing how many persons they have been working with for the past year and how these people have responded to the programs.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve and sign the report.

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

A renewal of the Petroleum Storage Tank Fund (PSTF) was presented. This fund is for the insurance on the 2000-gallon fuel tank at the airport.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the renewal of the PSTF insurance.

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

Sheriff Jones presented the paperwork for a Public Safety Grant for communications. The grant amount is for \$19,500.00 and will be used over a three-year period for maintenance expenses.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the Public Safety Grant.

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

Bereavement time – Assessor Atkinson asked the board for permission to extend bereavement time off for one of her deputy assessors who recently lost their 19-year-old son to a car accident. She plead her case explaining that she had also lost a child and that it is very traumatic.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve an additional four days of bereavement leave for Sarah Showell.

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

ICRMP Discount program for this year will include a county wide meeting on the personnel policy. The commissioners set the first meeting for 5:00 on January 15th, in the court room.

Supervisors reports:

Road and Bridge – It was reported that much of their road work is winding down and preparations for winter have begun. Status of the proposed new road east of the industrial park has not changed. Once the land is deeded to the county the road crew will begin the excavation.

Assessor – 2020 revaluation has begun and it is hoped that the values will not change much. A request was made to pass an ordinance requiring a survey remaining land that has been split. Currently when a split takes place the new property has a good legal description but the original piece has the old description with exceptions for the land that was removed. After several splits this information becomes quite confusing. If a surveyor can create a new description for the remaining land after a split, then the records at the county level will be more reliable and easier to understand.

Treasurer – Investments into the Local Government Investment Pool have been paying good dividends however the interest rates are declining. Tax notices did not print the due date. For all taxes not received by the middle of December, another notice will be sent out with this information.

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Probation – New desks have been installed. Commissioner Lewis asked about drug testing and questioned the Sheriff if he would be willing to assist with the testing. The Sheriff asked for time to consult with his officers.

Sheriff – Solacom will be installing new equipment for the 911 system on the 20th, of November. Spillman will also be changed over as we work with Caribou County.

Commissioner Lewis discussed budgets with the supervisors. All were reminded that the budgets are contingent on revenues coming in. The request was made to keep a watchful eye on the expenses until we are certain that we have cash to cover the needs. Commissioner Lewis indicated to the Sheriff Jones that they may need to reduce his budget in order to afford an additional part time person to help with drug testing in probation. The Sheriff indicated that he had the understanding that it was a courtesy for his officers helping with the drug testing. He questioned why his budget would be reduced. Commissioner Lewis stated that the current budget was approved with the understanding that the sheriff's office would help in this manner. If they would not be helping out then the budget may need to be looked at. The Sheriff reported that he was looking out for his officers safety and welfare when he made the decision. Commissioner Lewis said that he had been in contact with ICRMP and they do not feel that giving assistance to probation would cause any liability issues. He further stated that if he would have had known they would need another person for drug testing then the approved budget may have been different.

Attorney – Currently the county has about three to five persons in custody. The county code is in need of changes and he recommends a working session to address what the changes could look like. His secretary has one month before she completes her on-line para-legal training.

The meeting minutes were reviewed.

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

The claims were reviewed for payment.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the claims.
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes asked about the possibilities of live streaming the commissioner meetings to the internet. He said the Weber County Utah. Provides this service and thinks that it would be good for Oneida County to do the same.

Building permits for Ronald Watz and Tim Beckstead were presented for review.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve two agriculture building permits for Ronald Watz and one Agriculture building for Tim Beckstead.
Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

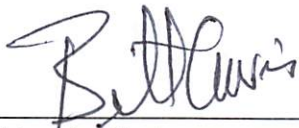
Request for temporary occupancy – David Edlefsen has made the request to have the building inspector provide a list of things he will need to complete in order to receive a temporary occupancy permit for his home. Lola Bott will make arrangements with the inspector to complete this task.

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The State Catastrophic Board is asking for nominations for a representative to serve on their board. Bill Lasley has been serving in this capacity and would like to continue.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to nominate Bill Lasley to serve on the State Cat. Board. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk