



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill Lewis, Chairman – Ken Eliason – Brian Jeppsén

459 South Main St, Malad, ID 83252

Commissioner's Meeting
28 OCTOBER 2024 – 9:00 AM

REGULAR MEETING

*** RECORDING# 241028-0087, 241028-0090, 241028-0091 ***

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

Commissioner Eliason opened the meeting by leading all in the pledge and a prayer.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to add Next Gen 911 to the agenda at 2:00pm for discussion and to receive information only. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsén. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, which included the payment of claims and approval of last meeting's minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsén. All ayes. Motion carried.

A resolution to open the FY2024 budget was made to amend the following county funds that exceeded their budget:

- Ambulance "C" budget by \$133,918 because of the purchase of a new ambulance, for which they had grant money from the state.
- Fair Board "C" budget by \$6,500 for the end of September purchase of display risers for the fair.
- Health District "B" budget by \$873.40 to get the new veteran's service officer set up with the equipment and materials needed.
- Parks & Recreation exceeded their "C" budget by \$2,000 for the new epoxy flooring at the pool after receiving a grant for \$10,000 (they had \$8,000 budgeted).
- Weed Department "C" Budget by \$4,933 for the purchase of a 2019 Super Duty spray truck that was approved by the board of commissioners

- E911 exceeded their "B" budget by \$38,928 due to added expenses for Bonneville County, Spillman, Solacom, and telephone utilities companies. In the future those expenses could come out of another fund.
- ARPA funds have been now been exhausted. The ARPA funds were originally distributed to the county during the pandemic. There were some claims from 2023 that were not taken out until after the 2024 budget was set, causing the 2024 budget to be over by \$67,712.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to accept Resolution 2024-10-01 to amend the fiscal year 2024 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

A resolution was presented to distribute PILT money to the Fair, Justice Fund, and E-911 funds. When the county goes through budget discussions and approvals, it is known that some funds will need to have PILT money added to allow them to start the fiscal year with zero overages.

- Fair \$27,927.52
- Justice Fund: \$169,226.04
- E-911: \$29,475.54

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept Resolution 2024-10-02 to transfer PILT money to funds with cash shortages. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

A change to extension office hours was requested due to the slower pace during the winter months, especially in the late afternoon. The proposed schedule would be 8:00am – 4:00pm from October 1 – March 31. When things ramp up in the spring, the hours would return to 9:00am – 5:00pm from April 1- September 30. County Extension Agent Sawyer Fonnesbeck assured the commissioners that the University of Idaho has no rules or requirements that would be affected by this change and that citizens will still be taken care of. The updated hours would be posted online, in the paper, and on the doors. Additionally, groups needing to meet outside the posted hours would be addressed on an individual basis.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept the extension office's request to move the office hours to 8:00am-4:00pm from October 1-March 31 and 9:00am - 5:00pm from April 1 – September 30. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Extension Agent Sawyer Fannesbeck has the opportunity to start a 4-H club for shooting sports (air rifle), which allows for qualified participants to compete at both the state and national levels. The extension office is working to obtain a grant through the National Rifle Association (NRA) to receive four pellet rifles, which use compressed air as a power source. The air will hold for quite some time on a single charge, allowing the 4-H participants plenty of time for practice. The grant would also help obtain supplies such as sandbags, pellets, sand traps, targets, and an air compressor. The University of Idaho (who is connected with county extension offices) will not allow the use of their tax identification number (EIN) to purchase any type of firearms. Mr. Fannesbeck proposed getting a grant from Oneida County to purchase the pellet rifles that would remain the property of the county and could be used by the 4-H club. Mr. Fannesbeck would also like to use the shooting range, if possible. The commissioners addressed concerns about safety and liability by requesting that Mr. Fannesbeck explore the county's liability with a 4-H shooting club and to have a policy in place for the safety of the participants.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to allow the extension office to use the county's tax identification number for the submission of a 4-H grant for obtaining the air rifles necessary for the program. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeppsen reported that everything is ready for the Emergency Preparedness Town Hall meeting scheduled for October 30. Refreshments have been ordered, booklets have been printed, and speakers for each topic have been arranged. Darin Letzring, a field officer with the Idaho Office of Emergency Management will spend time talking about emergency preparedness resources and there will be speakers addressing communication during a crisis and getting the community setup into communication zones. Commissioner Jeppsen said the goal is to get every household in Oneida County prepared for an emergency situation.

Employee cross training was discussed in order to provide coverage in the assessor's office when needed. The employee is currently approved for twenty-four hours per week in the treasurer's office and averages approximately nineteen hours each week.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve Rachael Clark undertaking cross training opportunities in the assessor's office in addition to her regular duties in the treasurer's office, up to fifty-eight hours per pay period or twenty-nine hours weekly. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

A four-year copier lease for the treasurer's office will be \$79 with no overage charges at the end of the year. The company is able to see the average use over the past several years and agreed to have the lease be a flat monthly fee.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to accept the contract from DEX Imaging for a period of 48 months for \$79 a month for the treasurer's office copy machine. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

The weed department was recently approved for the purchase of a laptop computer to help with logging data for the Hylio drone while out in the field. Since then, Hylio released a new remote and air-link unit that has mapping capabilities. This would eliminate the need for a high-end laptop in the field. The total cost is \$5,600. Weed Supervisor Cody Clyde said that he would still need a functional computer to replace the laptop he uses to complete billing and paperwork, as it is quite old and is having problems.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to amend a motion made in a previous meeting in order to increase the allotment to six-thousand dollars for the Hylio ground link remote controller and air unit with second camera. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

The weed department is requesting approval to purchase equipment. The Ranger UTV may last for another year and only one of the three 4-wheelers is in working order notwithstanding a great deal of mechanic work being done to keep them running. The weed department's capital budget has thirty-thousand dollars, which was reserved for an approved purchase of an enclosed trailer to house the drone equipment while traveling from site to site. Commissioners asked Mr. Clyde to work with Commissioner Eliason to come up with a list of what is needed and to look into grant opportunities that might offset the overall costs.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Dianna Dredge spoke with Commissioners about PILT funds being transferred to the accounts she manages. When asked where she would use the \$100,000, Ms. Dredge stated it would be put towards the Woodruff Bridge improvement project to help offset the total cost. Although a grant was obtained, it does not cover the full amount. The engineer estimated the cost of the project at \$700,000. The project will involve placing a pre-cast bridge after the old one is removed and is anticipated to be done next summer or fall when the water level is lower.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to transfer \$100,000 of PILT funds to Road & Bridge for the Woodruff Bridge Project. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

Road & Bridge is requesting approval to purchase a service truck with a crane, tool storage, and an air compressor onboard. Currently, the department has no way to inflate a tire on equipment out in the field without having to request a service call from local businesses. The truck has already been test-driven by Oneida County employees. The vehicle is a fleet return and is in very good shape.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to authorize the purchase of a 2019 Ford 350 Super Duty truck for \$39,100. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Dianna Dredge is requesting a wage increase for one operator who is already qualified above the level of training needed to obtain a \$1.00 per hour raise upon completion of the training. The employee would still have the option to take any classes that would be helpful.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to authorize William "BJ" Gee a one-dollar per hour raise in lieu of the Road Scholar and Road Master courses because of the skills he brings to the job. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Road & Bridge department has excess property and requested permission to sell old equipment that has not been used for over a year.

- Roller Cat
- Lowboy Trailer
- Old dozer (parts only for the Roller Cat)

Commissioner Eliason motioned to approve the sell of road & bridge property consisting of a roller cat, a low-boy trailer, and a cat dozer (for parts) on the public surplus site. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Deep Creek Agreement with the Forest Service and Fish & Game that has been discussed for the past few months has requirements for each party that have been satisfactorily met and the agreement is ready for signatures. Additionally, in an email from Kim Obele with the Forest Service, they have no

record of the requirement to remove one of the restroom vaults and stated it could be discussed later. Road & Bridge will maintain the road leading up to the dam year-round (but not across the dam). IDAWY has agreed to remove the garbage as needed and there will be a dumpster on site. The Sheriff's office has agreed to protect the property and the weed department has permission to spray the noxious weeds according to BLM regulation. Fish & Game will maintain the docks, which are owned by the county.

Commissioner Jeppsen motioned to sign the agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for a special use permit agreement concerning the forest service property that lies south of the Deep Creek Reservoir. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

An update on the Malad Mountain Communications building was given by Bill Drury of the Racoon Radio Club. The building was moved by the Idaho Military Division, who owns the building and has offered it to Oneida County. The only thing missing is the piece of paper from the Idaho Department of Military stating that Oneida County now owns the building. Once this is received, the county may then sign a lease agreement with the Racoon Radio Club so they may move their radio equipment and get power to the building.

Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) training for department heads and interested county employees is being scheduled. Mary Kummer, a marketing representative with ICRMP, is willing to come to Malad to provide training, an overview of services, and answer questions. The commissioners will collect a list of questions to address prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to have ICRMP present training to county employees on December 3, 4, or 5th around 9:00am depending on what days the Event Center is available and the county would provide lunch for employees and the presenter(s). Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

By the end of the commissioner meeting, it was determined the ICRMP training would be on December 4, 2024.

A hearing for the P&Z proposed fee schedule hearing has been scheduled for November 12, 2024. Commissioner Jeppsen has reviewed the fee schedule as he will not be present. In the event he is unable to connect remotely the day of the hearing, Commissioner Jeppsen provided a general statement to consider:

"Having looked at the fee schedule that is being proposed, I certainly don't have any discrepancies with what's been proposed and am fully in favor of taking the burden of those expenses off of the taxpayer and putting them with the developer."

Commissioner Lewis motioned to move into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (a) *To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general.* Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. Roll call vote. Aye from Commissioner Eliason, aye from Commissioner Lewis and aye from Commissioner Jeppsen. Motion carried.

Commissioners moved out of executive session and back into the regular session.

The Planning & Zoning board will have two members stepping down who will need to have replacements appointed.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to replace Ron Dell Skidmore and Parker Venable with Talon Boyer and Alaina Schrenk being called and assigned to serve on the Planning & Zoning board in their place. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners recessed the meeting until 2:00pm.

Meeting was reconvened at 2:00pm to hear the NextGen 911 presentation.

NextGen (NG) 911 is an update to the current E911 analog system that is 30-50 years old. The E911 system handles calls by "selective routers". Addresses are stored in tabular look-up databases that require someone to update them. There is no GPS, health information, or emergency data on this system as the call telemetry is stripped out by the selective router.

NG911 can handle incoming calls with location and all attached telemetry information intact. There is more data, more options, and more information available to first responders. It includes GIS data management that can tell if a car is on the freeway (emergency call is routed to the state police dispatch) or if the vehicle is somewhere in the county (emergency call is routed to the local sheriff). The NG911 system is faster, more reliable, and can provide more than just call audio. It will allow information from smart alarms, video systems, health care devices, and they are working on a seamless GIS data map for the entire

state that would improve call routing in areas that currently fall near/between boundary lines, causing calls to be routed to the wrong dispatch center. The assessor's office is working with the project to address anomalies in the county such as clearly defined boundaries, road centerlines, address points, and emergency response zones and service numbers. Cybersecurity concerns were addressed when commissioners expressed concern. There are several types of firewalls that are more secure than what is currently in place and there is zero access to the network without a vetted connection.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Jeppsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

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



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Shanci Dorius, Deputy Clerk