

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 with no changed being suggested.

The consent agenda was reviewed.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to move the claims from the consent agenda to the regular meeting to allow for discussion.

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the meeting minutes and one conflict public defender contract.

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

Commissioner Eliason questioned the payment to the Burley Grazing district and wanted to investigate more before approving the payment.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the claims except for the Burley Grazing district.

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

Robert Hobbs came before the commissioners to discuss the Elk Horn Ridge Estates Subdivision on the Malad Summit. Several of the property owners would like to dissolve the home owner's association (HOA) and keep just the CC and R's. They would like to sell some of the land set aside for common area in hopes to generate money that could be applied to the maintenance of the roads. Commissioner Lewis stated that one of the land owners has already done some research regarding these questions and suggested they speak with him.

County attorney Brower asked why this was coming to the commissioners as they have no authority to help with the requested actions. The reply was that the land owners wanted the county to take over the roads in the subdivision if they were brought up to county standards. Commissioner Lewis stated that he was not willing to take on new roads at this time and the other commissioners agreed.

City contract for building inspections – Building inspector Mick Udy suggested a new contract with the city for the inspections performed by the County, in part due to the enhanced service such as the iWorq reporting. His research of surrounding counties shows a range of 60% to 100% of the permit cost going to the county. He is recommending a 70% county 30% city share on all city permits inspected under a county contract. Mick stated that he had presented the concept to the city. Mayor Hawkins stated that the council agreed with the concept.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the negotiations with Malad City for a new contract for building inspections at the rate of 70% County and 30% city of the total cost for the permit, with an effective date of October 1st, 2021.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried. Attorney Brower will assist in a new suggested contract.

Probation – Gabe reported to the commissioners that he will leave for POST academy on July 5th with a scheduled completion date of August 27th.

Paperwork reassigning the sponsorship of a grant awarded to the city for the land occupied by the swimming pool was presented. The county had previously approved to accept the sponsorship.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to accept and sign the document transferring the sponsorship of the grant associated with the swimming pool.

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

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality representative Bruce Olenick made his bi-annual visit to Oneida County. the main topic of discussion was the history of the old landfill and the future of Oneida County with the current landfill site and the regional landfill operations. Duration of testing of the landfill and events that have an impact on testing were also discussed including having a proper cap on the land to shed the water away from the area.

The Treasurer's office is wanting to expand their service to the citizen by allowing another option for making payments. E-check will allow citizen to make a payment and by pass the technology fee associated with using a credit / debit card. By using the e-check option they will pay a flat \$1.00 dollar for the transaction. Credit / debit cards will still be an optional way of making a payment along with citizens sending in a check or pay cash in person.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the addendum to the Treasurer's contract with Access Idaho for taking payments via e-check.

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

Steed road – Discussion on the hearing and review of the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Attorney Brower completed the findings and sent them to commissioners Lewis and Christophersen for review two days prior to the meeting. Some comments were given and it was suggested that the road should have a limit on the width. Commissioner Lewis suggested 25 feet to allow two cars to pass if the need arises and to limit the disruption of traffic on the land owner's property. Bruce Sweat asked if further information could be given however Attorney Brower explained that additional information could not be considered unless a Judicial review was requested. Brower further explained that the Findings of fact and conclusion of law was the official decision of the commissioner's actions to validate the road.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to limit the access to 25 feet in width. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both Commissioners approved and the motion carried. Commissioner Eliason recused himself from any discussion and decision due to personal conflict.

Road Standards – Paragon was hired to help write a new county road standard. The document was ready for commissioner review and presented to them by the road foreman. Commissioner Christophersen asked about fines and fees. It was stated that although the document contains a section on fines and fees, there is a separate process that would need to be followed before they could be approved. The road requirements were discussed including how traffic frequency helps determine the style of road needed. The commissioners were happy with the information provided and will move forward at approving the new road standards.

The suggestion was made to hire Paragon Consulting to help with the first few road projects to ensure that the department responsible for enforcing the standards will know the in's and out's of the complete road standards document.

Depending on the engineer assigned to help on the project it could cost between \$75.00 and \$150.00 dollar per hour. The commissioners agreed that there was a need for the service but hesitant on obligating a lot of money. The suggestion of starting with \$5,000.00 was made.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the contact with Paragon Consulting to assist with the implementation of the road standards up to \$5,000.00 dollars. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The open meeting was recessed to accommodate a short lunch and then a public hearing.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Lewis asked the other commissioners if they wanted to proceed with approval of Ordinance 2021-06-01 regarding suggested changes to the subdivision section of the Oneida County Development Code. He further stated that he thought that approval was a step in the right direction. Commissioner Eliason stated that his questions had been answered and he was ready to move forward.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06-01 with corrections for grammar.

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

The suggestion was made to modify the motion to account for clerical errors and edits discussed by the commissioners during the hearing.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06-01 with corrections for grammar and to account for clerical errors and edits discussed by the commissioners during the hearing.

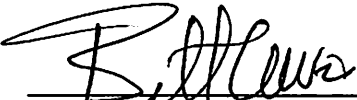
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Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

FY2022 budget requests were presented by multiple departments. The meeting was then recessed until the following day at 1:00 pm.

On June 15th, at 1:00 pm, the meeting was reconvened for additional budget discussion.

The meeting adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk