



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill Lewis, Chairman – Ken Eliason – Brian Jeppsén

459 South Main St, Malad, ID 83252

Commissioner's Meeting

28 MAY 2024 1:00 PM

* RECORDING# 240528-0061*

IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioners Bill Lewis, Brian Jeppsén, and Ken Eliason.

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Lewis. The pledge and prayer were led by Commissioner Eliason.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsén. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeppsén motioned to approve the claims, and minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Airport is reviewing available grants and are applying for three grants to help with improvements at the airport. The first grant application will be for hanger access road extensions on the south end of the airport, giving the Malad airport potential for growth. The bid amount is \$427,757.20.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to support the new hanger development grant application for \$427,757.20. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsén. All ayes. Motion carried.

The second grant application is for the purchase of a four-season tractor to help with tasks around the airport, including snow removal. A 110-horsepower tractor for \$150,576 that is already set up for the type of work needed at the airport has been located for purchase. The tractor only has 128-hours on it and would be able to meet the needs at the airport for many years.

Commissioner Jeppsén motioned to approve an application for a grant submitted by the Oneida County Airport Board for the purchase of a tractor for

use and maintenance at the Malad airport in the amount of \$150,576. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

The final grant application would be for a perimeter fence at the airport to keep animals away from the airport runways. The \$476,696 bid was for a six-foot chain link fence with two strands of barbed wire across the top that would surround the airport. Due to the very small window of time available to apply for the grant with all the required information, additional bids or options for different types of fencing have not yet been obtained.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to support the grant application for fencing around the airport in the amount of \$476,696. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

County easements along the old freeway were discussed with Ms. Sharry Hall, who is representing an eight-acre property divided by the old abandoned freeway and the railroad. On this property is a railroad crossing that has not been updated. As a result, the property is landlocked, save for an agricultural use easement agreement with a neighbor that allows access for farm equipment. Commissioners referred Ms. Hall to the Road & Bridge department, as they have been working with the railroad regarding several other crossings within the county and may be able to put her in touch with the appropriate contact for getting the crossing updated.

Opioid Request forms for county and non-county applicants have been created for Oneida County. When a need for Opioid funds is identified, the forms would be completed and brought before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval. Use of the form would allow the county clerk's office and the BOCC to meet the requirements for appropriately tracking fund expenses.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the forms titled, "Opioid Settlement Funding Request for Committee Review," to be used when county and non-county entities are applying for Opioid Funds. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Doug Williams discussed opioid settlement funds being used in two ways. First, to resupply the county coroner, sheriff's office, and ambulance with body bags and second, for costs related to a program that would allow the sheriff's office and EMT's to communicate real time by forwarding messages directly to emergency personnel (sheriff's office and EMT).

Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the sheriff's office ordering body bags up to two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the sheriff's office, county coroner, and county EMT's using opioid funds. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

An old bid for the cost of the entire Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program, including dispatcher training, was \$10,000 (ten-thousand). EMD is a program used by dispatchers to handle medical calls for assistance.

The Boat Check Station grant is very similar to the one from last year with different dates. Taxpayer money has subsidized the PERSI and other withholdings from the officer's boat check pay. It may need to come out of their regular pay instead.

The American Legion applied for a special alcohol permit for their upcoming corn-hole tournament, which will include activities at the Event Center on June 8, 2024 from 11:00am – 10:00pm. The Legion was granted a one-day city license (in a county facility) for alcohol for the corn-hole activities that will be held at the Event Center.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to approve the special alcohol permit submitted by the American Legion for June 8, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

The county owns a drill seeder that is currently unused. County Weed Agent Cody Clyde was approached by a private party interested in leasing the seeder. The Board of Commissioners prefers to avoid leasing due to wear and tear on the equipment and that if the seeder is not needed it could be sold. Mr. Clyde was advised to speak with Lisa Baker in the Road & Bridge department to obtain information on how the seeder was used by the county in the past. Regarding the interested party, they might contact the Soil & Water Conservation District for the possibility of leasing their equipment.

Assessment notices are going out soon and they will show a 57% raise on the value of non-irrigated ag ground.

County Assessor Kathleen Atkinson requested simplifying the assessment process. Private appraisers were using a very complicated system, which left fifty-four (54) types of ag to assess and now there are only four (4) types. Ag is based off of what it can produce in a five (5) year average and the assessor is required to follow the law and treat everyone the same.

A tax cancellation request was received by the assessor's office on a parcel that is still being billed even though it should have been deleted two-years ago.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to cancel the property taxes on RP0252602 in the amount of \$20.73 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

A propane contract was discussed and the commissioners opted to move forward with a bidding process for a full year with one set rate. In a previous year, Valley Wide was the only bidder but there is at least one other company interested in bidding on a contract with Oneida County for propane. Notices will be placed in the paper and online and efforts to identify companies that deliver in the area will be made in order to notify them of the upcoming sealed bid opportunity.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to move forward with posting a sealed bid process for propane for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and all qualifying bids will be opened at the June 24, 2024 commissioner meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gave notice regarding a Timber Sale. Sealed bids will be opened on June 6, 2024 in the Pocatello BLM field office.

The county currently uses a program called SimpliFile for electronic recordings (e-Recordings). A second company, CSC, was interested in working with Oneida County in the past but their system did not align with the county's software. Those issues have been resolved and CSC has renewed their interest in being an additional resource for e-Recordings for the county.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from CSC to receive documents for electronic recordings. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Gas bids for the new bulk fuel tank have been received from three companies:

Bear River Coop - \$3.47/gal	Valley Wide - \$3.52/gal	Hall Oil - \$3.38/gal
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The fuel tank will need about 9,500 gallons to fill it and the county requires 88-octane without ethanol as it is water-based and breaks down quickly when stored.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to award Hall Oil Company with the filling of the emergency bulk fuel tank with 88-octane fuel at \$3.38 per gallon to be paid out of LACTF funds. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting times for future Board of Commissioner meetings were discussed, as the county is entering into annual budgeting sessions. Commissioners would not be able to complete everything required if budget sessions started at the current 1:00pm start time.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to move the commissioner meetings to 9:00 am until the budget sessions are complete. At that time the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) may consider returning to the 1:00 pm start time with the option to change meeting times to fit the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

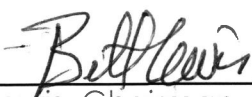
The county coroner requested approval to purchase an identification table and bio-seal body bags. The bio-seal body bag system seals the body for careful containment of the substances and odor. The identification table is able to have the aforementioned bio-seal body bag placed on it for examination into the of cause of death.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the purchase of a coroner identification table up to \$2,500 and bio-seal body bags up to \$2,000. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

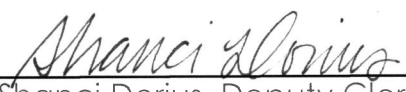
Canvassing the May Primary Election for Oneida County was reported by County Clerk Lon Colton. Percentages in the precincts were good with voter turnouts in the forty-to-fifty percents.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to certify the county clerk's canvas of the May Primary Election for Oneida County. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

***** Meeting adjourned by 3:45 pm*****



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Shanci Dorius, Deputy Clerk