



## ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – KEN ELIASON – BRIAN JEPSEN

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

### Meeting minutes for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Commissioners in attendance: Bill Lewis, Ken Eliason, Brian Jepps

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

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

Bruce Hubbard expressed concern with the noxious weeds growing on Federal land adjacent to his property. He has contacted the Forest Service and BLM but has not received a response. He would like the county to send a letter asking for some action. Commissioner Jepps will work with Mr. Hubbard to draft a letter.

Mr. Hubbard also expressed concern for a second issue. Several cows have been killed this spring along Buist road and while open range does not require the cattle owner to fence their animals in, he wanted it on record that there was a problem and that the problem was reported. He stated that it was discussed and the cattlemen did not want to put up any fences.

Contract modification – The contract for counseling services for law enforcement officers was discussed and the suggestion made to increase the allowed visits per year from 14 to 20. A modification was drafted and presented to the commissioners, changing the visits per year from 14 to 20.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the contract modification for law enforcement counseling to increase the number of allowed visits from 14 to 20.

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

Idaho counties with Federal land within their borders, receive money through a program called Secure Rural Schools. This program provides for projects to improve roads within the jurisdiction. Under their current rules each county must select how they will receive their money and how it will be allocated. The better option is Title I. The amount of the award will be \$96,300.00 dollars with the county road and bridge receiving 70% of the money and 30% being directed to the school district. The other options, Title II and Title III, would allow a portion of this money to be directed to preapproved projects on federal lands.

Commissioner Jepps made the motion to approve the selection of Title I allocating 70% of the money to road and bridge and 30% to the school district.

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

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Commissioner Lewis stated that the topic of payments for commercial building inspections would need to be held until next meeting at which time an agreement could be ready for review.

Sheriff Jones stated that two of his patrol vehicles have lost their transmissions and a third vehicle is in the same situation. These vehicles are not scheduled for replacement for five years. To rebuild them it will cost \$7,300.00 dollars each. A new transmission will cost \$10,283.07.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the purchase of two new transmissions for both patrol vehicles with the expense coming from one-time expenses or the contingency fund.

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

The commissioners discussed budget proposals for FY2024 with the following offices/departments.

Coroner, Swimming pool. Ambulance, Airport and Fair board.

The commissioners discussed the next meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was moved to the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Commissioner Jepsen made the motion to move the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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