



MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

Commissioner Lewis called for a motion of the consent agenda consisting of the meeting minutes from July 20th, the review of the claims for payment and the quarterly Joint Treasurer and Auditor report.

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

The treasurer reported that in one year the county had received just over \$38,000.00 dollars in interest from the Local Government investment Pool.



Pickleball courts – A group of citizens came before the commissioners to request that pickleball courts be painted in the new events center. They would like to discuss and agreement with the county to allow them to play pickleball in the morning from around 6 to 8 am. They explained that the sport is growing rapidly in Oneida County and that several citizens meet in the mornings to play. They have access to other facilities however there are only one or two courts in each indoor location. If allowed to play in the events center then they could have more courts which provides a better atmosphere and more community involvement. Suggestions were given as to how the building could be utilized without possible vandalism such as electronic locks for the doors. Another idea that was presented is that the group could form an official club whereby issues could be addressed by a small select group rather than from all participants. Although the county does not yet know the full cost for power, heating and cooling it was noted that some form of rent would be needed to help cover costs. More discussion will take place before a decision is made.

Road issues near 1000 north and 3150 West. Kelly Wakley came before the commissioners to discuss the vehicles that speed past his house on 1000 north. It was indicated that most of the larger truck hauling their crops are the violators and they travel well in excess of the posted limit of 55 mile per hour. He further noted that the intersection is tight and trucks coming north on 3150 West have a hard time turning either east or west. It was suggested that maybe the bar pit could be filled in a little to help expand the corner. Commissioner Christophersen will speak with road and bridge and review the issue in more detail.



Economic development – Kathy Ray presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and Idaho Commerce who oversees the four-county economic development program. The MOU outlines the terms of the agreement between each entity.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve and sign the MOU with the Idaho Department of Commerce.

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

Forest Service collection agreement extension. The county entered into an agreement with the Forest Service for work along the stream near the Narrows road project in Holbrook. This work was part of the construction plans however the contractor will not be able to complete the work on time due to local farmers irrigation schedules. It has been requested that the work take place after the September 30th, deadline. The Forest Service is ok with the extension and will provide documentation for commissioner's signature.

Probation – Supervisor Gabriel Jimenez and district 6 liaison for Juvenile corrections Stace Gearhart met with the commissioners to give updates on the probation department activities. They reported seven adults participating in drug court and 1 of the juveniles being housed in the Bannock House. Gabriel further explained what constitutes a high-risk probationer and how best to help them.

Probation will frequent the activities at the county fair and other happenings in the community. They have found that this is a very effective tool to letting those on probation know that they are monitoring them and it also helps remind the probationer of their need to keep on their best behavior. Gabriel asked for permission to adjust the office hours to better accommodate their after-hours activities such as home checks and tracking down those individuals that skip town. The need for a car that they can use after hours was discussed and commissioner Lewis reported that the sheriff has one vehicle used by search and rescue that can be made available for their use. His only request is that it remain at the court house should S&R need to use it. It was reported that the specialty court coordinator position is vacant once again as the person hired previously has found full time employment.

Planning and Zoning – a land owner in the St. John area has been meeting with planning and zoning to create a subdivision. All preliminary P&Z requirements have been reviewed and the performance standards score gave a plus 28 rating. They have given a recommendation of "do pass" to the commissioners with stipulations. They would like to have all easements identified on the plat map. They would like to have the access point to the corner lot, number 11, identified to ensure that safety has been considered since this lot has a busy county road on two sides. They also feel that the developer should pay for all appropriate road signs that will need to be placed in the county right of way.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the new subdivision to move forward with the stipulations of marking all easements on the plat map, identifying the access point to corner lot #11 and to have all necessary road signs to be placed in the county right of way to be paid for by the developer.

