

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Christophersen was not in attendance.

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

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to remove the claims from the consent agenda and add them in to the regular agenda and to then approve the consent agenda containing the meeting minutes and one Certificate of Residency for Matece Davis.

Commissioner Lewis seconded. Both Commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Russ Boyer, chairman of the Planning and Zoning board shared some concerns regarding the development code and the building code. They have been reviewing these documents for some time but they are not sure what direction to go. They have requested some outside help from someone knowledgeable with writing these types of documents. The county prosecutor addressed issue of county law vs. state and Federal. Federal Statute validate the State Law and preempts any county code. The county can not preempt Federal HUD code.

It was noted that the county attorney could help write the county code however there are so many small statutes that it would be hard to encompass all that was needed in a good development code. The suggestion was made to hire someone with the expertise to assist in writing a valid enforceable document. Commissioner Lewis reported that they were aware of the situation and as a board of commissioners did approve \$10,000.00 dollars in the next budget for this purpose. He further stated that the board knows it will take much more in financial assistance to hire someone for this effort however they didn't have the money at this time however plan on trying to follow with additional money in the coming budgets for the purpose of completing the project. One source who works in this field suggested that it could take up to \$30,000.00 dollars for the full project. It was agreed that the comp plan should be rewritten first. Commissioner Lewis asked the P&Z board to prioritize the items in the comp plan and development code in the order they should be addressed for the time when a contract has been secured with an outside vendor to help with the project. Attorney Brower will work to identify a good candidate to help with the effort of rewriting the comp plan and development code with the planning and zoning commission.

Dan Williams asked for authorization to purchase a trailer for emergency services. The money would come from the EMPG grant and will be useful in transporting all manner of items. He further sought authorization to allocate SHSP grant money from the 2020 funds to purchase a permanent backup generator for the communications repeater on top of the west hills.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the purchase of a trailer for emergency services with EMPG grant money up to the amount of \$1,905.00 dollars.

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

The County Clerk asked the commissioners for official approval to move the polling location for all future elections to the new events center beginning with the upcoming General election.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move the polling location for all future elections for Precincts one through four, to the events center located at the Fair Grounds.

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

Terrel Jones met with the commissioners to address the roads in Dairy Creek near the pumice mines. The road is in need of repair due to the larger rocks being pulled up by the county road grader. Terrel suggested using some of the cinders from the pumice mine to over lay on the road and then follow up with some dust guard next year. He acknowledges that it would only be a trial and short-term fix if it worked however, he knows the road crew has many miles of road to worry about with limited resources. The road foreman was willing to try this option however he stated that is crew was about five projects behind and it will take some time to get to that location.

An agreement from Searle Hart for financial audits of the county records was submitted. The agreement would increase the cost for the required audit to \$15,000.00 per year in 2021.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the agreement with Searle Hart to conduct financial audits for Oneida County with the cost of these services increasing to \$15,000.00 dollars in 2021.

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

Forest Service land use agreement. Road and Bridge was approached by the Forest Service where they offered to allow the county to use, free of charge, some land near Holbrook that was previously used to store material for the "Narrows" road rebuild. The county will use the small parcel of land to store material for road work such as gravel or crushed rock.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the land use agreement with the Forest Service as presented.

Commissioner Lewis seconded. Both Commissioners approved and the motion carried.

ADA County pathology agreement. Currently Oneida County has a contract with ADA county to conduct all pathological services and associated work. This contract must be renewed each year and the commissioner have been presented with that renewal.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the renewal of the ADA County pathological services agreement.

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

The claims were reviewed for payment.

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

Commissioner Lewis seconded. Both Commissioner approved and the motion carried.

The State Tax Commission is still working on final values for each taxing district. Without the final values the L-2's can not be completed and submitted. It has been requested that the commissioner grant an extension for the submittal of the L-2's as allowed by law.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the extension of L-2 submittals to the State Tax Commission as allowed by law.

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

ADA compliant parking at the events center. Commissioner will seek bids and bring back to a future meeting.

Food Bank – Mary Young is helping with a month distribution of food. Currently they are working at a parking area in the middle of Malad City. Her concern is with the coming winter months and she has requested that the commissioners let her use the events center. She wants only to use the outside area covered by the overhanging roof. The meet one a month and the total distribution only take a couple of hours in the morning.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to allow the personnel to use the outside portion of the events center to distribute food once a month.

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

Building inspector resignation. The county building inspector gave his resignation letter to the commissioners and they are now looking for the best option to fill this position. One of the suggestions is to contract with the state. The already inspect for electrical and plumbing and could also cover the building aspect. Some questions need to be addressed before the commissioners can make a good decision. Currently a local contractor, Rex Robbins is accompanying Commissioner Stokes to inspect current projects.

Commissioner Lewis will more information regarding the state inspector option.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to pay Rex Robbins for his services at the rate of \$45.00 dollars per inspection for those conducted in the Malad Valley and \$65.00 per inspection for those conducted in the Western part of the county.

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

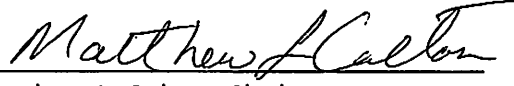
Events center rental agreement – Attorney Brower created a draft rental agreement for the events center. Commissioner Lewis suggested postponing the discussion until all commissioners could attend and discuss the issue. Some of the issues presented were alcohol consumption and vision of the buildings use and purpose.

September 14th, 2020

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk