

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to add events center updates to the agenda for information only.

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

Commissioner Christophersen reported that the Events Center contractor ran into some complications with water hookups however they anticipate the issue to be resolved soon. The events center project should be complete by mid-July.

Specialty court coordinator – Commissioner Stokes suggested changes to the proposed job posting. He reminded the commissioners of the need for veteran preference also questioned the requirement for a bachelor degree. The clerk questioned the dollar amount being offered for the position stating that it exceeded other part time jobs in the county. He was concerned that hiring for this part time position at a greater hourly rate than other part time jobs could have a negative effect on moral. It was decided that a new draft of the job posting would be written up with the changes mentioned and the dollar amount to be determined at time of hire. The approved posting will be advertised for two weeks with the deadline to submit applications on June 26th, at 5:00 pm.

The issue of the Black Pines Mine road was addressed. The commissioners are concerned that the county roads will not be able to handle the traffic from the mine especially the heavy equipment.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to have Chairman Lewis send a letter to the BLM expressing concern regarding the road going to the Black Pine Mine and to seek assistance with the maintenance of this road.

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

Regional public defense coordinator, Jared Ricks called into the commissioners meeting to share information and answer questions. The commissioners reported that the annual report was received and reviewed. Case load requirements was explained and Jared reported that individually and collectively, Oneida and Power Counties were below the case load level as determined by the State public defense commission. Jared encouraged the county to work on securing the remaining contracts with the conflict public defenders. Extreme Litigation Fund was reportedly still available. More negotiated rule making meetings will be held later in the year.

The May Primary election was canvassed. Results follow;

<u>Position</u>	<u>Votes</u>
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US Senator;

(D) Paulette Jordan	55
(D) Jim Vandermaas	19
(R) Jim Risch	1080

US Representative Dist. 2

(D) C. Arron Swisher	70
(R) Kevin Rhoades	323
(R) Mike Simpson	848

Legislative dist. 32

Senator

(R) Mark Harris	1063
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Representative position A

(R) Marc Gibbs	1037
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Representative position B

(D) Bill Leake	67
(R) Chad Christensen	586
(R) Dave Radford	602

County Commissioner Dist 1

(R) Bill Lewis	1057
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County Commissioner Dist 2

(R) Ken Eliason	841
(R) Ray Hubbard	378

County Sheriff

(R) Arne Jones	1037
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County Prosecutor

(R) Cody Brower	1027
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County Treasurer

(R) Leigh Love	1067
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Precinct Committee Man for the Republican party

Precinct 1	Dave L.Colton	296
Precinct 2	Troy G. Allen	200
Precinct 4	Steve Werk	199
Precinct 6	Bill Hubbard	51

Supreme Court Justice

Gregory W. Moeller	1095
John R. Stegner	1084

Appellate Court Judge

Amanda K. Brailsford	1100
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Total registered voters	2711
Number of Ballots cast	1349

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the results of the May 19th, 2020 Primary Election.

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move into an executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code;

Commissioner Stokes seconded. Roll call vote	Commissioner Stokes – aye
	Commissioner Christophersen – aye
	Commissioner Lewis – aye

The motion carried.

(open session reinstated)

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to deny medical indigent application #10-2020-10004 Due to other resources being available.

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



Assessor Atkinson presented the commissioners with tax exempt requests for non-profit religious facilities. A requirement to have each party submit a written request was discussed and it was decided that a letter should be sent out for the purpose of reminding them of this requirement for next year.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve tax exempt status for all religious facilities in the county for 2020.

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

The meeting minutes for May 26th, were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the minutes as written.

Commissioner Christophersen 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. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.



The request for a closure letter on the Narrows project has been requested and was discussed in the previous meeting. The letter, submitted to the commissioners for signature, simply states that the county is satisfied with the construction and accepts the road for maintenance.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the project and sign the letter of acceptance.

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

Commissioner Lewis reported on a Corona Relief Fund that the Governor is offering to entities with first responders. The entity must commit to forego the three percent property tax increase and any foregone amount in 2020. The money will be taken from Federal Government money given to the State.

Sheriff Jones reported that Idaho State Police has offered a grant that will replace the outdated finger print machine. The grant is for up to \$20,000.00 dollars and will be reimbursed to the county once purchased. The county will be responsible for maintenance but this can be handled in-house.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the grant from Idaho State Police for a new finger print machine.

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

The Clerk reported that a wall mount air conditioner in the court clerk's office has been showing signs of failure. The unit is around 20 years old. A bid will be presented in the next commissioners meeting.

Preliminary budget request for FY2021 were reviewed for the Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriffs office. Some departments asked for a wage increase however the main budget expenses remained about the same. The sheriff did state that Malad City has one more increase of \$20,000.00 dollars to their payment for the law enforcement contract this coming year and that he is working with the school district for a resource officer. The school district would like Patsy Sherman to come back part time. It has been suggested that the school would pay \$12,000.00 dollars per year to pay for Deputy Sherman to work up to 19- and one-half hours a week for 36 weeks as a resource officer. It was noted that the resource office is a valuable asset to the school and subsequently the community.

Commissioner Stokes wanted to verify that the Veterans fund was budgeted for \$5000.00 to the Legion and \$2,000.00 for the memorial. This budget was confirmed.

Jason Lower reported to the commissioners on the progress of the regional landfill efforts. It is anticipated that the regional landfill will take over operations of the Oneida County land fill by October 1st, 2020. The expenses will be covered by the bond and each county will be billed in September of each year for actual expenses for the prior year's activities. It is anticipated that the costs will increase due to the need to save for land fill closure costs. This has not been done in the past however with the extreme costs to close a landfill it is prudent to save a little each year.

Resolution 2020-06-01 was presented for review. This resolution affirms Oneida Counties fiscal responsibility as a member of the IDAWY regional landfill district.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve and sign resolution 2020-06-01 affirming Oneida Counties fiscal responsibilities as a member of the IDAWY regional landfill district.

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

The IDAWY district also needs each participating county to pay \$2,500.00 dollars for the appraisal of the land they are looking to purchase and \$5,000.00 dollars to hold the land sale.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve \$2,500.00 for appraisal and \$5,000.00 dollars to hold the land being purchased by the IDAWY regional landfill.

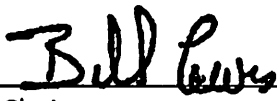
Commissioner Lewis seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Searle and Hart auditor Farrell Steiner presented the FY2019 fiscal audit of the county. Mr. Steiner reported that there were no findings and that the audit was considered clean.

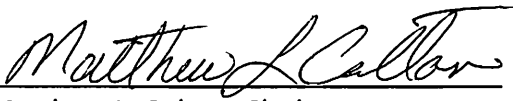
Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the financial audit for FY2019 as presented by Mr. Steiner.

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

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk

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