



ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill Lewis, Chairman – Ken Eliason – Brian Jepps

459 South Main St, Malad, ID 83252

Commissioner's Meeting
12 NOVEMBER 2024 – 9:00 AM

REGULAR

*** RECORDING# 241112-0093 ***

IN ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner Chair Bill Lewis and Commissioner Ken Eliason. *Commissioner Brian Jepps is excused.*

The meeting was opened prior to the public hearing with a prayer by Commissioner Lewis and community member Bill Drury led all in the pledge. Following the public hearing, Commissioner Eliason motioned to move out of public hearing and into the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and the motion carried with all ayes.

Commissioners deliberated the proposed fee schedule from planning and zoning. Commissioner Eliason did some research and found the proposed fees were in-line with nearby counties such as Box Elder (which was higher) and Franklin. Commissioner Lewis studied Caribou, Bear Lake, Franklin, and Bingham county's fee schedules and found that several are higher than what Oneida county planning and zoning is proposing.

Commissioner Lewis also looked into comprehensive plans and found it is recommended to review and update them every ten years, so it is likely Oneida County will need to review the 2017 comprehensive plan sometime in 2026-2027.

Impact fees were discussed. These fees set aside funds for future replacement, maintenance, and repair of the local infrastructure.

Additional discussion centered around charging the proposed fees upfront and refunding any unused fees later instead of trying to collect later.

Commissioner Jeppsen was not able to be present, but emailed a written statement prior to the hearing which said, *"Regarding the public hearing on the proposed fee schedule, they seem to be reasonable and barring any public concerns that may come up, which need to be considered, I believe we could move forward as proposed."*

Commissioner Eliason motioned to move forward with the fee schedule as discussed: Comp Plan Appeals \$150 + \$300 for mailed publications with the remaining balance refundable; Comp Plan Amend Text \$500 + \$300 for mailed publications with the balance refundable; Comp Plan Amend Map \$500 + \$300 for mailed publications with the balance refundable; property research is \$50 and take off the words "title report". Once the proper changes are made a resolution can be signed at the next meeting. Additionally, those who are currently working on their conditional use permits but have not submitted their conditional use permits should be notified by a letter from planning and zoning that they may be included at the current rate of zero cost if they submit their conditional use permit (CUP) by January 1st, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the minutes from October 28, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept the payment of claims as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marcia Stocks joined the commissioners via phone to request waiving the event center rental fee for the free community Christmas Day dinner that is put on every year. They used to have the dinner at the senior center but they have outgrown that space.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to waive the rental fee for the event center for the free community dinner on Christmas Day. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Fireman's Ball will be held at the Event Center on December 7, 2024 and the application for a one-day alcohol permit was presented to the commissioners.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept the application for a one-day liquor license for the Fireman's Ball on December 7, 2024 at the Oneida County Event Center as long as the agreement terms are followed. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

A data sharing agreement was discussed, as the state is trying to come up with a system that unifies the state. This agreement is for the county to share geographical information system (GIS) data such as digital mapping. The map information shared with the state includes the name of the land owner, the parcel number, and the acreage. If sharing GIS data with the public, the information is limited to the name and parcel number only.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to accept the data sharing agreement between the State of Idaho Office of Information Technology Services and Oneida County. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Weed Department Supervisor Cody Clyde brought quotes for an enclosed trailer that would allow him to transport a four-wheeler, chemical, water, and all drone and charging equipment needed while spraying. There is \$30,000 in the Weed department's capital account that was earmarked for obtaining new four-wheelers this year. The Polaris shop in Preston has some that are priced low enough that there would be enough for the trailer and a four-wheeler. The commissioners requested Mr. Clyde return in two weeks with a proposal for a four-wheeler, as it is the priority.

A YouTube channel for the commissioner meetings was discussed, including the logistics of who would set-up and run the equipment and if it would be something that would be utilized. Discussion was tabled until the next commissioner meeting.

Emergency Manager Dan Williams discussed the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The SHSP funds available in 2024 are \$21,372.15, of which 30% will go to the Sheriff's department. There is a four-year timeframe to utilize the SHSP funds. The EMPG fund has \$18,303.46 balance. These funds cover 50% of the emergency managers salary and other expenses. The SHSP fund from 2023 has approximately \$2,000 available for the county and \$5,000 for the sheriff. A grant needs to be set up before they can bring it in for commissioner signature. The grant requires funds to be earmarked with items for purchase. Some suggestions are water purification systems or food storage. The sheriff's office would like to purchase a few things but need to see if those items are allowable under the terms of the grant before adding them to the list. Commissioner Eliason also suggested purchasing a back-up generator for the Holbrook emergency building.

An emergency communications exercise will take place on November 17, 2024 at 6:45pm involving multiple methods of communications, including the

AlertSense reverse-911 phone system that residents are encouraged to sign up for. Around 7:00pm the ten organized emergency zones in the valley will have a radio check-in. It was suggested to include the newspaper in the hopes of spreading awareness.

The recent election was canvassed. Clerk Lon Colton stated there was a high turnout at the precincts with greater than 80% of registered voters casting a ballot.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to certify the November 5, 2024 general election results from the Oneida County Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Oneida County Christmas gift for employees was discussed, with gift ideas taken from previous years (jackets, ham or turkey, or a gift card).

Commissioner Eliason motioned to give both part-and-full time Oneida County employees a \$75 gift card to Thomas Market for Christmas. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Future use of a 2007 Ford Fusion car in the care of, but no longer used by, the probation office was discussed. The airport is in need of a second courtesy car.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to move the 2007 Ford Fusion car to the Oneida County airport for a second courtesy transport car. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed highlights from the recent District V meeting. There is a record balance of about \$76.5 million in the district's rainy-day funds, the current economy is strong, and legislative topics included education choice, water, incentivizing the agricultural protections act within the next 1-2 years, and Oneida County Assessor Kathleen Atkinson was nominated as Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Board Member Elect.

The Juvenile Justice Annual Report was discussed. The report shows where money came from and where it was utilized.

Commissioner Eliason motioned to approve the Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report for the time period 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The District VI Juvenile Detention Center Report for fiscal year 2024 was discussed. If Oneida County has a juvenile that needs placement, there is an agreement where the county will pay for a bed in the juvenile detention center in Bannock County. In 2023, Oneida County used $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ of a bed (which equals about 180-days per year). In 2023, we used a bed on 290 days. In 2024 we used just 111 days. According to the contract, Oneida County is assessed on how often we utilize the facility over a 10-year period.

A public hearing request was made for Development Code Amendment file numbers 24-0031 and 24-0038 which include updates to the wildland urban interface (WUI), planned unit development (PUD), animal feeding operations (AFO), feedlots, livestock, large subdivisions, the agricultural protection act (APA) and recreational vehicles (RV) use.

Commissioner Lewis motioned to move forward with a public hearing for file number 24-0038 that covers agricultural protection act (APA) and recreational vehicle (RV) modification of language to the development code as well as file number 24-0031 for the development code amendments that include the wildland urban interface (WUI), planned unit development (PUD), and animal feeding operations (AFO) starting at 1:00pm on December 9, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Eliason. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

***** Meeting adjourned by 12:15 pm*****



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Shanci Dorius, Deputy Clerk