



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BILL LEWIS, CHAIRMAN – KEN ELIASON – BRIAN JEPSEN

10 COURT STREET, MALAD, IDAHO 83252

Meeting minutes for October 23rd, 2023

Attendance – Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Jeppsen.

Commissioner Eliason expected later in the meeting.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda. No changes were made.

The consent agenda included payment of claims and approve the meeting minutes.

Commissioner Jeppsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the payment of the claims and approval of the meeting minutes.

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

Rumble strip grant – of the four engineering firms that were asked to give bids for the center line rumble strip grant, two sent back letters of intent. LHTAC will review and rank the bids and ask that one elected and one non-elected county employee help in making the final decision.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to nominate Commissioner Eliason and road supervisor Dianna Dredge to help select the engineering firm.

Commissioner Jeppsen seconded. Both commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The Assessor has records that she would like to destroy however the resolution was not complete. This will be addressed in the next meeting.

Part time employee wage in the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Jones asked the commissioners to consider increasing the wage for all part time dispatch and patrol officers. They questioned where the money would come from since the budget had already been approved and further discussed the impact to other departments if mid-year increases were given to just one department.

One-time expenditures –

County weed superintendent Cody Clyde reported on the Drone options to spray weeds in difficult terrain. The company known as Helio has three options that could work. Option one has a cost of \$24,700 dollar and comes with a 2.6 gallon capacity. Option two has a cost of \$29,500 and a capacity of 4.2 gallons. Option three has an 8 gallon capacity and carry's a cost of \$42,800. Other add-on's were also available but the three prices covered the main items needed. It was suggested that a second set of batteries would allow for more work to be accomplished as they could keep spraying when one batter set was charging. A portable generator would allow for charging batteries on site rather than traveling back to the office each time the batteries were changed.

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Weather camera for road and bridge – Supervisor Dredge asked the commissioners to consider the purchase of a camera to help monitor the roads in select spots of the county. currently they must drive the plows when checking the roads incase there is a drift or snow-covered roads the need to be cleared. By installing cameras, they can see what the conditions are and know if action needs to be taken to clear a road. The service is offered by Frost Solutions and has a price tag of \$3,000.00 dollars per camera. Commissioner Jepsen state that the mine in Wrights Creek has cameras and perhaps, Hess Pumice would allow them to be used for weather surveillance.

Annex building face lift – Building official Tory Richardson brought several bids to the commissioners for various aspects of repair that need to be done to the annex building including siding, facia, gutters, soffit, etc.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the bid from HBC to reconstruct the annex building as stated in bid #2039, at the amount of \$46,433.00 dollars.

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

Access control for specified doors in the sheriff's area, court clerks' office, court room, and jury room were discussed.

Counters meeting ADA compliance was discussed. This will affect all offices in the court house and most offices in other building. Reconstruction and possible total replacement will need to take place in some of the offices. Bids were given by Arrowhead cabinets.

Commissioners Lewis made the motion to approved Arrowhead Cabinets bid of \$47905.06, for new counter areas in each office with the expense coming from the onetime expense money.

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

Backup generator for the event center – D&T Electric place a bid, #1943, to supply a generator for the event center at the cost of \$56,080.00 dollars. Additionally, a cement pad will need to be provided and a second propane tank was also suggested. The additional items will add about \$10,000.00 dollars to the project. Commissioner Lewis stated that he would be in favor of the SHSP grant money in emergency services helping to pay the expense.

Commissioner Jepsen made the motion to approve D&T Electric's bid, #1943, for a backup generator for the event center with funds coming from the SHSP grant and LATCF (one-time expense) funds.

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

The event center has had problems with winter snow sliding off the north slope and damaging the rain gutters. It has been suggested that new gutters be installed along with roof jacks to keep the snow

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from sliding of the roof. It was further suggested that two additional downspouts would help with water flow coming off the roof.

