



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting Agenda

May 9th, 2022

Meeting location – Event Center Conference room
459 South Main Street

9:00 A.M.	Consent agenda; payment of claims and meeting minutes.	Action item
	DEQ semi-annual visit Katie Bergholm 208-236-6160	
	Review and approve bid for airport runway project	Action item
	Gordon Smith; follow up on nuisance issue near home on 300 W.	Action item
	Comp time pay out	Action item
	Comp time pay; policy and compliance	Action item
	Resolution for R&B fee schedule	Action item
	Resolution for Noxious weed dept. fee schedule	Action item
	Juvenile Assessment Center; letter of support	Action item
	City impact zone	Action item
	REDI economic development	Action item
	ITD agreement for work near Devils Creek reservoir	Action item
	City support letter for stormwater project	Action item
	Executive session Per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)	
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Meeting minutes for May 9th, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and pray offered by commissioner Christophersen.

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

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

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

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regional administrator Katy Bergholm met with the commissioners to discuss any issues the county may be having. She reported on grant opportunities that they are able to provide via using Federal ARPA monies they have received. The available money can be used for drinking water, waste water and ground water protection. Commissioner Christophersen asked about hydrology studies as they relate to subdivisions and individual sewer and culinary wells for each plot. Katy stated that a five-acre lot is standard size to allow for protection of water and give proper separation of the well and septic systems. She further offered the assistance of her office in providing advice to proposed developments when they are going through their approval process.

Resident Gordon Smith asked the commissioners to help control a nuisance situation near his home located near 800 N. 300 W. The nuisance is that of weeds and old cars parked on a neighbor's property near his barns etc. His fear is that the weeds could catch fire and ignite the cars, causing a significant event that could damage his property and home. Gordon stated that he has been before the board of commissioners five times previous and no action has been taken and yet the collection of cars continues to increase.

Commissioner Lewis stated that there is an ordinance at the county level, adopted in 1995, that deals with nuisance issues. The fire marshal and sheriff's department would be able to enforce the ordinance whereas the commissioners can only create the county law. It was reported that the sheriff has been in contact with the land owner but no cleanup has taken place yet.

Airport bids for the runway and taxiway reconstruction were received and reviewed by the airport board. The bids are now before the commissioners. It was reported that both companies met all requirements and both had their bid bonds in place. Staker Parsons bid; \$1,654,507.50. Post Asphalt bid; \$2,220,897.00.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to accept the low bid from Staker Parsons in the amount of \$1,654,507.50 for the airport runway and apron reconstruction project.

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

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Commissioner Lewis emphasized that the project would be paid from Federal Dollars paid to the State of Idaho through the cares act.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to authorize Commissioner Lewis to sign all documents in regards to the bid acceptance including the contract with Stake Parsons and the notice to proceed. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The airport board also update the commissioners on a grant for a weather monitoring system that would aid emergency medical aircraft when analyzing their ability to land in bad weather; the grant is still in process.

They also reported on the status of power being transferred to individual meters for each hanger; the power will be transferred in early summer.

Compensation time payout. Sheriff Jones made the request to pay down the comp time for several of his employees. Comp time for officers is accrued after they have worked 86 hours and not the standard 80 hours in a two week period. This Federal law is also applicable to fire fighters. It was also stated that these workers should be paid for those hours between 80 and 86 in their regular pay rather than having them accrued as comp time. Federal FSLA title 29, chapter 8 section 7 was cited.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the pay out of comp time for sheriff department employees as requested and for road and bridge employees that have exceeded their accrual limit of 150 hours.

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

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to automatically pay all comp time that exceeds an employee's accrual limit in the next pay period.

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

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the payment of all hours worked by the sheriff deputies between 80 and 86 hours in lieu of applying it to comp time.

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

Juvenile assessment center – This assessment center would be a resource for families that have a young person in their home who may appear to be heading down a bad path in life. The resources could help the youth stay out of the justice system due to crimes. Grant money is available for the assessment center however it will only help in the setup and operations for five years. The assessment center could be operated on a regional level with satellite offices. Prosecutor Brower is asking the commissioners for a letter of support for this resource and also suggests that Chief Probation Officer Gabe Jimenez assume the assessment roll. Commissioner Lewis asked how many people would be



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served with this service. Prosecutor Brower reported that about 12 kids could benefit from the program if they would participate.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve a letter of support for the Juvenile Assessment Center with a satellite office.

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

City impact zone – Commissioner Lewis stated that the city and county need to work towards an agreement on the city impact zone and cited Idaho Code 67-6526. He further stated that a yearly review should be held to determine if changes need to be made and that it is important to have an accurate map of the approved area.

Per IC 67-6526 (b) a letter can be written, giving notice to the other entity, demanding compliance at which point 9 representatives, three county commissioners, three city council and three other citizen for a total of 9 members on the review board.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to send a letter to Malad City for the purpose of beginning the process of negotiating the impact zone around the city.

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

REDI economic development – Commissioner Lewis stated that the county has been a member of REDI for the past year and the commissioners need to decide if they should maintain the membership for the next year. It is anticipated that there will be much growth in the near future and the county could use the help with economic growth. Commissioner Christophersen stated that he thought the county had made a decision with the joint city county economic group and further stated that he thought that with the anticipated growth, the county could use both options. The renewal membership fee will be \$2,500.00 dollars for one year.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the REDI membership for one year at the cost of \$2,500.00 dollars.

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

ITD agreement for working near the county right of way by Devils Creek Reservoir. This topic was tabled until a future meeting and a final draft of the agreement.

City support letter for help with a storm water collection area – a letter of support was approved in a previous meeting however the grant requires a monetary amount be attached to the in-kind work to be provided. The letter was modified to reference \$20,000.00 dollars with help through the road supervisor and an estimate of equipment that may be used. Commissioner Lewis thought it best to ratify the approval through the full membership of the board.



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Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the action of modifying the support letter for the Malad City storm water project by adding a monetary amount of in-kind assistance equal to \$20,000.00 dollars.

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

Commissioner Eliason 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... and (1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Lewis – Aye

Commissioner Eliason – Aye

Commissioner Christophersen – Aye

The motion carried unanimously

Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Lewis, Chairman

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Matthew L. Colton, Clerk