



# ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

## Commissioner Minutes October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Commissioner Lewis and Christophersen in attendance.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to add water information meeting to the agenda for discussion. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the consent agenda for payment of claims. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the hearing to change the development code, chapter 17. They were in agreeance that it would be the best choice to change the development code to reference the road standards approve by the road and bridge department as a separate document controlled by the road and bridge department rather than leaving it in the development code which would require an ordinance to make changes.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve Ordinance # 2021-10-01 changing chapter 17 of the Oneida County development code. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The new road standards document prepared with the assistance of Paragon consulting was discussed. The commissioners feel the need for new standards to ensure adequate roads are being built by the county as well as developers. Roads built to a lesser standard have the potential of costing more in reconstruction at a later date with the cost being places on the general taxpayers rather than the developer.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to adopt the new road standards as presented. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

A resolution was drafted for the proper adoption of the road standards.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve resolution #2021-10-02 approving the new road standards document as prepared with the assistance of Paragon consulting. Commissioner Lewis seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

District 6 probation coordinator Jimmy Gentry approached the commissioners to request additional use of their office space in Oneida County. currently they use an office provided by the county, one day a week and



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he would like to use the office two days a week and other random days as needed. The reason for the increase is due to the hiring of a full-time felony probation officer to operate in Oneida County. some logistical concerns regarding location of felony probationers meeting close to misdemeanor probation was a topic of discussion. The commissioners agreed to temporary additional use of an office space for a felony probation officer pending approval of misdemeanor probation officer Gabe Jimenez on a schedule that will work for his office.

TV translator district – Harry Sherman came before the commissioners to discuss new board members for the translator district. It was notes that Idaho Code directs the commissioners to make changes in the board and to call new board members as needed. Although protocol has not been followed in the past, Mr. Sherman wants to make corrections and comply with the directive for this district. The name of Mike Asay was presented as a possible new board member.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve Mike Asay as a board member for the TV translator district. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Event center usage – Commissioner Christophersen reported that he had received another request to use the event center for youth basketball. The policy for the event center is still being drafted and commissioner Lewis indicated that he was not in favor of any activity like basketball that could cause damage to the facility.

Road and bridge provided an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service where by the county, if requested, could provide limited maintenance on their roads for reimbursement. This agreement as been signed in the past and is contingent on the Forest Service releasing the funding and asking for the service.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the Forest Service agreement to conduct maintenance on their roads as requested.

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

The contract with Malad City to provide building inspection services has been renegotiated. The new contract allows for payment to the county of 70% of the total permit cost with the city retaining 30% for administrative fees. It further allows for a payment of \$60.00 dollars for each inspection conducted on current permits.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the contract to provide building inspection services to Malad City at the rate of 70% of the permit cost and \$60.00 dollars per inspection for current permits. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Malad City has a project to rebuild a small section of Bannock Street in the future. When they begin this project, the traffic will need to be re-directed and it is anticipated that the larger trucks coming from the umice mines will be going down Samaria Lane to access depot road. Discussion has taken place on how this route could be enhanced to accommodate the larger vehicles. The determination was made that Samaria Lane will need to be widened on the north side creating a wider turn radius. The larger culvert at the depot road



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and Samaria Lane intersection will need to be extended on both ends and the smaller ditch will be filled in as per approval from the owner. The third crossing of concern is just south of this intersection and it was stated that the culvert in this location will also need to be extended on both ends. Other concerns regarding the condition of the road currently and the damage that will be done with the increase traffic will need to be addressed. Questions were raised regarding city grant money helping in the cost to provide the detour around their project. Commissioner Lewis indicated that regardless of where the money comes from, the county needs to do the best they can to accommodate the need for a detour.

Commissioner Christophersen will work with the mayor and road and bridge to negotiate possible funding and any other issues that may arise.

Deputy Dallas Jones reported that a grant opportunity was available for the electronic ticketing system used by the sheriff's office. The grant will help pay for three laptop computers and does require a soft match that will be fulfilled by officer's time and efforts.

The county will pay the cost up front and then seek reimbursement.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the e-ticketing grant for the sheriff's office.

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

Commissioner Lewis reported that someone has been monitoring a few private wells in Oneida County to help determine the water situation. He is looking for better data to help determine the possible water shortage issue, especially for homes. A meeting has been scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>, where he can report to citizen and also seek other wells to monitor.

Emergency services grants – past projects that could be initiated with emergency services grant money were discussed. it was determined that Dan Williams, the county emergency manager could move forward with making some purchases for a electric sign/message board, a thermal imaging unit for the fire department and the backup water system for the county hospital.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the expenditure of emergency services grant money for the purchase of one electric sign/message board, a thermal imaging unit for the fire department and the backup water system for the county hospital.

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

The meeting was recessed until 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Eliason joined the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened with most elected officials in attendance along with representation from the Fire District and the ambulance department. The commissioners discussed the possible projects that could utilize the Federal ARPA money that was available. Their intentions are to compile a final draft of items they would like to pursue and then seek final approval before spending the funds.



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A few of the items suggested include; mobile work stations, wifi access on all floors of the court house, digital storage system to promote paperless environment requiring less physical passing of documents, back pay for essential workers, replacement of lost county revenue, more office space to allow for better social distancing of employees and customers, communication radios for emergency personnel.

Attorney Brower will draft a form for use by all departments to identify their projects and give the justification for the request along with cost. The forms will be consolidated and presented in a meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

The meeting was recessed until 4:00 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m. the meeting was reconvened. Commissioner Eliason and Commissioner Christophersen in attendance. Commissioner Lewis was excused to attend a Juvenile Justice meeting.

General Brad Richie from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management met with the commissioners to discuss various aspects of emergency management in Oneida County and the State of Idaho.

Mr. Richie reported on several grant opportunities whereby mitigation projects could be funded, in part, with help from the state. Waste water treatment plants and road restoration projects were but a few of the possible areas that could be addressed. It was also noted that the state will participate in an activity next June which will revolve around the Cascadia fault. This 300-year event could impact the Pacific coastal states causing the need for help from other states like Idaho. The simulation will last a couple of day and the invitation to attend the event in Boise was extended to those in attendance including county manager Dan Williams, District representative Darin Letzring, clerk Colton and the commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Lewis, Chairman

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Lon Colton, Clerk