

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Stokes participated via. telephone.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. No changes were made.

Jay Hansen reported to the commissioners that he had visited with representatives of the cattle company that grazed animals above his land in Holbrook. They reported that placing the inefficient cattle guard with a gate would not impact them. The gate will be closed from June 15th, to September 15th, each year. Public access is still available as there will be no lock on the gate. The county did not want the old cattle guard returned as it was not useable. The second issue of gravel for the county road was discussed. Mr. Hansen is willing to use his equipment to haul and spread gravel on the county road by his house. The road foreman agreed to give him the gravel but they will need to coordinate the time when he can haul it from the pit. A county operator will load Mr. Hansen's truck.

Road and Bridge has budget for a new truck. They have two bids from Sourcewell that are eligible for the county to piggyback which means they meet the State and Federal bidding requirements. Road foreman Blaisdell liked the less expensive bid which was a Kenworth. It comes already setup for the type of work they will use if for.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the bid for a new Kenworth truck for road and bridge at the cost of \$184,622.00 dollars.

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

Maverick company is building a store in Malad City and has asked for an application for a county beer license.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve issuing another county beer license to Maverick pending proper application.

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

The minutes form the February 24th meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as written.

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

The weed department has tried to sell a used 4-wheeler that is no longer needed. Because there has been no offer, the weed superintendent would like to purchase it for \$100.00 dollars. Prosecutor Brower expressed concern regarding how it would look if a county employee

purchased this item not knowing if it was placed for auction to the public correctly. He cited Idaho Code stating that anything over \$250.00 dollars must be placed for auction. He is unclear what this item is worth and recommended that at a minimum the 4-wheeler be advertised locally in the paper to ensure the public has chance to buy it. The advertisement will be placed in the local paper.

Taigan Butler has initially been denied participation in the Oneida County Drug court program because she is a resident of Bannock county. She is going before the court in Bingham County in a few days and needs to find a drug court program that will accept her. She was encouraged to bring the issue before the County commissioners to obtain their thoughts on the policy of only letting in County residence. It was explained that most of the drug court costs are paid for by the participant however there could be county cost associated. It was further noted that she lives in Downy which is just over the county line. Many of the Downy residence shop in Malad bringing in some revenue to the county. It was further identified that currently the drug court has about 5 participants out of 8 spots. It could be difficult to keep the program running if they don't have enough participants. One recommendation by the prosecutor is that the policy of only taking county residence include a provision that if the program is running at 75% capacity or less and a person living in close proximity to the county boarder applies then the commissioners would not object to letting them participate.

One other suggestion was to increase the fee slightly from \$50.00 dollars to \$75.00 dollars per month for a person from another county should they be admitted.

The county attorney reported that the Judge was willing to accept a non county resident into the program if the fee was increased to \$75.00 dollars and the program was running under the 75% capacity. Commissioner Stokes indicated that he felt the county should do what they can to help.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve non county residency into the drug court program if the participant capacity was below 75% and to have the fee increased to \$75.00 dollars for the participant.

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

Patrol officer Nathan Maughan has taken another job and will be leaving the company. He has been with the county less than the three years required to receive payout of PTO time however some of this time was accrued prior to the change from vacation to PTO. He would like to receive some compensation for part of this time. It was noted that he could have carried at least 40 hours over to the next year. Attorney Brower made the recommendation that the commissioners consider paying at least 40 hours of PTO.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the payout of 40 hours for Nathan Maughan.

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per Idaho Code 74-106 (1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Stokes – yes

Commissioner Christophersen – yes

Commissioner Lewis – yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The executive session was vacated.

The BLM rescheduled for the following meeting.

The claims were reviewed for payment.

It was noted that the Rocky Mountain Power bill for the road and bridge building was quite large. The reason was an accounting error with RMP. RMP was called by the clerk and the situation corrected. The claim was paying for past months that were not paid due to no invoices being received by that department.

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

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

Commissioner Stokes abstained due to not having the ability to review the claims as he was participating via telephone.

Attorney Brower informed the commissioners about a Drug Court Training opportunity from the National Drug Court association. The training is in California and it would include a representative from each department involved. The calculated cost would be around \$3,000.00 dollars each for the 6 participating personnel for a total of \$18,000.00 dollars. This money would come from the current Drug court revenues of which they have around \$68,000.00 dollars. All commissioners thought this would be a good opportunity.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve up to \$18,000.00 dollars from the drug court trust for the purpose of sending 6 persons to Anaheim California for training by the National Drug Court association.

