

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth.

Local Highway Technical Assistance Council – Scott Ellsworth, presented awards to Road and Bridge operators Nick Gugelman and Brad Williams for their completion of the Road Scholar program and Scott Blaisdell and Lin Higley for their completion of the Road Master program. These programs gave instruction on the best practices for building and maintaining the county road.

Scott also gave an update on the “Narrows” project. They hope to have all the approval signatures this summer, final design this fall and the project sent out for bids by November.

Western States presentation for R&B equipment – Jim Beatty gave options on a couple of different front end loaders available for lease or purchase. Differences discussed include size, capacity and attachment options. The desire is to procure a machine that will accommodate a V-plow for use in the winter months. Cost and incentives were a main focus of the discussion.

### Supervisor’s reports –

Weeds department- Mike is currently spraying various county properties such as the Fair ground. It was asked if these jobs were to be billed to the department or just documented. Commissioner Firth indicated that no charges were necessary. Work on the BLM contract will start this week and with the change of the seasons brings the need for part time help. The charge for spraying private land has been increase to \$50.00 dollars per hour. This is an increase of \$5.00 dollars and covers the cost for labor and equipment.

Treasurer’s office – Third year tax delinquency reminders are being sent out.

Assessor’s office – Letters have been sent to those losing their home owners exemption. Reminders are going out for the circuit breaker assistance. The county failed the ratio study on vacant residential property. With the help of the State Tax commission, all residential property will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

Sheriff’s office – Current training requirements for the department personnel are behind schedule. No budget money in the current year but anticipates needing an increase to the training money for the next budget year. A few of our dispatchers will be attending POST training. The expense will be covered by the Deputies organization.

Prosecutor’s office – District court was held last week. Several cases were dispositioned which dropped the number of inmates under the counties responsibility to about 7. Juvenile diversion training in Sun Valley will be held later this week.

Probation – Drug court numbers are increasing. Graduation is coming soon and that should take the numbers back down some.

Road and Bridge – Many roads have been sprayed with dust guard this spring. Anticipate spraying more through the month of April if the weather holds out. The graders are working the gravel roads and the operators are changing the trucks over for summer work by removing the blades etc. There was significant damage to a culvert in Stone. The workers had to remove many downed trees in the Daniels area caused by high winds.

Clerk's office – budget requests will be sent out this week and need to be returned by mid May. The offer was made to let other offices join in the driver safety meetings held in conjunctions with ICRMP.

Honnen presentation for R&B equipment – Kevin Brown presented information on a couple of different John Deere front end loaders available for lease or purchase through his company. Like the prior discussion with Western States, size, capacity and attachment options were discussed. They also discussed the ability of accommodating a V-plow for use in the winter months. Costs were comparable for units of the same size.

The claims were reviewed.

The expense of the drug dog was questioned again. Training for handlers is too expensive for Idaho certification. Other states offer a less expensive training course however it is not recognized in Idaho.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims as presented.  
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Forest Service – The County is responsible for removal of the restrooms and other items placed on Forest Service land at Deep Creek now that the special permit is no longer in effect. District Ranger Lori Bell informed the commissioners that the structures, including the cement vaults under the bathrooms, all cement pads and the cable fence around the parking lot need to be removed. Originally it was thought that the vaults could remain and be filled in. This will require equipment larger than what the county owns. A contractor will be hired for this effort. Other items mentioned: 1- clearing out Juniper encroachment in the Sheep Creek 2- fire break maintenance 3- restoration of Rock Creek in conjunction with the rebuild of the Narrows 4- Possible stimulus money to help rebuild roads leading to F.S. land. 5- F.S. law enforcement now has a K-nine to assist rangers in the field.

P&Z building permits – 6 permits were issued in March. All were presented for commissioner review. Four permits were for AG buildings issued to Jeff Bingham, Alan Evans, Albert M. Shepherd and Blake Marble. The other permits were for a new home by Roger Williams and a shed for Oneida County Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve all six permits.  
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Codification of county ordinances – Prosecutor Brower explained that currently there is no good way to search the many county ordinances. The request was made to have a company take all of the ordinances and codify them whereby scanning and indexing them into a format that would make it easier to do an electronic search through all of the documents as well as add cross references where applicable. This record could then be placed on the county web site so as to give opportunity to the public for easier access to the ordinances. The request will cost between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 dollars. The request will be addressed again when the budgets are being addressed.

Personnel needs – The Juvenile Probation officer will be leaving the county this August for personal reasons. Jill made the request that she be allowed to hire another person prior to her

departure date so that some training could take place between the two officers and also to give the new person a chance to attend the POST training which is mandatory. It was further offered that if the county wanted, the officer leaving could work part time so that her certifications would not lapse and then, in the future, come back to the county if the opportunity comes about. The commissioners indicated that she is a good worker and would like to have her as an employee however this action could set precedence about employment and for that reason indicated that it probably wouldn't work. Jill was given the go ahead to start the process of hiring a replacement.

The Sheriff's office also has someone leaving this summer and the same request was made. That is, to hire someone early enough to come and train with the exiting employee before departure. The commissioners gave the go ahead on this action as well.

The commissioner engaged in discussion with road Forman Scott Blaisdell as to which of the loaders presented earlier in the meeting would be the best one for the county. The discussed the capacities and capabilities and found that they were real close in comparison. One concern that Scott had was the service he has received in the past with Western States. He asked that this be part of the discussion if they choose this option. The deciding difference was the amount of rebate that Western States offered if they stayed with his company. This \$24,000.00 dollars along with the \$6,000.00 dollars difference in price came to \$30,000.00 dollars which would be taken of the first year's payment.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to accept the bid from Western States equipment for a 950M frontend loader at the cost of \$263,870.00.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The overall service form the company will be addressed when Commissioner Firth notifies them of the bid acceptance.

Southeastern Idaho Public Health – A letter was sent to the Commissioners informing them that the position on the board held by Jerry Bush is due to renew. They have made the request that the commissioners notify them of their desires to either retain Mr. Bush in this position or give the name of someone else that can take his place. It was noted that Jerry travels south for the winters and is not always available. Commissioner Stokes will call Jerry and see what his thoughts are. The Commissioners will make a decision in the next meeting.

Tax deed – The Margaret Swindle property was taken tax deed a few years back. No one bid on this property and it has remained in the counties hand since. The property is .01 acres, has no water or room for a septic system and the house is not in a disrepair such that it could not be repaired to a useable state. A neighbor has offered \$100.00 dollars to the treasurer for this property with the condition that he will remove the house. The bid price at time of sale was over 5 times this amount. The commissioners asked that other neighbors be given the chance to purchase before the offer by Mr. Isaacson is accepted.

Court house phone system upgrade – As discussed in a previous meeting, the court house can purchase a PRI system which will increase the capacity of the current program and at the same time save on the monthly bill. The initial setup cost is \$3999.00 with the annual savings of around \$2,793.

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Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the upgrade to the existing phone system in the court house.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The local newspaper is printing another edition of the welcome to Malad paper for distribution at the rest area on interstate 15 and through several local businesses. The paper advertises the Malad valley and the many activities that are available. The cost is \$200.00 dollars.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve \$200.00 dollars to support the printing of the welcome to Malad paper.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the minutes as written.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Norman Howell – Over 14 years ago he purchase two kit homes. One of them was built but the other one did not get used. In order to build the first home he had to contact the manufacturer and obtain plans and documents for the building inspector to review and approve before he could give occupancy. It is now some years later and Mr. Howell would like to construct the second home however there are no plans or other documents that the building inspector can review to help certify that this building will meet the current codes. The manufacture has gone out of business and there seems to be no way of obtaining the needed plans. Mr. Howell did show a set of drawings that presumably were used for the first house. The commissioner indicated that Mr. Howell would need to provide something sufficient that the inspector can verify building code compliance. They should visit with the inspector and see just what he will need.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to move into the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206 (d ) for the purpose of discussing medical indigent applications.

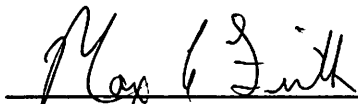
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

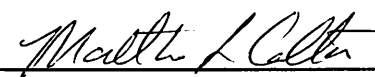
The Executive session was vacated and Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve medical indigent case #10-2017-100010.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Firth restated that he would follow up with the Deep Creek restoration on F.S. land. Commissioner Daniels will lead out with the court house security and Commissioner Stokes will visit with Mr. Bush about the board position with the Southeastern Idaho Public Health.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Max C. Firth, Chairman

  
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Matthew L. Colton, Clerk