

**MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

The meeting was opened at 8:00 am for FY2016 budget discussion.

A public hearing was held to receive comment on the request to rezone the land at 3700 North Deep Creek Road from Multi-use to commercial, for the purpose of possibly building a 40 or 50 bed hotel. Several citizens were in attendance.

Many concerns were voiced including the worries about the water table, possible tax increases to surrounding properties, traffic issues and hours of operations, snow removal, fire suppression and parking. The commissioners took the comments/concerns under advisement and indicated they would need to get with legal counsel.

Legal Counsel indicated that the Counties Development Code would need to be adhered to but if the variance was granted that stipulations could be attached.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to deny the rezoning request due to the concerns expressed by the public and because the commissioners had the desire to keep the county free from spot zoning of commercial and industrial ventures.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Budget discussion was held with the Prosecuting Attorney.

A letter from the Idaho Association of counties was discussed regarding the proposed legislation whereby the laws would give counties the ability to publish mandatory county notices on line rather than with the standard Newspapers. The desire was to see how many counties would support the bill and if it was worth the time for IAC to back the bill or let it die. The commissioner indicated that both places were appropriate and did not support the bill if it would remove the need to post in the local paper.

Jeff Moore, currently working as grounds keeper for the Fair Board, presented a proposal whereby he could perform maintenance and upkeep of the fairgrounds in the summer and fall and then work for R&B in the other months doing maintenance on their vehicles rather than the county out sourcing this effort or trying to do it themselves. The commissioners asked a few questions and said they would visit with these departments about the proposal.

Commissioner Daniels will attend a meeting for the new SAUSA position this month. (Special Assistant United States Attorney).

The gun club lease, being approved in a previous meeting and having been reviewed by the fair board, was signed by Commissioner Firth with other signatures to be obtained as soon as possible.

The claims and minutes were reviewed.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the claims.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to approve the minutes as written.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The Commissioners read and discussed a letter regarding a possible solar energy development and possible tax abatements that may be available in the county. The letter also asked if the County was interested or would support a venture of this type.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to deny any request for tax breaks from the county on a solar farm venture.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

It was further requested by the Commissioners that a response letter be sent back to the addressee of the letter indicating that the county was not interested in a solar development at this time.

Southeast Idaho Council of Governments was successful in obtaining a grant to help reconstruct the Senior Citizens Center which is co owned by the County and the City of Malad. The Grant will be administered by SEICOG through Malad City. The question was asked if the county should pay on the bills as they come in to the city or if it would be better to award the full amount authorized in a one time payment.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to pay the full amount authorized by the County for the Senior Citizens grant.
Commissioner Tubbs seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth indicated that Nathan Whipple had passed his six month probation period and will now be considered full time and receive the pay increase agreed upon.

Old Business: The request for action against a citizen in the Samaria area with an apparent dog breeding operation with presumed high noise levels, was researched over the last couple of weeks. It was found to be in a "Subdivision" in which case it was decided that the county had no jurisdiction and that existing covenants were the resource that the complainants should look into.

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Indigent case #10-2015-10010: This case had been suspended due to other resources that were pending. The applicant was accepted by the additional resource making them no longer eligible for county assistance.

Commissioner Tubbs made the motion to deny medical indigent case, #10-2015-10010 due to other resources.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

FY2016 budget discussions resumed.

Commissioner Tubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk