



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting minutes for November 8th, 2021

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a pray offered by Commissioner Eliason.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to add North Canyon timber sales to the agenda for discussion only.

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

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move into executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

Commissioner Christophersen seconded and a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Lewis – aye

Commissioner Eliason – aye

Commissioner Christophersen – aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Executive session was vacated and the regular meeting convened.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the payment of claims, meeting minutes for October 12th, and 25th, and a certificate of residency for Maestin Tubbs.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Employee request for additional COVID time away from work. Per the commissioner's temporary allowance for time away from work due to covid a road and bridge employee made the request for additional time for recovery. It was determined that this person did not use all of the time allotted which was 80 hours, and that addition time was not needed.

Secret Canyon road – the request has been made to reduce the width on a public access road leading to secret canyon, which is located on Forest Service land. The width that has been suggested is 25 feet. It was recommended by the county attorney to conduct a vacation/validation hearing for the reduced width.

A hearing will be scheduled for December 13th, 2021.

In a recent meeting approval was made to change the development code, chapter 17 whereby taking the road standards out of the development code and placing them under the road department. A decision was also made to approve a new road standards document for the road and bridge



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department. At this time, it was suggested that the Ordinance 98-09-14 dealing with how a county adopts roads into inventory be repealed.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to repeal Ordinance 98-09-14.

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

Change of address request from the Assessor's office – while assigning addresses for new parcels pending development, it was found that an existing home in the same area, was assigned an address inconsistent with county addressing. A second residence was found to be in the same circumstances. The suggestion was made to change both addresses. The comment was made that it would cause the home owners some grief as they would need to update all their contacts that correspond through the post office.

The proposed changes are

Current address; 500 N. Old Hwy 191 Change to; 147 N. Old Hwy 191

Current address; 769 N. 300 W. Change to; 789 N. 300 W.

The discussion was tabled until the homeowners could have a chance to hear the requested changes in a future meeting.

Request for tax cancelations – the Assessor's office has five separate parcels that fall under House Bill 562 whereby a homebuyer can claim homeowners' exemption on property taxes for the full year in the year that the home was purchased. The request is being made to forgive taxes to the following properties in the amount indicated per this change by the Idaho State Legislature.

Parcel # taxes to forgive

RP0025000 - \$756.45

RP0077000 - \$1,030.30

RP0096700 - \$750.68

RP0029201 - \$\$896.77

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Commissioner Eliason made the motion to forgive the taxes for the following properties as approved by House Bill 562 in the Idaho legislature.

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Employee holiday gift suggestion – The suggestion was made that the commissioners consider an alternate gift to give the employees for the holidays as has been the tradition for many years. Assessor Atkinson presented the option of a medium weight jacket that could be embroidered to say Oneida County. the cost would be about \$38.58 each.

The commissioners were in favor of giving a jacket as a holiday gift.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the purchase of jackets embroidered with Oneida County to be given as a gift for the holidays.

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

Four resolutions were presented by Clerk Colton. A resolution #2021-11-01 to open the FY2021 budget prior to close out. A resolution #2021-11-02 to transfer PILT money to the funds with a negative cash balance. A resolution #2021-11-03 to transfer PILT money into the Historical Preservation fund until such time as the reimbursement grant is paid and can be transferred back to the PILT fund. A Resolution #2021-11-04 to transfer funds from Trust accounts into budget accounts to remain compliant with GASB auditing standards.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve resolution # 2021-11-01 making the following changes; The road and bridge "C" budget will be increased by \$103,608.45,

The ambulance fund will transfer \$7,155.35 from the "C" budget to the "A" budget,

The county fair "B" budget will be increased by \$2,452.66,

The Sheriff's "A" budget will be increased by \$17,902.64,

The parks and recreation budget will transfer \$567.58 from the "A" budget to the "B" budget,

The solid waste fund will transfer \$81,054.57 from the "A", \$47,276.17 from the "D" budget,

\$149,916.00 from the "C" budget to the "B" budget and also increase the "B" budget by an additional \$347,616.46 dollars and

The consolidated election fund will transfer \$434.85 from the "B" budget to the "A" budget, \$191.30 from the "B" budget to the "D" budget and \$7,480.80 from the "B" budgets to the "C" budget.