Purdum construction placed a bid for \$21,200.00 dollars to pour a cement pad, connecting the two entrances at the road and bridge building and to install a porch covering over the same area. The area to be covered will start at the north entrance and run to the east and proceed along the east side of the building past the east entrance.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the Purdum construction bid of \$21,200.00 dollars of LATCF funding to install a roof over the entrance at the road and bridge building along with new cement.

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

Event center gravel – gravel is needed around the event center. It was estimated that 10 loads would be needed for a cost of around \$4,500.00 dollars.

Representatives from Rocky Mountain Power gave updates on the Gateway project that will run high power transmission lines along the north west boundary of Oneida County. The project will incorporate a 250 foot right of way and cross about 36.5 miles in the county.

Commissioner Eliason reported on large capacity fuel storage options. A single wall tank will require a containment pad with walls, a double wall tank doesn't need the containment but it will cost more. Leonard Petroleum could provide a 10,000 gallon double wall tank for \$40,761.00. the dispenser to pump the fuel would be an additional \$39,099.00 dollars bringing the total to \$79,860.00. Westech company has a 10,000 gallon tank for \$40,000.00 dollar and will charge an additional \$42,500.00 for the pump and dispenser.

Commissioner Lewis recapped the IAC request for all counties to contribute one percent of the LATCF money to NACO to be applied as Public Lands Assessment which in turn would help in keeping the PILT money as an approved federal expense.

Ameriben agreement. Commissioner Lewis wanted to investigate before discussion. The topic was tabled until a future date.

Docks for the Deep Creek and Crowthers reservoirs. Idaho Fish and Game spoke with Commissioner Jepsen about the status of the docks in these two locations. Commissioner Jepsen will look into the issue further and make recommendations at a later date.

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The commissioners briefly discussed the questions to be asked in the interview for county prosecutor. After this discussion the meeting was recessed for a short break.

Following the break the commissioners were introduced to Lisa Obrien, candidate for county prosecutor as recommended by the republican committee. The interview went well but no decisions were made at the conclusion of the interview.

Allen Nielson came before the commissioners to request their application for rezoning and development in the county be held to the standards in the previous development code prior to August of 2022. Mr. Nielson presented information in a timeline fashion and compared another development that took a similar path as his. The commissioner felt like they needed more information from their attorney and planning and zoning.

Commissioner Jepsen made the motion to recess the meeting until 8:00 am the following morning at the court house.

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

Tuesday morning
October 24th, 2023

Commissioner Lewis called the meeting to order to continue the original agenda from the 23rd.

Nielson request. Attorney Brower stated that the scheduled public hearing should continue and that evidence could be given at that time. He stated that this action will allow both sides to prepare information and that a better-informed decision could then be made. Commissioner Jepsen questioned if a new notice would need to be sent out. Attorney Brower stated that the issue of which development code should apply is not something the citizens to decide but rather a commissioner decision based on facts. Mr. Nielson stated that he would like a separate hearing as the outcome could negate the need for the public hearing on the 30th, and his need to bring in witnesses and others to testify. He would rather not pay the expense if it is unneeded. All parties discussed the options for holding another meeting where P&Z could speak.

Discussion on county attorney position – qualifications were discussed and history. It was discovered that the candidate was found guilty in a jury trial in Custer County. Commissioner Lewis suggested to deny the application.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to deny the application for county attorney.
Commissioner Jepsen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

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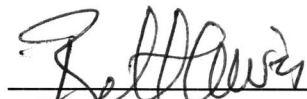
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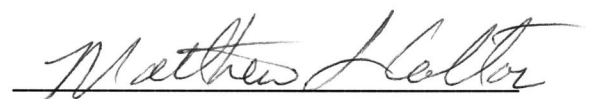
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Attorney Brower stated the options commissioners could follow when fewer than three names are given by the party to replace an elected prosecutor including the option of contracting for these services.

The job for prosecutor will be posted and interviews will be held on November 13th, at the end of commissioners meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.


Bill Lewis, Chairman


Matthew L. Colton, Clerk