



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill Lewis, Chairman – Ken Eliason – Brian Jeppsen

10 Court Street, Malad, Idaho 83252

Commissioner's Meeting

27 NOVEMBER 2023 1:00PM – 4:00PM *RECORDING 21131*

IN ATTENDANCE

County Commissioners Bill Lewis, Brian Jeppsen, and Ken Eliason

Commissioner Ken Eliason opened the meeting by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a prayer.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to add "Wrights Creek Road – Road & Bridge" to the agenda (for discussion only). Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to approve the claims and the minutes from recent meetings dated 10/23, 11/3, 11/13, and 11/22. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The notes from the Special Commissioners Meeting on 10/27/2023 were pulled for further review.

Fair Board Member Replacement names were presented for two upcoming openings. To replace Pat Werk's position, the names presented were Joey Barnes, Hugo Ramos, and Lance Leavitt. To replace Kasey Keller's position, the names presented were Shanae Blaisdell, Michelle Potter, Annie Wangsgard, and Jody Ferree. Commissioner Eliason motioned to approve the names presented to fill positions on the County Fair Board. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed the MOU for the D-6 to use county office space as amended. Clerk Colton summarized that the county made a commitment for others to use the space and that Gabe Jimenez with Probation is concerned about logistics. Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to accept the proposed agreement, with the updates. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The commissioner's discussed the recent public hearing regarding the area of impact. Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to accept the Ordinance 2023-11-001 Area of Impact. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the draft document of the Findings of Fact regarding the Allen Nielson re-zone request. Legal counsel will complete the updates prior to final approval. Commissioners will re-address this topic in the next meeting. Once completed, the Facts and Findings will be sent to the Nielson's.

Assessor Kathleen Atkinson presented her questions and concerns regarding the current Records Retention Schedule and the possibility that we are keeping records that no longer have value. The IAC website guidelines will be followed, similar to the process that Fremont and Franklin County's use, which is based around Idaho Code 31-8. Commissioners and interim PA Pearson will review and discuss details at next meeting. Records destruction still needs Commissioner approval. The Clerks office will assemble a resolution for final approval. Commissioner Eliason motions to create a record retention schedule for future approval. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners and Emergency Services Director Dan Williams discussed the benefits, and possibility, of applying for an EOM Grant. It would allow the county to get help from the state which would match 75% of approved projects with the county covering 25%. The county has several items on the list that would qualify for hazard mitigation under this grant. Final deadline is February 2024 and the pre-application deadline has passed. ACTION ITEMS: Commissioners decided to find out if they can still apply. If they can, identify which project(s) will be focused on, get a list of culverts that are of concern, identify a grant writer, and then apply for the grant.

Commissioner Bill Lewis motioned to approve the time change on the December Commissioner meetings on 12/11 and 12/26 to 1:00pm to accommodate interim PA Pearson's prior engagements. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed list of approved 1-time expenses that have not yet been paid with Clerk Colton. Assessor Atkinson asked if a decision had been made regarding the trade-in of a county vehicle. Also discussed a contribution to NACO for public lands. Commissioner Lewis motioned to give 1% (\$13,057.39) of LATCF funding from the Federal Government to NACO for public lands assessment. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Past and Current Meeting Assignments were discussed, specifically about the IAC Mid-Winter Conference in mid-January. ACTION ITEM: Clerk Colton will help with the arrangements for the commissioners to attend.

Questions were asked regarding those who were housed in the Juvenile Detention Center in Pocatello. Currently we pay 2% of the budget even if beds are unutilized.

Opioid prevention measures were discussed and the best way to use funds (prevention, education, NARCAN, etc). NO ACTION ITEM at this time.

Commissioners discussed the Annual Juvenile Justice Financial Report Form-C and the ability to use some of the funds to assist with work on the interior of the annex building. There is about \$2,700 in unallocated funds held in reserve to help with probation building needs. Commissioner Eliason motions to approve the annual Juvenile Justice Form C from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

It was proposed that the floor tile in the Driver's License area be removed. This will include cleaning the area up in preparation for carpet. Commissioner Lewis motioned the approval of the tile demolition and clean-up by The Fix-It Shop for \$925, and that it would be paid out of the Capital Expenditures account. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the recent special meeting regarding the condition of the Wrights Creek Road and the options available that would be amenable to both Road & Bridge and Hess Pumice. Both parties do a lot of good for the county. The goal would be to provide an avenue for the road to be repaired. The larger issues with the road occur in the wet spring conditions. ACTION ITEMS: Form a solution by spring, see if PILT fund could be contributed over a period of 5 years, obtain recommendations from Road Engineer Frieburger.

*** Meeting adjourned just before 4:00pm***



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Shanci Dorius, Deputy Clerk