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve resolution #2021-11-02 to transfer PILT money as follows: The county fair fund in the amount of \$32,278.65; the Justice fund in the amount of \$252,027.56; the Parks and Recreation fund in the amount of \$404.22; the 911 trust account in the amount of \$68,483.35 and the sheriff's revolving trust in the amount of \$9,758.36

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve resolution #2021-11-03 for the transfer of money from the PILT fund in the amount of \$8,300.00 dollars to the historic preservation fund on a temporary basis and that the grant reimbursement payment, when received, will be repaid to the PILT fund.

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



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Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve resolution #2021-11-04 to transfer money from select trust funds to new Budget funds, per auditing procedures, as follows;

\$12,040.13 dollars from the 9105 - Bear River Drug Taskforce trust account to the 08- Justice fund for reimbursement of past wages per the taskforce grant.

\$2,763.45 dollars from the 9108 – Juvenile department building trust account to the 0043-Juvenile department building fund.

\$21,039.39 dollars from the 9109- court facilities trust account to the 0045 - court facilities budget fund.

\$71,638.23 dollars from the Drug Court Trust fund to the following funds; ~~\$66,000.00 dollars to the justice fund for reimbursement for wages of probation office filling the coordinator roll for the past 11 eleven years, and \$5,638.23 to the new 0047- Specialty court coordinator budget account.~~

\$12,102.97 dollars from the Interlock monitoring trust account to the to the 0049 - interlock monitoring budget account.

And \$12,466.27 dollars from the 9133 - recovery act grant trust account to the 08 -justice fund for the close out of the grant expenses taken from the sheriff's "A" budget during the years the grant was active.

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

The results of the November City council election were presented for the commissioners to canvas. The results are as follows:

Tyrell C. Neal226 votes
Jaime L. Olsen.....133 votes
Drew Pettis.....34 votes
Michael Semrad.....70 votes
Larry K. Thomas.....231 votes
Louise Tuller.....42 votes

A total of 373 voters participated in the election for a 28.6% of eligible registered voters.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the canvas of the November election for the Malad City Council as presented.

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

The State catastrophic fund has asked for nominations from District 5 to serve on their board. Bill Lasley, Commissioner from Power County has been serving on this board. The commissioners were pleased with his representation and thought he would do well to continue his service in this capacity.



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Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve Commissioner Bill Lasley from Power County to serve on the State Catastrophic board.

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

The annual fireman's ball has been scheduled to take place at the county event center. A special catering permit to serve liquor has been requested and will piggy back on the Chat and Chew liquor license. Sheriff Jones has previously approved the catering permit.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the catering permit for the fireman's ball allowing them to serve liquor under the license of the Chat and Chew bar and grill.

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

A contract for felony probation to use office space at the county annex building was considered in a previous meeting but no official decision has been made as the commissioners are waiting for input from the juvenile probation officer. No decision was made.

An allocation agreement for the opioid settlement monies was received from the office of the Attorney General. The commissioners have agreed to join in the settlement at the request of the State.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve and sign the allocation agreement.

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

TV translator board – Commissioner Christophersen reported that Mike Asay accepted the position on the translator board. The commissioners want to approve all board members but there was some concern regarding the other board members and their ability to serve.

The commissioners had questions concerning the money paid towards college tuition and clerk colton gave them a copy of the Idaho Statute that directs the program and explain some of the basics of the service.

Tutor to help juveniles on probation – Commissioners discussed the need for anyone hired by the county to work with youth should have a back ground check and fingerprints taken by the sheriff's office. They will have the temporary tutor complete these tasks.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to keep the temporary tutor as hired by probation.

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

Elevator project update – Commissioner Lewis reported that notice will go in the paper starting the process of selecting contractors to bid on the elevator project. The hope is to receive qualified bids that will meet the budget and to have the project completed by the fall of 2022.



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Emergency services grant money – Dan Williams reported that the hazard mitigation plan is coming along. He applied for an additional EMPG grant for \$2,600.00 dollars that will require a 50% match.

Event center policy – Commissioners read the current policy and made suggested changes that will be incorporated into the policy and presented at a future meeting for review and approval.

Building permit activity – Commissioner Lewis reported a total of \$54,289.00 in revenue for the year 2020 as compared to around \$84,000.00 in 2021. There were five commercial building permits issued in 2021.

North Canyon timber sale – Commissioner Lewis reported that the Bureau of Land Management has some timber that they would like cut down in Oneida County. They were unsuccessful in receiving bids the first time and are now going to rebid the project.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Lewis, Chairman

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Matthew L. Colton, Clerk