



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting minutes for October 24th, 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.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to add land purchase for the fair ground as a discussion topic.

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

The consent agenda was addressed.

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

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

Extension agent Sawyer Fannesbeck reported that bids for new light poles in the event center parking area are still pending. He also asked the commissioners if they could conduct animal 4-H in the arena in the winter. They would like to start a second level class for dogs along with the sewing, cooking etc. The commissioners asked about cleanliness. Sawyer ensured them that he would have strict rules to help keep the arena clean during and after the club meets. Commissioner Lewis stated that he would be in favor of allowing the indoor dog 4-H on a trial basis. Commissioner Christophersen wanted to postpone a decision. Sawyer ensured that the dogs would always be kept on a leash, they would stay in one area of the arena only, the kids would walk their dogs before bringing them indoors. It was further stated that this class would be for advanced dog training meaning that all participants had some level of training. Commissioner Lewis was in support if the class could be suspended if problems came up.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to allow advanced dog 4-H classes in the arena at the event center for a two-month trial period so long as the dogs are kept on a leash and the building is cleaned after each meeting.

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

Tax cancellation request- Treasurer Love asked for tax forgiveness on behalf of parcel #RP00258302 for the tax year 2020. She explained that this property inadvertently was assessed for a dwelling that sits on the adjacent parcel. This assessment only occurs during the 2020 tax year and the 2019 and 2021 tax years were assessed appropriately. In her calculations the assessed amount of \$804.22 in 2020 was \$627.64 more than if the assessment was for property only. It is her opinion that because the county is the one that made the mistake in its assessment that it should be willing to forgive the taxes as well.

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This property is close to the third year delinquency and if unpaid, could be taken by the treasurer.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to cancel \$627.64 dollars from the 2020 taxes on parcel # RP00258302 due to a duplication of assessments for one residence.

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

Fire District secretary Justin Schwartz asked the commissioners to forgive the rental fee for the use of the event center for the fireman's ball. The commissioners discussed what entities were currently getting free use of the facility and why. The fire district has let the county use their meeting room for hearings and other meetings without charging in the past.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to allow the fire department use of the event center for the fireman's ball this year, free of charge.

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

Justin also reported the need to consider upgrading the truck radios and personal radios used for communication. He asked if the county had any funds that could help with the purchase.

Question was raised about the alcohol license for the fireman's ball. Cody shared information on what was done in the previous year.

Paragon Consulting agreement for engineering review. Although the county has a current agreement with Paragon, they are seeking a new agreement for the next fiscal year. the terms are the same however the paperwork did not identify a dollar amount to be charged per each hour worked. It only listed a total dollar amount that was anticipate to be spent during the budget year. Commissioner Lewis stated that the board would like to know the billing rate before they sign. Road and bridge was able to communicate with Paragon and they sent a letter via e mail stating that the hourly charge to the county would be \$150.00.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the Paragon agreement for engineering consultation services to assist road and bridge and planning and zoning.

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

Road and bridge made the request to allow the purchase of a portable generator that can run a conveyor belt to stack their salt/sand and power the shop if needed. They had several different quotes for individual sizes ranging from a 35 Kw at \$40,000.00 dollars to a 25Kw for \$26,000.00. they also had a used option for \$17,000.00 dollars. Commissioner Christophersen asked about the generator that was donated to the fire station. It was not hooked up but they promised it would be soon. It was not the right size for road and bridge as they need a three phase. The commissioners questioned what the right size would be. The supervisor will report back with more information in a future meeting.

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Two resolutions were presented by the clerk. The first resolution, #2022-10-03 will open the budget and make needed changes prior to closing the fiscal year financials. The changes will increase the following funds; Airport - \$1,852,673.09 to account for a state grant that was awarded; Ambulance - \$11,884.12 due to higher than anticipated number of calls; District Court - \$1,735.00 due to essential worker pay awarded by the commissioners; County Fair - \$2,208.77 due to work on rebuilding the arena holding pens; Justice fund - \$54211.01 to account for a grant to help with the boat check station and a grant to help with patrol equipment; Health District- \$246.96 due to essential worker pay awarded by the commissioners; Park and recreation - \$47.45 due to increased cost of heating; Revaluation - \$479.00 due to essential worker pay awarded by commissioners; Consolidated elections - \$494.80 due to essential worker pay awarded by the commissioners; Historical preservation - \$4,700.00 due to grant money received for the creation of a preservation plan; Waterways budget - \$7,340.20 due to expenses of past grants; E-911 fund - \$8,457.24 due to unanticipated expenses; Drug court coordinator - \$356.71 due to unanticipated expenses; ARPA fund - \$44,275.35 due to expenses for the elevator project anticipated to be paid in FY2023.

The second resolution, #2022-10-04, will transfer PILT money into the Justice and Fair ground funds to cover approved budgets spent throughout the year. the Justice fund will receive \$441,965.99 dollars and the fair will receive \$32,653.97.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve resolution #2022-10-03 to open the budget or FY2022 and make needed changes prior to closing out the financial year.

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

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve resolution #2022-10-04 to transfer PILT money into the Justice fund and Fair grounds fund prior to closing the FY2022 fiscal year.

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

Commissioner Christophersen reported on an incident at the event center whereby a group had to clean the facility for several hours prior to holding their event. The event was reported a success and the renters were willing to pay the fee however Commissioner Christophersen felt that the county should give some consideration to the group since the county failed to provide the service / building that was being asked for. His suggestion was to forgive the rental fee altogether.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to forgive the rental fee on the event center to the renters that had to clean the building prior to and after their event.

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



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Idaho Office of Emergency Management has awarded the county with the 2022 EMPG grant and seeks to have the acceptance of the grant formalized by signature. The award will match up to \$11,400.37 dollars.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the acceptance of the 2022 EMPG grant. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Land purchase – The commissioners have been negotiating the purchase of land on the north side of the fair grounds. The fair board reported that they would like the county to purchase six acres of the land available. The commissioners agreed that this could be a possibility and asked fair board chairman Ken Moss Jr. to speak with the land owner. The suggested rate would be \$20,000.00 dollars per acre.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to move into executive session per Idaho Code section 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; 74-206 (1) (e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations; 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. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement;

Commissioner Eliason seconded.

Roll call vote.

Commissioner Eliason – aye

Commissioner Christophersen – Aye

Commissioner Lewis – Aye

All approved and the motion carried.

Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.


Bill Lewis, Chairman


Matthew L. Colton, Clerk

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