



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – BOB CHRISTOPHERSEN – KEN ELIASON

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting minutes for December 29th, 2022

Commissioners in attendance: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Eliason, Commissioner Christophersen.

The meeting was opened by chairman Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to hold 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, or public-school student;
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. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement;

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Eliason – Aye

Commissioner Lewis – Aye

Commissioner Christophersen – Aye

The motion carried.

(Open meeting)

Attorney Brower spoke with Katie Leavitt. She is a counselor at Empower Coaching and Consulting LLC. The reason for the call is to consider utilizing her counseling services for the employees in law enforcement. It was identified that nationally; law enforcement has a greater need for this service due to the events they are subject to.

The commissioners discussed a contract with Katie.

Commissioners agreed to sign an agreement with Katie Leavitt with Empower Coaching & Consulting LLC to provide up to 100 sessions of counselling for the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. It was agreed that Oneida County would pay \$10,000 upfront for the services and at the end of one year any unused money may be refunded to the county . The counseling rate will be as follows:

At the conclusion of a year if Empower Coaching and Consulting consults less than 70 sessions the billing rate will be \$125, per session, and if there are more than 70 sessions the billing rate will be \$100. per session. All names of those employees being counseled will be confidential.



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Commissioner Lewis made the motion to contract with Empower Coaching and Consulting LLC, for 100 sessions of counseling at a reduced rate of \$100.00 dollars per session, to provide mental health counseling for sheriff office employees effective January 1, 2023.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Lewis, Chairman

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

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk