

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.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the payment of claims and the approval of the October 13th, meeting minutes.

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

Bruce Olenick from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality met with the commissioners to discuss issues the county may have concerns with. The first topic addressed were the recent writeups at the county landfill. Two issues of significance were found. The first - the landfill was not being covered correctly each night and the second - seeps were located and will need to be addressed. While it was acknowledged that IDAWY's Jason Lower was aware of the issues, Mr. Olenick cautioned the commissioners that they should focus on the current operations of the landfill until the day that IDAWY actually assumes control of the operations. Other issues that were discussed were those of ground water and waste water within developments, large scale storm water events and runoff from animal feeding operations that drain onto state/public lands. The later issue was determined to fall under that of the Department of Agriculture.

It was stated that Idaho supports private property rights however the Planning and Zoning does need to be aware of the possible impacts and the need to plan for the future so as to not allow infringement on a person's property by another person's land developments.

Solid Waste exemption request – Earnest Webecke, a citizen in Holbrook, submitted a request to be exempt from the landfill costs associated to each improved property in the county. His request was read in open meeting and made reference to the need for recycling of waste and his preference to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Commissioner Lewis expressed his thoughts that all citizens should recycle more however State law, Title 39 Chapter 74, directs that counties are to provide a landfill for all waste and further directs how the landfill may be paid for. It was further noted that some of the expenses for a landfill are those needed to complete the closing of a site once it has been filled to capacity. The closeout costs are ongoing and could last for multiple years depending in the readings obtained from the monitoring wells that are required. No decision was made at this time as the commissioners wanted to wait and see if the applicant appeared in person.

Bruce Sweat, a resident in Stone, Idaho came before the commissioners to make a formal request to have a road vacated. The road in question runs North from the intersection of 7700 South and 23500 West. The commissioners discussed a good day to conduct the hearing.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to set a hearing date of December 9th, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the county events center for the purpose of considering the vacation or validation of the road running North of the 7700 South and 23500 West intersection.

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

The commissioners were notified of the passing of one of the P&Z board members, Narvell Hall. A replacement will be found to assume the remainder of his term.

It was also noted that a few of the other board members will have completed their terms of office this December and will either need to be renewed or new members found. Attorney Brower reminded the commissioners of the manner by which new board members are selected including that of selecting persons that can give fair representation of the county based on where they live including those within the City limits.

Planning and Zoning has been allocated \$10,000.00 to hire someone to assist with the writing of the county comprehensive plan and development code. Commissioner Lewis reported that he knew of two different sources that could help. One source was noted for helping Twin Falls County in their efforts and the second one was involved in giving assistance to Bear Lake County and to the newly formed IDAWY regional landfill. Bear Lake county highly recommended their source which is Stephanie Bonnie from a firm in the Boise, Idaho area. Commissioner Lewis also indicated that he was inclined to use the services of Stephanie Bonnie because he had worked with her in conjunction with the IDAWY efforts.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to call Stephanie Bonnie and request a consultation with Planning and Zoning regarding her working with Oneida County to rewrite the Comprehensive plan and Development Code.

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

A contract with Omni Security to monitor the fire alarm system at the events center was submitted for approval. This contract was driven by State laws for all new public building that fit their criteria. The contract requires a yearly fee of \$396.00 dollars.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the Omni Security contract to monitor the fire alarms at the new events center.

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

Costs to purchase a snow blower for the events center were presented to the commissioners. The first was for a Husqvarna brand with a cost of \$499.00. The second was for a DR 2Stage at a cost of 799.99. quality and functionality of both snow blowers was discussed with recommendations being made for both machines from different Commissioners. It was decided that the Husqvarna brand would be sufficient.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to purchase the Husqvarna brand snow blower at a cost of \$449.00 dollars for use at the events center.

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

The next item requested was a leaf blower. The model suggested was for a Troy built brand two cycle at a cost of \$169.99.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the purchase of the two cycle Troy Built brand leaf blower for the events center at a cost of \$169.99.

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

The third item requested was for an electric floor cleaner. Hansens company in Pocatello Idaho gave a bid for two different sized machines. The first was called a Micromini and would cost \$5,514.28, the second machine was called a Timberline and would cost \$4,707.92. They are both walk behind units that scrub with water and soap and then vacuum the solution from the floor.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to purchase the Micromini walk behind floor scrubber from Hansen's in Pocatello at a cost of \$5,514.28 for the events center.

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

The fourth item requested was for entry rugs at all doors. It was researched by Rhonda Neal and she found that the county utilizes Mountain Valley Mats for other facilities. They would provide the same service for the events center with a bi-monthly refresh of the rugs at a cost of \$82.90 per month for 8 rugs. The suggestion of hiring a handyman and also the rental for entrance rugs will be continued in a different meeting.

Rhonda then asked about installing a backsplash for the hand towel stations in the events center restrooms, a key fob for electronic entrance to the building, window coverings for the arena area and conference and office spaces as well as a credit card capability to take payments.

Rhonda asked for clarification on the actual cost for rental and it was noted that the arena will rent for \$150.00 per day and the conference room would be an additional \$75.00 per day along with a \$250.00 retainer fee that will be returned once the event has ended and the building cleared as having no damage.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the rental rates for the event center at \$75.00 for the conference room per day and \$150.00 for the arena per day with a \$250.00 deposit that will be refunded if the building is found in satisfactory shape after the event.

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

Pickleball in the events center. In a previous meeting a group of citizens wanted to use the events center on a regular basis to play pickleball. They would like to pay a fair share and prefer to pay a monthly fee or annual fee if possible. One example that a neighboring community uses to charge for their facilities is to charge a \$2.00 or \$3.00 dollar per person that comes into the building per event. After discussion it was thought that the Pickleball event would be a low

impact event and the commissioners all seemed in favor if they organized into a club and had one contact that the county could work with for any issues that may arise. Specific hours will need to be set and other renters will get preferred access over the pickleball.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to allow pickleball in the events center if the requesting group organized a club and then signed an agreement for \$2.00 dollars per event per person and that the building was setup with the electronic entry devise such as a key fob.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded the motion. After further discussion it was amended to read that the pickleball club would pay on a monthly basis.

All commissioners approved of the motion and amendment. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis mad the motion to re visit the rental agreement and ensure that the liability and indemnity be included in the rental agreement and to allow attorney Brower to modify the contract as such.

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

Members from the ambulance crew presented information and a demonstration of a heart monitor that can be used in their dedicated COVID ambulance. The heart monitor gives advanced information that will be relayed to the receiving hospital in regards to the patient's status. They would like to request two units. One for the third ambulance in Malad and one for the Holbrook ambulance. They are further requesting that this equipment be paid for with CARES act funding. Each unit will cost around \$30,000.00.

After the demonstration and presentation, the commissioners were in agreeance that the heart monitor would greatly improve the capabilities of the healthcare workers on the ambulance.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to obtain pre approve the two heart units to be added to the request sheet for pre-approval with the CARES ACT grant at a cost of \$60,000.00 and if approved with cares act funding that the units be purchased.

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

Department reports.

Clerk – The general election preparation is ongoing. To date we have had about 997 absentee ballots sent out, 211 online. Over 560 of these ballots have been returned. A lot of additional PPE has been purchased and will be made available to the workers and voters.

Two new indigent applications for medical needs have been sent to Oneida County and will be presented to the commissioners in a future meeting.

Treasurer – LGIP interest was reported. To date we have earned \$42,000.00

Additional interest was earned by two CD's in Idaho Central Credit Union and DL Evans bank respectively. It was further reported that the digitized account system in her office has balanced several months in a row which is testimony that any possible issues from the past have now been cleared up.

Assessor – ITD has installed new software in the DMV and the process is still being refined at the state level. Because of some of the issues that are being experienced, they will close their

office at 4:00 pm each day to give time for the daily closeout and accounting of the day's transactions. It was reported that the new construction will be around \$2,270,208.00 in residential after homeowners' exemptions have been applied. An additional \$5,562.680 in new construction for commercial and around 25 new properties picked up. Digitization of the packets in her office is an on-going process and they are making good progress in this effort. Attorney – office is slow due to COVID. Once the courts are approved and can continue, they will have multiple jury trials to contend with.

A hiring committee will be assembled for the purpose of reviewing and interviewing the candidates for the position of building inspector. All interviews will be organized through the attorney's office and interviews will place on Friday the 30th, of October. The hiring committee will consist of one person from the P&Z board, two persons from the Malad City council, the county Attorney, one County Commissioner.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the hiring committee to contain one P&Z person, two Malad City council members, one commissioner and the prosecutor and to authorize the committee to hire if someone is qualified and approved by the committee. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

A bid from Billie Kimberling to install four cameras at the events center was presented. The bid was for \$2,800.00 dollars to place two cameras inside the arena area and one camera each on the east and west end of the building.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the bid to install four cameras at the events center at a cost of \$2,800.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

A bid for key less entry at the events center was placed on the agenda incorrectly and will be added to the next agenda.

The hearing on the Hansel road validation was reviewed. It was noted that all in attendance voiced in favor of validating the road keeping it open to the public as access to the BLM land. Maintenance was proved by the road and bridge going back to 2010. Several signed letters were also presented. Commissioner Stokes stated that he felt the burden was met in regard to validating the road.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to find that the Hansel Road has been maintained and has been use by the public. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to validate the Hansel Road because it is in the best interest of the county. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

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A summary of the Facts and Findings will be presented in the next meeting for final signature and approval.

The commissioners came back to the solid waste exemption request. Based on earlier discussion it was decided that the requirements to allow for this exemption were not met.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to deny the solid waste exemption request from Earnest Webecke because it does not meet the requirements for an exemption. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk