



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting Agenda

March 14th, 2022

Meeting location – Event Center Conference room
459 South Main Street

9:00 a.m.	Consent agenda: Payment of claims, meeting minutes.	Action item
	Roads / frost law	Bruce Hubbard Discussion
	Bannock Street construction	Mayor Hawkins Action item
9:30 a.m.	Joint meeting with Power Count to hiring a shared court coordinator	Action item
10:00a.m.	MVI irrigation company-flood control, dam restoration, pipeline construction efforts --	
	-Request for letter of support.	Tod Daniels Action item
	Approach permits; modification	road and bridge Action item
	Encroachment permit discussion.	
	Extension educator report	
	E911 radio dispatch system	Action item
	Airport board report; Grant update	
	Canvass March Election - Joint School District #151	Action item
	Resolution for destruction of Election records from 2015 and 2016	Action item
	Elevator bid	Action item
	Holiday pay; policy change	Action item
	Senior citizens letter of gratitude	
	ARPA spending discussion	Action item
	Board of guardians	Action item
	ITD cooperative agreement	Action item



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Meeting minutes for March 14th, 2022

Commissioners in attendance: Bill Lewis, Robert Christophersen, Ken Eliason

Commissioner Lewis opened the meeting and called for a review of the agenda. No changes were made.

The consent agenda consisting of approving the claims for payment and approving the meeting minutes was first on the agenda.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payment of the claims and meeting minutes.

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

Bruce Hubbard expressed concerns with how the county handled the frost law. The claim was that the signs were posted without warning and during a time when the weather was still freezing at nights and through most of the day. He stated that as a law abiding citizen he has lost two or three weeks of moving his products to the market due to the weight and speed limits placed on the trucks. Another issue was that the speed limit of 30 MPH was also imposed when they were returning home with an empty trailer. Mr. Hubbard suggested that more damage is done to the roads because of the slower speed than when they travel at the original speed. When you go slow it creates a need for the light trucks and cars going the regular speed to pass you forcing both vehicles to run closer to the edge of the road causing damage. Commissioner Christophersen said he would look into the situation. Attorney Brower read the Idaho Code dealing with Frost Law and what options a county has. The recommendation was made by Mr. Hubbard to only restrict the weight and not the speed limit in the future.

Specialty court coordinator – Oneida Commissioners met with Power County commissioners through technology to discuss the option of have a joint specialty court coordinator to work in both counties. The proposal is to hire a part time person under the Oneida County umbrella and have Power County reimburse for their share of the payments similar to how the two counties share in the joint public defender's office. This was discussed in the past and one person has been interviewed and the Oneida County commissioners are wanting approval from Power County to move forward. The current offer is to hire the applicant to work up to 19 ½ hours per week at \$17.68 dollars per hour. The wages will be covered by the State Supreme Court along with an additional \$8,700.00 dollars to be applied towards travel expenses. Once the travel expenses have consumed the \$8,700.00 dollars then the counties would be responsible for this expense.



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Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the offer of employment to Nick Evans for the position of specialty court coordinator for Oneida County and Power County contingent upon support from Power County to participate in the Joint Office.

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

City request for assistance – Mayor Joan Hawkins approached the board of commissioners to seek assistance with a grant they are applying for. This grant will help with the storm water drainage in the city by increasing the capability of diverting the storm water into a proper location away from the city streets and residence along Bannock Street. The grant requires a match donation of money or in-kind work equal to 25% of the total project cost. Mayor Hawkins stated that she had approached Hess Pumice for assistance and they had agreed. They were looking for additional support to help bolster their chances of grant approval. A letter of approval was requested.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to sign a letter of support for the Bannock Street reconstruction for storm water diversion.

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

Malad Valley Irrigation request for a letter of support. Tod Daniels and Tracy Davis came to the meeting along with engineer Lance Houser. A Federal program being processed through the USDA was explained to the commissioners. This program would help with flood control, dam restoration and pipeline construction for the purpose of managing water resources in the valley. It was stated that they would have a better opportunity of receiving the grant if multiple agencies were involved and supportive. They are seeking a letter of support for this project to help install irrigation pipeline along their ditch banks, and to help rebuild and stabilize the Devils Creek dam, the Crowther dam and the St. John dam and in the process, help eliminate some of the flooding hazards below these structures.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to sign a letter of support for the MVI projects to control Idaho waters.

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

Approach permits – road and bridge would like to add a clarification letter to all approach permits they issue. This letter would address the current condition of the road and the maintenance that it receives as well as who will pay for any improvements that will be made to the road such as adding asphalt to a gravel road.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve an information letter to be issued with the approach permits.

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



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Encroachment permits- a citizen living on the Malad summit was issued an encroachment permit for one driveway however he installed two access points to his property. It was decided that a letter would be sent giving them 30 days to comply either by applying for another permit or removing the second driveway.

Extension educator report – Sawyer Fannesbeck, extension educator for Oneida County, stated that he had been active in helping provide many schooling opportunities for citizens both local and state wide. Some of the trainings include a virtual state wide school for cereal grain producers, pasture and grazing school in Montpelier, beef school in Gooding and a pesticide applicators training. further he has assembled an advisory group with local citizens to help identify needs in the county where the extension office can give assistance. All materials from the annex building have been moved to the new office. District Supervisor Lyle Hansen resigned and the University of Idaho is actively seeking his replacement. 4-H has 83 enrollees' currently with prospects to recruit more youth. Mr. Fannesbeck and his staff have been involved in a lot of training preparing for the coming year with more training coming in the near future for staff, volunteers and youth.

Sawyer made a request for ARPA funding for a few items to help advertise the extension office and available resources. The total request is for \$3,000.00 dollars and it will pay for printing and mailing of select information regarding the extension office and its resources.

E-911 – The commissioners discussed how they could dispose of the old dispatch system if a new one was purchased. The vendor offered to buy the components back. The suggestion was made to see if the county could sell the dispatch station independently.

The March election for a bond in the Cassia Joint School District # 151 was reviewed. Oneida County has about 23 registered voters in the Joint School District. Of the 23 ballots sent out, nine were returned, four votes against the bond and five votes in favor. The results, once certified, will be sent to Cassia County.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to certify the results for the march 7th, election for Joint School District #151.

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

A resolution was presented to the commissioners for the destruction of all election records from the years 2015 and 2016. The records retention on election records has a maximum time of five years with some items being available for disposal in a little as two months. Currently the clerk is saving all election materials for the full five years before disposal.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve resolution, #2022-03-01 for the destruction of all election records from 2015 and 2016.

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



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Airport board report – tabled

Elevator bids – Commissioner Lewis reported that two companies returned bids for the elevator project. Lundahl Building, with a bid of \$916,301.00 met all the requirements except acknowledgment of the addendums. DWA Construction, with a bid of \$802,165.00 met all the requirements and had the lowest bid.

Funding was discussed and the money is available from the PILT savings that has been ongoing for this purpose. It is also thought that the ARPA money from the Federal Government could be used for the project. Commissioner Lewis suggested taking the low bid and moving forward with the project.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to accept the bid from DWA construction in the amount of \$802,163.00 dollars as the low bid and contractor able to complete the project.

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

Holiday pay – tabled for future meeting.

Senior citizens letter to the commissioners – Commissioner Lewis reported that a letter of gratitude was sent to the county from the senior citizens center for their help in keeping the center open and operating.

ARPA spending discussion – the commissioners reviewed the many requests they had received for utilizing the Federal money known as ARPA or American Rescue Plan Act. The items reviewed were given a ranking or priority of need. The sheriff updated his request with a current bid for the dispatch console and related equipment. The commissioners wanted more information on the ambulance request and an updated quote for cost. The same request was made on the Fire District request. Both will be asked to come to the next meeting to discuss.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to fund the extension office request for \$3,000.00 for advertising, the Assessors office for a surface pro tablet for the appraiser in the amount of \$1,200.00 and the Sheriff's office request for the dispatch console and related equipment at a cost of \$136,064.00 dollars.

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

The commissioners asked about the request for a backup generator for the events center. A bid will be brought to a future commissioner meeting for approval.

Board of Guardians – the county has joined forces with three other counties to create a quad board of guardians. Each county needs to provide a couple of board members and a coordinator.



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The recommendation was made to approve Janet Hoskins as coordinator, Marcia Stocks and Julie Boyak as members of the board.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve Janet Hoskins as coordinator and Marcia Stocks and Julie Boyak as members of the board with Marcia serving a three year term and Julie serving a two year term.

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

Idaho Transportation Department agreement- the original agreement was questioned by the commissioners and Chairman Lewis called ITD to discuss. A new agreement has yet to be sent to the county. The agreement will be added to a future agenda.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Lewis, Chairman

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Matthew L. Colton, Clerk