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

Landfill – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has required that the landfill draft a work plan. IDAWY representative Jayson Lower negotiated with Cascade Earth Sciences to create the work plan and was successful at getting the price reduced to around \$8,000.00 dollars and then signed the contract. The commissioners have reviewed the contract and accept it with one change. the change is the reference of Oregon law instead of Idaho law. They also recognized the need to have a commissioner approval and signature on the document.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to accept the contract with CES for the drafting of a work plan to meet the DEQ requirements and to change the reference of Oregon law to Idaho law.

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

Commissioner Lewis informed the board that one of the pieces of equipment at the landfill had to be taken to the shop for repair on the radiator. All though this was not in the budget it was vital that the repairs were made in order to keep the operation going.

City contract for building inspections – Commissioner Lewis reported that 31 and a half percent of the inspections conducted between July 1st of 2019 and June 30 of 2020 were preformed in the city and as per the contract they will need to pay that percentage of the inspector's wages for the coming year. The amount will be \$8,316 paid in 12 monthly installments. The benefits and other expenses are paid by the county only.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the rate of 31 and a half percent of the building inspectors wages, or \$8,316.00 dollars, as the proper portion to charge the city for the coming year.

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

The suggestion was made to change the contract so as to reference an agreement of longer than one year so that it doesn't need to be negotiated each year.

Road validation/vacation – the road in the south west part of Pocatello Valley has been recommended for validation. A survey giving the proper description and location has been prepared by a certified surveyor and the next step is to print notice in the paper of a public hearing and send letters to adjacent land owners of the hearing. It was suggested that the commissioners look into holding a vacation/validation hearing on all the roads in question throughout the county to consolidate expenses and to take care of an ongoing problem of questionably access and citizens rights to travel on these roads.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to hold a validation / vacation hearing on the road leading to the Hansel Mtn. range in Pocatello Valley on October 20th, at 6:00 pm in the new events center.

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

Election records destruction – A resolution to destroy unused ballots from the March presidential primary and the May Primary elections in 2020 was presented. The retention period in Idaho Code for these items is 60 days.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve resolution 2020-08-01 to destroy certain election records that have exceeded their retention period per Idaho Code. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioner approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to hold an executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation... of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent... and (1)(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code; Commissioner Christophersen seconded. A roll call vote was taken.
Commissioner Stokes – Aye
Commissioner Christophersen – Aye
Commissioner Lewis – Aye
The motion carried.

The executive session was closed and the regular meeting resumed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to uphold the decision to deny medical indigent case #10-2020-20004
Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Emergency Services manager Dan Williams requested and extension of the 2018 SHSP grant. The extension was awarded pending commissioner approval.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the grant extension for the 2018 SHSP grant from Homeland Security.
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Events Center – Steve Werk expressed some concerns to the commissioners regarding the construction of the events center some of which included remaining flange bracing that was not installed. The commissioners asked about inspection sheets and it was reported that only the occupancy sheet had been turned in. More investigation will be conducted.

The position of specialty court coordinator will need to be reposted. The person selected for the position found full time work and will not be taking the position after all.

Burn Ordinance – A new burn ordinance was discussed at the first part of the year with emergency service entities and the State Department of Environmental Quality. After public comment was taken in a public hearing the document was improved. A final draft was created in March however because of other pressing items it was placed on the hold. The commissioners have now reviewed the document and are ready to move forward. The sheriff reported that he was ok with the draft copy being considered. Attorney Brower reminded everyone that it is the result of lots of feedback from the hearings and discussion with proper entities.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the new burn ordinance as drafted. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

FY2021 budget discussion –

Specific items addressed – a second county car for probation use which was addressed earlier in the meeting. county policy for who can ride / drive the car. Donations to the Gold Star Family memorial. Added hours for the part time 4-H director and the hiring of someone to help with the rewrite of the development code.

\$500.00 dollars will be set aside for the Gold Star project and \$10,000.00 will be allocated for the development code rewrite. More money will be set aside for the part time 4-H director to utilize in the way of added hours.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk