



## MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. It was suggested that the topics of the Bear Lake Count open house for their new court house be added along with updates on the new events center

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to add Bear Lake County open house and events center updates to the agenda.

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

Marilyn Brown met with the commissioners to express concerns that she has with A&M Formulations wanting to move their operations to Malad. She thinks that a chemical plant making hand sanitizers can expand to other areas and she is afraid that the citizens might be affected by the chemicals. Her main concern is not what they propose to make currently but rather, what they might start making in the future.



An agreement to provide annual financial information to the IDAWY district regarding county funding was presented for review.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve and sign the information reporting agreement for IDAWY regional landfill.

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

Specialty court coordinator – The commissioners want to move forward with hiring a person for this position. Duties and pay for this position were discussed. It was decided that applications should be returned by June 26<sup>th</sup>, and that a hiring committee should be assembled to interview and recommend a person to the commissioners. People suggested to participate on the committee were Attorney Cody Brower, Judge David Hooste, commissioner Bill Lewis, Clerk Lon Colton, Bannock county coordinator Joann Martinez. Interviews will be schedule during the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation given to the commissioners in their next meeting.

Emergency services updates – The possibility of a wild fire exists every year in Oneida count and it was recommended that the county participate in communications with other entities that could be involved in fighting a wild fire. Good communication and cooperation will help manage the incident should one arise. A future meeting will be scheduled.

It was reported that the Health District is reporting 134 cases of corona virus in their region but Oneida has yet to have a case reported.



The commissioners will discuss possible projects that can benefit from the SHSP grant money and consider a plan for future grant expenditures.

It was reported that the county is eligible for electrical incentives in the amount of \$2,359.76 from the power company for fixtures installed at the new events center at the fairgrounds.

Mike Larue reported that several citizens have pooled together and will be spraying crops with a helicopter. He will work with them to provide the chemical per regulations and State programs. He announced that the Bureau of Land Management will also be spraying in this same fashion later in the year.

County agent update – the University of Idaho has put a hold on hiring due to the Governors freeze on budgets. While waiting for this freeze to be lifted and an extension agent hired for Oneida County, Lyle Hanson has suggested that the extension agent in Franklin come to Malad and help one day a week. Franklin County has agreed to this proposal. Lyle further suggested that Oneida County pay for the travel expenses for this time frame. Commissioner Lewis questioned why the county would need to pay for travel when they have signed an agreement with the University for this service and now the University has failed to provide the agent. Lyle suggested that he can go to the University and request for funding with future travel expenses on behalf of the county.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to accept the offer to have the Franklin County Extension agent help in Malad one day a week and to pay for his mileage through September 30, 2020.

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

Road and Bridge reported that the heating unit for their building was failing. Due to its age they are requesting that a new furnace be installed. They were able to obtain one bid from for \$6,355.00 dollars from D&T electric. The commissioners asked about other bids. It was reported that they had not been able to get a bid from one local contractor. The Commissioners thought the first bid was reasonable however they suggested getting a second bid from the local company.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to have the R&B department obtain a second bid for the furnace replacement in their building and then to accept the lowest of the two bids. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Corby Earl submitted an application for a beer license for his convenience store near exit 3 on interstate 15.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the beer license for Corby Earl. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioner approved and the motion carried.

Joe Schow returned his lease for a hanger at the airport. This is the last lease to be returned and completes the collection for 2020.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve and sign the hanger lease for Joe Schow. Commissioner Christophersen seconded and the motion carried.

Sheriff Jones reported that the county was awarded a grant from the Idaho State Police for Juvenile drug assistance. The grant will be utilized to give awareness to the youth and for efforts dealing with handling drug issues with Juveniles.

The minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were reviewed. The paragraph regarding the IDAWY landfill was corrected to better reference the timing for when the regional landfill would assume the duties of the Oneida landfill.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting as corrected.

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

The claims were review for payment.

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

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

Teri Sorensen came before the commissioners to request permission to install a driveway on a piece of ground located near 1500 North, just west of the 1100 west intersection.

The ground has a steep slope leading to the north. The request it to allow a driveway that will turn at a 90-degree angle from the county road and travel to the north 30 feet at which point it will then turn 90 degrees and run up the slope at a 6% angle. The 30-foot entrance will allow traffic to enter and turn off the county road without interference with other traffic. It will further eliminate the concern of mud and rocks washing onto the county road. Road foreman Scott Blaisdell recommended approval.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the driveway permit for Teri Sorensen at the recommendation of Road foreman Scott Blaisdell.

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

The commissioners discussed Governor Littles Corona Relief Fund proposal involving property tax relief for citizens. The commissioners need to decide if they are interested in participating and send a letter of intent to the Governors office before July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to send a letter of intent for participation in the CRF or Corona Relief Fund as proposed by Governor Little.

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

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

A Board of Equalization was scheduled but the one appeal was withdrawn and thus no BOE was convened. It was reported that another appeal may be submitted prior to the deadline.

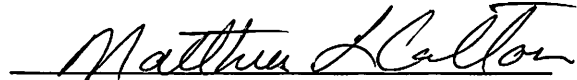
The commissioners were invited to the Bear Lake open house of the new court house. They will travel to Bear Lake after their regular meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Budgets were discussed and department requests were considered.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk