



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – KEN ELIASON – BRIAN JEPSEN

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting minutes for October 10th, 2023.

Attendance: Bill Lewis, Brian Jepps, Ken Eliason.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer offered by Commissioner Eliason. Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. The suggest items to add to the agenda were; adding action item review to the agenda each week, insurance deductible discussion, commercial building inspections and ham radio activities.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to add the following items to the agenda for discussion only. Adding action item review to the agenda each week, insurance deductible discussion, commercial building inspections and ham radio activities

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

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the payment of claims and approval of the meeting minutes from September 29th, 2023.

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

Snow removal at the airport – the airport board has been exploring options for snow removal of the runway and taxiway. They have spent money for a front-end loader lease in the past but this has proven to be quite expensive. Road and Bridge, although they have plowed the runway for many years, claims that where they receive all operating money from state fuel tax that they should only be working on county roads. It was suggested that the airport compensate road and bridge for plowing snow each year.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to transfer county money to the road department in the amount of \$20,000.00 dollars in exchange for them plowing the runway and taxi way this next snow season.

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

The chain link fence by the pilot's lounge was removed during the reconstruction of the taxi way. with this project now complete the board would like to install a new security fence to keep unauthorized traffic from entering the hanger area or runway. The board reported one bid in the amount of \$22,100.00 dollars. The fence, beginning at the pilot's lounge, will run along the property line to the county road where a security gate will be installed.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the purchase of a security fence and security gate at the airport for a cost of \$21,100.00 dollars.

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

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Sheriff – compensation time and PTO – Sheriff Jones explained that his workforce is down and it is taking a while to replace the empty positions for dispatch and patrol. He further explained that a few of his employees are at the maximum limit of PTO time they can accrue which is 500 hours. It was stated that those employees have made the choice to not use the PTO and that is why they are at the limit now however the policy outlines that the employee should be given the opportunity to use their accrued time. Due to manpower shortage, his employees do not have that option and so his suggestion is to pay these employees for the time they would accrue over the 500-hour limit during this critical time. Commissioner Lewis stated that a couple of other departments are experiencing the same situation.

The other issue is that of compensation time. because of the shortage of employees, those that can work are now taking additional shifts. The maximum comp time accrual for this department is 150 hours. the sheriff explained how these shifts must be worked and comp time will accrue. He suggested that this time be paid out each pay period as it accrues.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to pay all full-time dispatch personnel for their comp time earned during the period starting August 13th and ending November 3rd.
Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The sheriff suggested paying the PTO down to 400 hours however Commissioner Lewis said he was not in favor of that action. They discussed paying all PTO accrued over 500 hours during the months of October through December. All three commissioners stated they could support this action.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to pay all full-time dispatch, deputies, road and bridge employees and clerk's employees for any PTO time accrued above 500 hours during the months of October, November and December.
Commissioner Jepsen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The sheriff recounted the requirements for his civil deputy and driver's license review personnel. He noted that requirements have increased over the last few years and asked for a \$3.00 dollar per hour raise for this position. Commissioner Lewis stated that they already received a grade increase from 6 to 8. He further stated that Idaho Code does not allow for a relative of a commissioner to receive any compensation increase different than the normal increase given to the rest of the employees. Commissioner Eliason remarked that other departments want greater increases as well but the budget has been set. The sheriff explained that he will just need to assess his office working hours.

The elevator is nearing completion and the suggestion was made to have all elected officials and department heads walk through the building as a group so that questions can be asked and all departments could be uniform in their understanding of how the process will flow on each floor. A time will be set for the walkthrough in the coming days.

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Oneida County has an agreement with Ada County for pathological services when needed by the coroner. This agreement is due for renewal.

Commissioner Jepsen made the motion to approve the pathological agreement with Ada County for the FY2024 year.

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

Attorney replacement – County prosecutor Cody Brower has received a judgeship in Caribou County in the 6th, judicial district. The republican party will be holding interviews on October 18th, and will forward up to three names for the commissioners to consider. The commissioners will hold their interviews during their next meeting on October 23rd.

Commissioner Lewis reported that the building inspector, Tory Richardson, has certified for commercial building inspections. He will inspect the remainder of the new elementary school and Richard Bigelow will receive final payment for his inspection services.

Ben Naylor has made the request to have the county reimburse him for the water study that was completed when he was working with planning and zoning for his development in St. John. Because the rezone was denied he is requesting a reimbursement on the water study. Attorney Brower stated that the applicant must comply with the requirements of the permit. Even though he is applying for a different type of application now the current issue is still slated for a public hearing and the water study could benefit him in his quest to have a rezone approved.

Drone for spraying weeds – weed superintendent Cody Clyde was unable to attend the meeting and provide updates on the proposal to purchase this equipment. The commissioners are still looking at the possibility of purchasing a drone to provide better access to hazardous hill sides and dangerous locations where noxious weeds need to be sprayed.

Twain Hayden has applied for two overweight permits to haul from his farm in Arbon Valley to Stone Idaho under the 129,000-pound requirements. He has applied for and received the permits in the past.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve two overweight permits for 129,000-pound loads for Twain Hayden to haul from Arbon Valley to Stone Idaho.

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

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Commissioner Jepsen suggested the possibility of adding “action items recap” to the agenda at the end of the meeting so that everyone can confirm their tasks that will need to be completed after the meeting is adjourned.

The commissioners were reminded of the ham radio exercise across the state. This event will provide a mock emergency scenario where all ham radio operators can test their equipment. This event is scheduled for October 19th, 2023 at 10:19 am.

Insurance deductible – questions were raised as to why the deductible is so high. It was explained that the two options were to increase the annual premium or increase the deductible. The deductible increase is the lesser of the two options financially.

The commissioners discussed the one-time expense listings and addressed the list of remaining projects. Some were given the ok and others were prioritized as projects that they would like to move forward. Of those items, pickleball court donation was mentioned. The commissioners did not respond to the first request for money however they are now considering a donation of \$23,086.33 to help pay the remainder of the amount due for the project.

Commissioner Jepsen made the motion to approved the one-time expense of \$23,086.33 to be paid to Malad City as a one-time donation to help fund the pickleball courts.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Lewis".

Bill Lewis, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew L. Colton".

Matthew L. Colton, Clerk

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