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

The Presidential Primary election will be held tomorrow, Tuesday the 10th day of March. The canvas of the election will need to take place prior to the 17th, of March, just one week later. It was thought that the results could be finalized for commissioner review by Friday the 13th, of March,

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to hold a special meeting on Friday March, 13th, 2020 to canvas the results of the Presidential Primary election.

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

Corby Earl was required to obtain a second permit for his advertisement sign on his gas station being built near exit three. The variance for the sign was approved by the Planning and Zoning commission. Corby has requested that the permit for the sign be granted a waiver for the fee's indicating that he has already obtained funding for the project but was not informed by the county of this cost when he first applied. The waiver granted by the P&Z was for the height of the sign.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the variance for a 35-foot-tall sign and to waive the permit fees.

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

It was reported that the commissioners would be meeting with Malad City council on March 11th, to discuss the joint economic development foundation.

Sheriff Jones provided an agreement from the State Department of Agriculture whereby paying the county for equipment and man power to help enforce the boat check station near the Utah Boarder where they are screening for he invasive Quagga Muscle.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to sign the agreement with the State Department of Agriculture for the Sheriff's Office to help with the boat check station near the Utah boarder.

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

The meeting was ahead of scheduled so Commissioner Lewis called for a short recess.

Upon resuming the meeting the commissioners gave the floor to Kathy Ray to report on the four county economic development program.

Kathy reported on several past projects in Oneida County including several projects at the Malad City industrial park.

The airport board reported on the completed runway engineering study and how the current runway would be used as capital for the in-kind match needed for the state grant. The cost of the study was \$10,500 .00 dollars with 50% of that amount being eligible for reimbursement. The overall Capital Improvement Grant will rebuild the runway and possibly the taxi way with an overall cash coming from the county of around \$445.00 dollars with the remaining in-kind effort coming from the material on-site. It was further reported that the pilots lounge will be complete this spring and additional fuel tanks will be installed this spring as well. The additional fuel capacity will add to the reduction of cost for fuel which will net an increase in revenue at the time of sale.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to sign the CIP grant application for the rebuild of the runway at the airport.

Commissioners Stokes questioned if road and bridge would be required to help with the project stating they already have work of their own. It was reported that they would not be involved in this effort.

Commissioner Stokes amended the motion to approve the CIP grant application only if the county's 50% share is fulfilled through the value of the existing runway.

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

Occupancy reports help the assessor know when a structure is complete and can be placed on the tax rolls. The commissioners spoke with the building inspector to request that a uniform occupancy certificate be completed for the permit holder and the county. A seconded similar form will be used for nonresidential buildings upon completion.

Commercial inspections – it was reported that the Franklin County inspector was unable to travel to Oneida County for each inspection needed. It was agreed upon to allow the Oneida Inspector to complete some of these inspections under the Franklin inspector as allowed by the law. It was further identified that moving forward all fees would be calculated per the Oneida fee schedule. Franklin County will calculate the permit per their fee schedule and bill Oneida County for 70% of that amount.

Krystal Bates brought up concern that the inspector was requiring work to be done without giving reference to the building code that would require said work. The necessary information was given to her by the inspector at this time however she indicated that this type of information should be given at the time he has rejected the work. There was some disagreement around the conversation during the inspection.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent

Commissioner Lewis seconded. All roll call vote was taken

Commissioners Stokes – yes

Commissioner Christophersen – yes

Commissioner Lewis – yes

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emergency service manager Dan Williams along with personnel from the county hospital and the health department met with the commissioners to discuss the COVID-19 virus and how Oneida County can help keep the citizen from catching and/or spreading the virus. The hospital is prepared and has started screening person coming to their facility. They are working with the ambulance crew as well and both departments have ample supply of personal protective equipment (ppe) available for their personnel. It was noted that this virus is one of several in category of coronavirus and that the best precaution that citizen can take is to wash their hand frequently, and limit their exposure to other that may have come in contact with the virus.

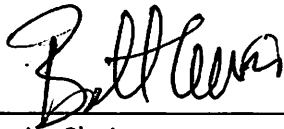
The meeting was again recessed until 3:00 pm.

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At 3:00 pm members from the fair board asked for advise regarding the gun club members parking their trailers near the construction site of the new events center at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Christophersen will speak with the contractor regarding a safe space for the project site. The Fair board will visit with the gun club.

The Burn ordinance was revisited with attorney Brower explaining many changes after the last discussion. It was determined that all commissioners should review the new draft and then have a discussion in a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk