

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened with Commissioner Lewis leading the Pledge of Allegiance then offering a prayer. A review of the agenda was called for with no changes being made.

Commissioner Lewis opened the public hearing for the proposed FY2022 budget. Several members of the Sheriff's office, and others, gave comments on their displeasure with the commissioner's decisions on their wages. Some wages were increased while others were left untouched and they thought that the increases should have been more significant. Those employee's testifying in the hearing were; Sheriff Jones, Brittanica Butler, John Christophersen, Lacie Clark, Doug Williams, Scott Leckie, Jaren Thomas, Tonia Roedl, Dallas Jones, Tammy Williams, Cody Brower and Gabe Jimenez.

Following the testimony, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Lewis called for action on the consent agenda which consisted of the claims, meeting minutes for August 9th, 2021 and a Certificate of residency for Hannah Brown.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Brad Hess came before the board requesting that the county assume ownership of two roads that will be built in a proposed subdivision on State Highway 38 about one half mile west of Malad City. Mr. Hess explained the process that he has followed up to this point of time including speaking with the city of Malad and the county Planning and Zoning. Because of the timing when he started working on this development, he has been told by the county P&Z and the county attorney that he needs only to comply with the county standards in place at that time. Mr. Hess stated that the roads will be built to the county standards and has made the request that the commissioners approve taking the roads into county inventory once the project is complete.

The subdivision project was described as having 18 lots with a circular turn around at the end for school bus and emergency vehicles if needed. The main road into the subdivision will split into two roads shortly after the entrance and then rejoin into one road about mid-point of the development. Mr. Hess further stated that he has spoken with Southeast Idaho Public Health, Idaho Department of Transportation and the School District and found that none of them found issues with the proposal.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move forward with the request by scheduling a public hearing to receive public input.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. all commissioner approved and the motion carried.

The date and time set for the hearing is September 22nd, at 1:00 pm in the events center conference room.

Bryan VanBebber received a signature on a PLAT map for a minor subdivision without a full commissioner decision. The decision is now before the board for a ratifying vote of approval.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the PLAT map presented by Bryan VanBebber for a minor subdivision.

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

Alex Probst presented a minor subdivision PLAT map for commissioner review and approval. The property split will create a one-acre parcel on Samaria rd. for Alex to build a home.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the PLAT map presented by Alex Probst for a minor subdivision on Samaria Rd.

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

Melanie Coleman asked the commissioners to consider allowing the use of the events center arena for a weekly gymnastics class. It was stated that in the past they were able to use a room in the old high school gymnasium however, for various reasons, that option is not available anymore. Currently the parents are transporting the students to Tremonton, Utah for classes which gets quite expensive. Mrs. Coleman stated that she was aware that the commissioners had been approached in the past regarding youth basketball but that there was concern about possible damage made by the heavy balls. She further was aware that the county had made an agreement with the local pickle ball players. It was noted that gymnastics and tumbling would not create an environment where damage could be done to the building. The request included allowing storage of their equipment in the building if possible, or in a small shed outside of the building provided by the participants. Commissioner Lewis asked if consideration had been given regarding a form of rent or payment to help with the utilities and cleaning of the facility. Mrs. Coleman explained that they had anticipated no charge for the use of the center.

Commissioner Eliason stated that he would like to help them out if they could.

Commissioner Lewis asked for more time to investigate the request and suggested that it be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Lewis read a letter from Karalee Waldron regarding the request to change a few of the speed limit signs in Samaria. Attorney Brower reminded the commissioners of the laws that direct how speed limits can be changed. Commissioner Lewis asked for more time to receive comments from Samaria residence on the issue.

Annex building sidewalk – commissioner Lewis reported that a small section of sidewalk in front of the annex building has sunk into the ground causing an uneven surface and tripping hazard. The issue has been looked at and Blake Love has been hired to correct the issue. It is schedule for repair the first part of September.

Commissioner Lewis reported that an extension agent had been hired for Oneida County. Sawyer Fonsbeck, the new county extension agent will start work in September.

Cell Phone policy – Road & Bridge foreman Diana Dredge asked the commissioners in a previous meeting to allow her to use her personal cell phone for communication while on the job in exchange for a small stipend rather than her carry two phones at all times. The current line could be discontinued, saving the county a little money that could be put towards the stipend. It was found that surrounding counties do offer this option to a few of their personnel as needed.

Commissioner Eliason suggests around \$50.00 to \$60.00 dollars per month.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to allow \$40.00 dollars per month stipend to Diana Dredge for using her personal cell phone for company use.

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

Workman's compensation program – The State Insurance Fund calculates the county premium by analyzing all policies under the ownership of the entity. Recently it was found that the Oneida Crisis Center and the Oneida Racing commission was put on the county policy incorrectly. The Crisis Center, although having Oneida in its name is not part of the county but a separate non-profit 501C3 corporation. The racing commission is operated under the direction of the state racing commission with the help of local volunteers. A form ERM-14 has been provided whereby a formal request can be made to remove these two entities from the county. By making this request it is anticipated that the monthly premiums may be reduced.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the Request for Ownership Information – ERM-14 from for the State Insurance Fund.

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

The meeting was recessed until 1:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened and the commissioners continued their discussions with the Sheriff's employee wages. This discussion continued until around 4:30 pm at which point Commissioner Lewis again recessed the meeting stating that it would be best if the commissioners could process the day's events and proceed with their discussion in the morning.

The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, August 24th, at 8:00 am. After further discussions the commissioner approved the budget with changes.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the budget with the following changes to select employee wages as noted below.

Dallas Jones – \$25.00

Jenny Hawkes – \$20.28

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Scott Leckie – \$20.28

Mitchel Vansickle – \$19.32 with a raise to \$20.28 after POST certification.

Stan Harper – \$19.32 with a raise to \$20.28 after POST certification.

Jayson Gleed – \$18.22

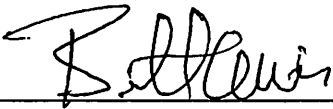
Lacie Clark – \$15.00 for her part time position as Civil Deputy.

Brittania Butler – \$16.37

Mick Udy - \$21.70.

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

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk