



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting Agenda

August 8th, 2022

Meeting location – Event Center Conference room
459 South Main Street

9:00 A.M.	Consent agenda; claims approval, meeting minutes, one Certificate of residency	Action item
9:05	Delegation of chairman duties	Action item
	Joann Price – living center; agreement for emergency housing	Action item
	Subdivision concerns; Paul & Kathy Hubbard	discussion
	Probation; GPS and alcohol tracking contract	Action item
	Probation budget and office needs	Action item
	Extension office doors	Action item
	Lighting for event center parking	Action item
	Emergency plan for wild fire declarations	Action item
	Hospital board member	Action item
	Employment agreement for training in road and bridge	Action item
	Employment agreement for building inspector	Action item
	Ordinance review; nuisance and curfew, solid waste	Action item
	District 5 meeting on August 25 th ,	Action item
	Searle Hart financial audit agreement for 22/23 audit years	Action item
	Capital Crimes Defense Fund board member nomination	Action item
	excess county property sales	Action item
	Opioid settlement report	Action item
	Secure rural schools' allocations;	Action item
	Holiday pay sheriff	Action item
	FY2023 budget discussion	discussion
1:00	Scott Leavitt renewal of employee benefits	Action item
	Executive session per IC 74-206 (1) (c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency;	



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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.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to add IAC annual conference to the agenda.

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

The consent agenda consisting of payment of the claims, approval of meeting minutes and one Certificate of Residence was the first item on the agenda.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Chairman duties. When the chairman is not in attendance another commissioner must take on this role.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to assign Commissioner Christophersen as acting chairman for the remainder of the year for any meetings where the chairman is unable to attend.

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

Living Center request – Proprietor JoAnn Price made the request of the commissioners to allow her to use the event center as a second backup location for those utilizing her facility should they need to be evacuated. This is to comply with regulations on her living center. The fire station is the first backup. The commissioners asked about the conditions where they would need to use the facility. Attorney Brower asked for clarification of the agreement stating that it did not include information such as length of stay, services expected, etc.

The commissioners asked about the county emergency plan and whether it included issues such as these. No decisions were made as the commissioners will take time to investigate some concerns.

Paul and Kathy Hubbard came before the commissioners to express concerns about the proposed subdivision adjacent to their home on Highway 38. Water was a concern along with the possibility of subdivision residence not liking an active farm next to their development, weed control on the larger lots spreading to their farm, traffic entering a busy road way and possible safety hazards with traffic, water contamination of the underground water source due to a concentrated area of septic tanks were but a few of the items mentioned. The commissioners thanked them for sharing their concerns and suggested that they attend the public hearing to express their thoughts when it gets to that stage.

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Probation monitoring of individuals – Chief probation office Gabe Jimenez introduce information of a company called Premier, that can provide a GPS monitoring system for probationers. They will send as many units as requested at a cost of \$2.00 dollars per day if unused and \$4.50 per day when it is actively tracking someone. Gabe would like to get at least one monitor if approved. The county can request as many units as they would like without changing the agreement. If the county had multiple units and decided that wanted to down size, they would simply pay for shipping to return them to the company.

It is anticipated that one unit would be utilized at least 50% of the time. The commissioners asked about budget for the request. It was indicated that they had money in the drug testing account that could be used for the remainder of the current budget year.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the following; to reduce the current budget request for FY23 for drug testing to \$2,000.00 dollars and to add a new line for the probation monitoring service with Sentinel Co. at the amount of \$4,000.00 dollars and to approve the signing of a contract with Sentinel Co.

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

Extension office doors – it was brought to the commissioner's attention that the current door handle on the extension office can accidentally be locked when someone exiting the office pushes on the locking mechanism in the door handle. They would like to replace the current mechanism and replace the lock with a dead bolt. Further they would like to re key the locks on their office. they are unaware of all the keys that may have been issued for their office since the building was put into service and they would like better security due to the high-end electronics and such that they are acquiring for the 4-H program.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the upgrade to the extension office doors.

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

Lighting for the event center parking area. Sawyer Fannesbeck presented bids to install the lighting at the event center. The commissioners discussed the bids and whether they should include new poles as well. Commissioner Lewis stated that this purchase may be eligible to come from their one-time expense money that is scheduled to be set aside in the FY2023 budget. The commissioner will review and decide at a later date.

Office of Emergency Management; Dan Williams reported on the shirts and shelters that were purchase for the road and bridge department, to be used when they are called to help with a wild fire. They further discussed the training needs of these individuals. Attorney Brower further suggested calling ICRMP about coverage for our employees under this circumstance of helping another agency

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fighting wild fires. An agreement was presented to allow for the road department to give assistance when needed.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the agreement for emergency assistance and that they need to receive safety training, contingent on ICRMP approval.

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

Hospital board member – position is still open and a replacement is being sought.

Employment agreement for road and bridge. The department would like to aid new hires that need to achieve their commercial driver's license. The agreement would require a set number of year in exchange for the aid.

Likewise, the building inspector needs certifications and the commissioners would like to have a signed agreement to work for several years in exchange for the help.

Agreements will be drafted for the next meeting.

Ordinance review – the board engaged in reviewing a draft copy of an ordinance that will combine two current ordinances. #6 and #2095-07-01. The ordinances deal with curfews and public peace.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve Ordinance #2022-08-02 – OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY AND PUBLIC PEACE.

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

Four more ordinances were identified, each one dealing with solid waste, that will be reviewed for a future discussion. Commissioner Lewis will discuss with Jayson Lower of the IDAWY regional landfill.

The commissioners were polled to see who could attend the district 5 meeting on August 25th.

Commissioner Eliason will try to attend. The other commissioners have prior obligations.

Commissioners Lewis and Eliason will try to attend the annual IAC meeting in September.

Capital Crimes Defense Fund has an open position for board members. The commissioners have the opportunity to nominate someone if they choose. Bob Kunau is the current at large board member.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to nominate Bob Kunau to the two year term on the CCDF board in the at-large position.

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

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Excess county property – the road department has a few items that they would like to sell. The commissioners are also aware of other departments that have items to be excessed. The suggestion was made to have the clerk contact all department in an effort to excess all item on one resolution if possible. The dead line of August 26th was set for department to respond.

Secure Rural Schools provides some funding for roads and schools. The county must decide what percentage to allow through the Federal guidelines provided. Title I gives 85% to the county and 15% to the schools and is the formula that has been authorized for the past several years.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve Title I for the acceptance of future SRS monies from the Federal Government.

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

Holiday pay proposal by the sheriff.

To help eliminate the possible confusion of deferred holidays due to work schedules the sheriff is proposing that all deputies would receive pay for the holiday without interrupting the work schedule. If an office has a holiday during his/her work schedule then s/he would get regular time for working and the holiday would be paid out rather than being deferred. If the holiday falls on a day other than a work day then s/he would get paid for the holiday and still work the regular shift.

No decision were made and the commissioner will evaluate the request.

Scott Leavitt presented the renewal information for the employee benefits. The dental was not increased and will remain at \$41.86 per month per employee.

Sun life insurance will increase a total of \$24.00 per month for all active policies covered by the county. this is about \$.50 per employee. The medical insurance was bid at an increase of 9 ½ percent increase with Blue Cross. Blue shield was more competitive and offered slightly better benefits at a much lower cost. Blue shield will cost \$759.81 which is around \$20.00 increase per month per employee whereas Blue Cross wanted a 9.5 % increase. The GEM plan was asked to give a quote however they have not responded at this time. The commissioners wanted to hold of on approving a renewal until the GEM plan responded.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve Delta Dental for renewal with not increase in cost. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve Sun Life for renewal with a \$24.00 dollar increase per month over all.

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

The commissioners will wait to see what the GEM plan will quote for medical insurance.

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The commissioners discussed budget requests for FY2023. Assessor Atkinson asked for a phone allowance for the county appraiser in the amount of \$40.00 dollars. she uses her phone for communication while in the field and for a hot spot to obtain internet while out and about in the county.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve \$40.00 per month cell phone reimbursement for the county appraiser.

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

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move into an 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 IC § 74-206 (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.

Commissioner Eliason seconded.

A roll call vote was taken

Commissioner Lewis – Aye

Commissioner Eliason – Aye

Commissioners Christophersen – Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Following the executive session the budget discussion was resumed after which the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Lewis".

Bill Lewis, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew L. Colton".

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk

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