

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Stokes was not in attendance

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (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 Lewis seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Lewis – yes

Commissioner Christophersen – yes

Commissioner Stokes – absent

The motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes participated via telephone mid-way through the meeting.

The executive session concluded and the meeting was recessed until 10:45 am to allow the commissioners to participate in a multi-agency meeting regarding the COVID-19 concerns and to receive updates from the Southeast Idaho Public Health Department.

Commissioner Lewis opened the regular session of Commissioners meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to add 1- five percent budget cuts by the State of Idaho and 2- county educator updates for information/discussion only.

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

Airconditioning in the annex building. The A/C unit in the prosecutor's office quit working in the Fall of 2019. With summer coming the request has been made to replace the outdated unit. It was reported that the current system is quite old and almost impossible to obtain parts. It was further reported that the north portion of the building is also using an equally old A/C unit that will need to be replaced soon. A bid received last fall quoted around \$14, 730.00 to replace both units. The topic will be added to the next agenda.

Weed superintendent Mike Larue explained the proposed weed spraying agreement with the BLM. It was noted that the money is approved each year and will cover all his work when spraying on BLM. It further was explained that he would normally spray one day a week on county roads, one day a week on the BLM and two days a week on private land. The plans

include hiring two seasonal workers. Mike indicated that the chemical will be available in a couple of weeks for distribution to persons spraying on their own land.

Road validation- A road in south west Pocatello Valley known as Hansel road has been maintained by the county for a period of time. A request has been made to have the county validate this road where by keeping it open for citizens to have access to the BLM. Attorney Brower explained the process to the commissioners. Information will be gathered and a hearing date set at a later time.

Treasurers resolution to destroy documents. A resolution was presented for the destruction of specific documents in her office. Most of the documents have been scanned and will be kept digitally.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve resolution 2020-04-01 to destroy documents that have exceeded their retention period in the Treasurer's office.

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

Supervisors reported on their efforts to conduct business during the COVID -19 concerns. Most offices have their employees working from home or on a rotating work schedule to help maintain proper social distancing. The commissioner discussed an extension of the current methods being used by each department. The county will follow Governor Little's declaration and continue through the end of the month. Management granted time off was also addressed.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to continue paying management granted time off for employees to work from home or rotate shift for the purpose of enabling the social distancing. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. all commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Employee wages – Sheriff Jones questioned the commissioners on their efforts to analyze the county wages before the next fiscal budget is approved. He suggested the county hire an outside company to conduct the study and provide council to the commissioners.

Commissioner Lewis reported that he has been studying several payrolls for surrounding counties.

The approval to sign contracts for the fair board was questioned. It was stated that commissioners are the only ones able to approve and sign ongoing contracts for the county. Fair board chairman Darin Daniels stated that he wanted to do what is right for the county but expressed concern that there is a limited window of time to sign performers each year and he might miss an opportunity if he can't sign a contract. The prosecutor will investigate the issue and report back.

Lyle Hanson reported to Commissioner Lewis that the University of Idaho has place a freeze on all hiring which means the position of Oneida County extension agent will not be filled any time soon.

Dan Williams asked permission to purchase some items for the Emergency Operations Center. These items will aid in better meeting presentations and training. The items requested are 1- two white boards, 2- a lap top computer, and 3- a box of file folders.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the purchase of training materials for the Emergency Operations Center in the amount of \$1283.75.

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

Meeting minutes of the March 23rd, meeting was reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23rd, as written.

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

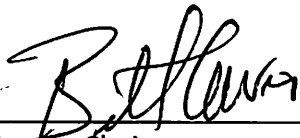
The claims were reviewed for payment.

Commissioner Christopherson made the motion to approve he payment of the claims.

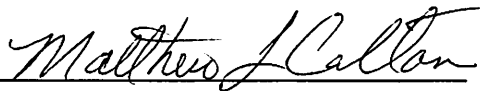
Commissioner Lewis seconded. Commissioner Stokes abstained due to his participation via telephone and not being able to review the claims. The motion carried.

Commissioner Christophersen reported that Governor Little had announced a 5% reduction in all state budgets for the next fiscal year. He further reported that the Southeast Idaho Public Health would not ask for an increase to the amount paid by Oneida County.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk