



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – KEN ELIASON – BRIAN JEPSEN

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting minutes for May 8th, 2023

Attendance: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Eliason, Commissioner Jeppsen.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and pray offered by Commissioner Eliason. Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. The suggestion was made to add "respectful workplace" meeting and sheriff's backup servers to the agenda for discussion only.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to add respectful workplace meeting and sheriff's backup servers to the agenda for discussion only.

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

Consent agenda – payment of claims and meeting minutes.

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

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

Road question – Greg Friedli petitioned the commissioners to give back the road in front of his house at 300 N. between the intersections of 5400 W and 5800 W.

It was explained that originally the road was a private drive from 5400 W. running to the west and ending at their home. an agreement was made with the county that they could make it a county road to connect with 5800 W if they maintained the road in good condition. They explained that the road is not in good condition and has not been maintained. They further explained the hazards on the road as it travels downward into a recess at the intersection with 5400 W. This intersection is in a blind spot for travelers approaching from the north and west. It was also explained that many travelers don't abide by the posted speed limits and create a hazard when they approach oncoming traffic at the crest of the hills. Commissioner Lewis explained briefly the process of vacating a road. Commissioner Eliason will make a site visit to better understand the situation.

Airport – bids to apply a seal coat on the new runway were opened by the airport board. The two bids come from Anderson Asphalt; \$127,357.22 and CR Contracting; \$108,305.62. it was reported that only the bid from Andersons complied with all the specifications in the bid proposal. CR Contracting did not bid for the AP4 quality sealant that was requested but rather bid for a standard sealcoat. They also did not bid for the correct stripping of the runway.

The airport board further stated that they had applied for a grant that could potentially pay for 50% of the cost for the seal coat however the grant will not be awarded until July.



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Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve Anderson bid for application of AP4 sealant to the airport runway and other asphalt surfaces along with stripping of the runway.

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

Sheriff Jones presented a renewal memorandum of understanding (MOU) for monitoring the boat check station on Interstate 15, south of Malad. The MOU provides for funding to pay wages and equipment costs to have patrol officers watch for violators that drive past the mandatory water craft check point.

Commissioner Jepsen made the motion to approve the MOU with the Department of Agriculture for law enforcement patrol of the boat check station on Interstate 15.

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

Sheriff Jones asked for a copy of the latest step and grade chart so he can prepare his budget.

Commissioner Lewis presented a copy for the clerk to distribute to all elected officials and department heads.

Assessor Atkinson informed the commissioners of a legislative bill that passed the legislature whereby a county fee could be charged for all title work performed in the department of motor vehicle. This fee would help pay for her employees needed to run the DMV. Further she asked for an increase to the registration fees. Currently the county charges \$4.50 per registration and she would like to increase to \$5.00 dollars.

Both increases would help pay for the one and a half employees needed. It was determined that both increases would require a public hearing first.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to hold a public hearing for increases to the DMV charges for title work and registrations.

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

The commissioners addressed a workman's compensation claim being handled by the State insurance Fund.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to notify the State Insurance Fund that it is Oneida County's position that the State Insurance Fund does not agree to any settlement of claim # 2021-03-1925.

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

John Blaisdell, fire marshal for the Oneida Fire District, explained to the commissioners that the Fire District is being called more frequently to inspect commercial buildings and other developments as they go through the construction phase. He stated that the fire department is all volunteer and they do not get paid for the added time to complete the inspections. He asked if the commissioners could help
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in any way such as the initiation of impact fees. It was stated that an impact fee may help however it would take up to two years to implement. The commissioners suggested charging a fee for their inspections.

This issue will be addressed at a future meeting.

Property tax exemptions – Three properties in Samaria have been receiving tax exemption. The commissioners discussed the status of all three properties to determine if they should be allowed tax exempt status again this coming year. Luke Waldron has been representing all three properties and suggested that parcel RP0262101 should be taxed.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve tax exemption or RP0275001 and RP0256802. Commissioner Jeppsen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to deny that tax exempt request for RP0262101 as it did not meet the requirements.

Commissioner Jeppsen second. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The Oneida Museum and the theater guild also applied for tax exemption for tax year 2023. The commissioners discussed their eligibility.

Commissioner Jeppsen made the motion to approve tax exempt status for the Oneida County relic preservation and Malad Theater Guild for the 2023 tax year.

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

The clerk reported that the financial and recording software for the county has been provided by Computer Arts Co. for some time. Harris company has purchased CAI and found that the system was unsustainable. They are looking to build a new platform for financials and recording however other companies are also interested in supplying software to the county. The clerk recommended staying with Harris as they know what the counties need and have retention of our old records which may become compromised if the county were to convert to a new vendor program.

Commissioner Jeppsen made the motion to approve staying with Harris computer for the counties financial and recording software.

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

Commissioner Lewis reported that the elevator has been delivered to Salt Lake and they are waiting for an installation crew to become available.

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One bid for a construction manager was received. The committee set up by the commissioners, will review the bid to see if it meets the standards.

Follow up to the flood risk – Deep Creek has not started to spill over the top. They are still allowing full discharge to help mitigate the rising water. Tim Axford from the national weather service indicated that temperatures are on the rise. Emergency manager Dan Williams will continue to monitor the reservoirs.

A grader scheduled to be leased for road and bridge has not been delivered yet. They will continue to use the older grader until the new one arrives. The lease paperwork will come when the new grader is delivered. The new lease will be for four years with a 4000 hour limit.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the five year lease for a road grader with a 4000 hour limit at the cost of \$48,504.00 per year.

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

Four employees from the road department received awards for road scholar certification after passing multiple classes offered by the local highway technical assistance council.

Dianna Dredge, Ray Davis, Lance Leavitt and John Thomas were the recipients. Dianna Dredge also received an award for completing the road master course.

The commissioners discussed the “respectful work place” training on May 16th that will be presented by Ameriben. The first session will begin at 10:00 am and the second session will start at 1:00 pm.

The commissioners have discussed getting some outside help with the review of the county comprehensive plan. MSBT law is one of the sources that could be used and they suggested about 40 to 50 man hours to complete.

Attorney Brower went through the proposed changes to the county development code in preparation for a public hearing. The hearing will be noticed in the Idaho Enterprise and the Idaho State Journal. The meeting will be held on June 1st, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

Bill Lewis, Chairman

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

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk