



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting Agenda

July 25th, 2022

Meeting location – Event Center Conference room
459 South Main Street

9:00 A.M.	Consent agenda; claims approval and meeting minutes approval.	Action item
	Property tax late fee & penalty forgiveness request Lou Ann Bennett	Action
	Property tax exemption request; First United Presbyterian Church	Action item
	Krystal Bates PLAT map approval	Action item
	Ambulance expenses -- ARPA possible	Action item
	OEM grant expenses with emergency services	Action item
	Development code approval	Action item
	Four Casi economic Development	Discussion
	ED PRO grant acceptance	Action item
	Belt Buckle sponsorship for county fair	Action item
	Event center parking lot lighting Sawyer	Action item
	Day of service projects	Discussion
	Road standards – asphalt apron requirements	Discussion
	Road grader lease	Action item
	Weed department work hours and budget discussion	Action item
	Fair Board; Land purchase	Action item
	Ordinance review/ curfew and loitering	Action item
	Budget discussion	
	Medical insurance	
	Proposed A budgets	
	Building department	
	Remaining departments	
12:00	lunch break	
1:00	Continuation of budget discussion and other agenda items not already addressed.	



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Meeting minutes for July 25th, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and pray offered by Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. No changes were made.

The consent agenda consisting of approving the claims and meeting minutes for July 11th, was addressed.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the consent agenda approving the claims and July 11th, meeting minutes.

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

Property tax forgiveness of late fees and penalties – Louann Bennett, participating via telephone, has asked for forgiveness of late fees and penalties in the amount of \$71.27 dollars. She purchases a home in November prior to the new tax notices being sent. When they closed on the purchase the taxes were prorated to the date of sale leaving about two months of unpaid taxes. The notice for these taxes were sent to the previous owner's escrow account, since the paperwork had not been filed at the time of mailing. Mrs. Bennett was unaware of any taxes due until the Treasures office sent an overdue letter in the mail the following June. She is only asking forgiveness of the penalties and interest and acknowledges the need to pay the actual tax amount.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to forgive the penalties and interest in the amount of \$71.27 dollars for Louann Bennett for past taxes.

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

Tax forgiveness – The Presbyterian church has a home that they have recently leased/rented. Under the Idaho Code this property is eligible for taxation if it is rented. The assessor spoke with them about the new tax however it was after the time frame where they could file an appeal with the BOE. The Assessor made the recommendation to refrain from placing the property on the tax roles until the following year whereby giving both parties time to research the issue.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the action of not adding the Presbyterian rental property on the 2023 taxes.

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



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PLAT map for Krystal Bates. Krystal presented 8 ½ by 11 printouts of what the PLAT map was to look like. She explained how she was dividing her property and further stated that planning and zoning had approved the action. Rhonda Neal verified the planning and zoning approval via telephone.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the Bates PLAT map contingent on all other signature lines being completed.

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

Ambulance – members of the volunteer ambulance crew came before the commissioners to ask permission to purchase a batter operated extrication tool. The commissioners previously approved equipment expenses that were to be taken from the federal ARPA money. Of these approved expenses it was found that a service contract has been included. The service contract in the amount of \$11,000.00 dollars was not purchased and they have asked of this money could be used to purchase the extrication tool. The tool will cost more than the \$11,000.00 however they committed to paying for the difference out of their capital expenditure line.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the purchase of the extraction tool up to the amount of \$11,000.00 dollars.

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

Development code approval. The commissioners approved the new development code after the public hearing on July 20th, 2022. The meeting was posted however they felt like a ratification in a regular meeting was in order.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the new development code as presented in the public hearing on July 20th, 2022 with the following changes. 1-surface water being sold with the land, 2- mortgage splits will not count against a subdivision split. 3- Possible exemption for homes needing to be contiguous when building multiple homes on a larger plot of land. 4- modified the chart of permitted uses, increasing the possible uses.

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

Oneida County is the host county for the four county economic development efforts. They are funded in part by the State of Idaho and the grant funding needs to be approved. The grant is referred to as the EDPRO grant and it outlines the responsibilities associated with the acceptance of the money and allots \$25,000.00 dollars to the program.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the EDPRO grant for \$25,000.00 dollars for the four county economic development program.

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

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A request was presented for the county to help sponsor belt buckles for the up coming 4-H/county fair participants. After discussion it was determined that this money was already placed in the county fair budget.

Event center lighting- Extension agent Sawyer Fannesbeck has been seeking bids to install new lighting in the west parking area. He did not have firm quotes for the labor at this time. The issue will be brought up in the next meeting.

Day of Service – the interfaith council is planning a day of service on September 10th to provide service opportunities that can benefit the community. Some of the ideas that were shared are;

- clean around Crowther's reservoir
- clean around the fair grounds
- clean the road sides and highway.
- Service in Holbrook area.

It was further suggested that the county could help sponsor a breakfast or lunch for the community prior to the days activities.

Road Standards – complaints have been coming in regarding the requirement for an asphalt apron for all private access that connect to oiled/improved county roads. The cost for a 6 foot apron running 30 feet in length could cost around \$4,800 dollars if the area is prepared by the customer. Commissioner Lewis explained that this requirement is necessary to protect the county roads but also indicated that more research should be conducted by the commissioners prior to a decision being made on future requests. It was stated that Idaho Transportation Department also requires the apron however the specific requirements were not known at this time.

Road and bridge equipment lease – Supervisor Dredge asked the commissioners if she could replace the grader stationed in Juniper with a leased grader. The grader being sought is a 150 AWD and they would like a 5 year lease with up to 4000 hours of use. The cost will be \$46,807.00 per year with a buy back option at the end of the lease.

The reasoning for going with a lease is the maintenance cost for repairs on newer equipment is higher due to the many computers and other electronics involved.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the lease of a 150AWD road grader for \$46,807.00 per year for five years.

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

Weed department – supervisor Thomas presented her budget requests and discussed issues that need to be addressed including her equipment, chemical storage and the weed department building in general.

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She discussed spray agreements in place with various other entities including the federal agencies. She talked about bio control for weeds where certain bugs known to eat various noxious weeds are released into an area where they could potentially help control the spreading of the weed. She also addressed her work hours and asked the commissioners to work with her on setting hours that will allow her to continue her schooling and farm work. At her suggestion this may include moving to part time status.

Ordinance review. This topic was tabled until the August 8th, meeting.

Fair Board – it was suggested that the commissioners consider purchasing some land adjacent to the fair grounds on the east side. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the purchase with the current owner.

(lunch)

Emergency management – County manager Dan Williams and district liaison Darin Letzring spoke about the proposed water tanks to be placed in select parts of the county to aid in providing water to those fighting fires. It was found that the SHSP money could not be used for this purpose. It was suggested that the Idaho Department of Lands may have some money available for mitigation projects but that would need to be researched better to know if the money was available for this type of project and it would need to be processed by the fire district.

another possible use for the SHSP money would be a backup generator for the event center, a new printer/plotter for the Assessor's office to aid in the GIS mapping and radios for the search and rescue. The all-hazard mitigation plan will be ready for public review soon. Dan reminded the commissioners of cyber security training event in Boise and also reported that next year's EMPG grant allotment will be increased by \$2,000.00 dollars.

Benefits discussion. Scott Leavitt will attend the next meeting to present the options for medical, dental, vision and life insurance renewal rates.

FT2023 budgets were discussed including the A budgets for salaries. Commissioner Lewis suggested a building department lead by building inspector Tory Richardson. He would be in charge of all overseeing maintenance, custodial etc. for all county facilities. He would not receive a raise in pay however he would move to a 40 hour week. Planning a zoning will be moved.

The swimming pool offers pictures to the swimming lesson students as a fund raiser and they have collected a small amount of money. They have requested that some of this money be used to purchase a set of nine lockers that could be used for smaller items. The cost is under \$300.00 dollars and the lockers will be installed near the grass viewing area.

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Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the purchase of the lockers for the swimming pool. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Lewis, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Colton", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk

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