

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payment of the claims, review of the September 14th and 22nd, meeting minutes, the annual software contract renewal with Computer Arts, the acceptance of the 2020 EMPG emergency services grant and a Certificate of Residency for Hayley Brown.

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

Rhianna Smith spoke with the commissioners about her property on the Malad Summit and how a neighbor was improving his land as a personal motocross path for atv and motorcycles. She questioned if these alleged actions violated county ordinance and if the county would limit his activities. Her main concern were the late hours that the track was being used and the noise that was being generated. Attorney Brower explained the current standing of the county development code and how it did not contain any wording that would prohibit the actions of the neighbor however there were some other laws that could limit the noise nuisance that was being created. Sheriff Jones referenced the State code for disturbing the peace that may apply.

Security cameras at the events center. Sheriff Jones reported an incident where the courts were holding a jury selection at the events center. While everyone was inside someone placed flyers on the window of the potential jurors. This action could have created a conflict and would have resulted in frustrating the jury selection process. The Sheriff asked if cameras could be installed at the facility. He is requesting two cameras on the outside to cover each entrance and one camera on the inside. Bids will be brought to the commissioners.

L-1 property tax forms – each year the county and special purpose taxing districts must certify their budgets and complete a series of worksheets to create the requested tax levy for the coming year. These forms then come to the county clerk for review and to be presented to the commissioners for approval. The local paper expressed concern that not all of the special purpose taxing districts were following the law and they did not publish their proposed budgets and hearing dates for the citizens. Her concern is on the transparency of their respective handling of tax payer's money. It was determined that each district is responsible for their own actions and that the county clerk is not an enforce of the state laws as they apply two the districts.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the L-1 levy report for the State tax commission.

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

Probation officer Gabe Jimenez reported on the new Diversion Court program that has begun in Oneida County. The program works with approved clients, normally first offenders, to see if they can be helped in any way to redirect the bad decisions that have put them in front of the court system. Over the course of 6 months to 1 year the person is required to complete certain requirements. If successful then they avoid court and probation and maintain a clean record. If they fail to comply within the first year then the prosecutor proceeds to file charges and send them through the court system. Meetings are held weekly and it was reported that other counties are seeing great success with the program.

Board of Guardians – County attorney Cody Brower has petitioned the commissioners to approve a board of guardians for Oneida County or to consider joining with some of the surrounding counties to create a joint board. The main function of this board is to assist with those cases where a person is deemed incompetent and in need of guardianship or conservatorship. The volunteer board would then meet to determine the best course of action for that person. One issue is that the board is created for all volunteers and it is sometimes a challenge to find this many people willing to serve in this capacity in one small community. The consideration to join with other counties would help alleviate this issue as each county would only need to provide two or three persons. It was reported that other surrounding counties are considering these possibilities and that the commissioners and judges from these areas are in favor of creating this joint board. Commissioner Lewis was favorable to the idea and requested time to speak with these other counties.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to proceed with the exploration of creating a Board of Guardians.

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

Events center rental agreement – Attorney Brower created a draft agreement that was reviewed and discussed. Options of collecting a deposit by the renter's was also discussed however not everyone like the idea of keeping a credit card on file for this purpose. Also discussed were the rates and if separate rates would apply to each of the separate rooms such as kitchen and conference room.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the rental rates as follows. A Deposit of \$250.00 dollars, to be returned if the building is cleaned and no damage found. Rental of \$150.00 dollars per day for the great room and \$75.00 dollars per day for the conference room. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Commissioner Stokes abstained from voting. Commissioners Lewis and Christophersen were in favor of the rates and the motion carried by a two thirds majority.

Rental to nonprofit organizations was questioned. Rhonda will bring back some recommendations.

Alcohol on premises was addressed and all thought it was ok if proper permits were in place.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve alcohol on the premises of the events center with proper licensing.

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the rental agreement as drafted.

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

Building inspector position – several contractors have expressed concern with contracting with the state for building inspections. The main concern is their availability to inspect when needed. The greatest concern is with the short turnaround for the cement work. Cement must be order ahead of time and then the crews have to build the forms and get an inspection done before the delivery. If the state only comes twice a week then the cement crews will be standing around waiting to get approval before they can move to the next job.

Back up inspectors were discussed. Commissioners Christophersen suggested to wait and see just what the State office can provide before a decision is made. Both Commissioners Lewis and Stokes indicated that they could support moving to a local inspector or waiting to see what the State office decides. It was determined that the county should continue with the state contact until they have more information at which time a decision to change to a local inspector could take place.

IDAWY fees suggestions – Jayson Lower presented a proposed resolution to change the fee structure for the landfill prior to the new regional district assuming responsibility. The new rates would better align the portion being paid by city residence as compared to the county residence. Also proposed was the change in fees for things being hauled to the dump such as refrigerators etc.

The new rates were written into resolution #2020-09-01.

County residence will pay \$26.00 per month tipping fee and \$5.00 per month for each additional can.

\$30.00 dollars per month for the 300-gallon containers with an additional \$11.00 per month for each additional can of this size. Pick up of containers more frequent the weekly will incur an additional charge.

City residence will pay \$13.00 for the first can and \$5.00 for the second can monthly in addition to city pick up fees.

Tire and refrigerator disposal fees were also reduced. The rates are

Car tire = \$3.00

Truck = \$10.00

Equipment tire = \$20.00

Earth Mover tires = \$100.00

Refrigerators = \$10.00

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve resolution #2020-09-01 changing the fee schedule for residence garbage collection.

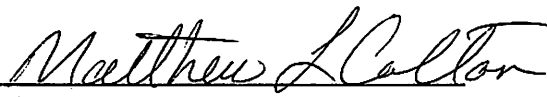
Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

September 28th, 2020

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk