

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

An agreement for continued services with Searle Hart for the annual financial audit was reviewed. No changes were requested.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve and sign the agreement for continued financial audit services from Searle Hart & Associates.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Stokes abstained.

An amended agreement for public defense services for the Luera case was reviewed. The amendment adds James Archibald as a second attorney to assist Brendan Taylor as awarded by the courts. Mr. Taylor's fees will remain at \$175.00 dollars per hour. Mr. Archibald's fees will be \$100.00 dollars per hour with travel time being charged as time worked, one way only, at the same rate.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the amended agreement for Mr. Taylor and Mr. Archibald as public defense for the Luera Trial.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

J-U-B Engineering submitted a bill for their review of the plans for a proposed gas station near exit -3 on interstate 15.

It was suggested that payment for this unanticipated expense come from the contingency fund.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to pay the J-U-B expenses for review of a proposed Commercial permit from the counties contingency fund.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Mattie Ogden has been hired as part time help with weed spraying for the coming year. She worked for the county last year and received her certification at that time. She will assume the lead position for contracted spraying on BLM land and will be paid \$11.00 dollars per hour for this position. Notice will be placed for additional summer help.

Department reports:

Probation – Only three applicants were received for the juvenile probation position. The advertisement will be extended for another week.

Treasurer – Jan asked if she needed to change her billing for solid waste for those businesses participating in the cardboard recycling. The commissioners indicated that there would be no change unless the business reduced their number of collection cans.

Several entities such as the Hospital and Schools don't pay taxes however they are assessed garbage pickup fees. Jan asked if it would be appropriate to charge late fees if they don't pay on time. County attorney Brower indicated that it would be ok if the County ordinance allows.

Assessor – The State Tax Commission has been helping bring the county into compliance with land assessments. The increase to residential property in the City and County will be around 30% however the cost to tax payers are expected to be minimal due to the overall increase to land value throughout the County. Assessments will be mailed next month.

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Sheriff – civil deputy job applicants have been narrowed down to four people. Pocatello has donated several used evidence lockers to Oneida County. Used desks are also being donated for the officers. The department discussed compensatory time and will work to having it used by October.

Bids were reviewed for the civil software reporting package from Computer Arts and a new server to keep the county hardware up to date and functional. Also discussed was a new Barracuda backup system. The bid amounts are as follows; Barracuda backup system - \$4556.16, new server/host - \$8007.84, civil software - \$3022.50.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the bids for the backup system, the new host/server and the civil software.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Prosecutor – Public defender scheduling needs help. A meeting was held with Judge Hooste to address this issue. Court times will be adjusted where possible. If a contract with Power County for housing inmates can be agreed upon, then the public defenders schedules should get better.

The claims were reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting minutes from the April 24 meeting was reviewed.

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

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Courthouse issues – repairs and upgrades need to be made to the propane lines coming into the court house. The lines are metal and could be rusted and leaking. Also the regulator is over 15 years old and needs to be replaced. The tanks are placed on the North West side of the building near the parking lot and the line runs to the north east corner of the building. Rather than digging up the parking lot to replace the full line it was suggested to move the tanks to the rear of the building, on the east side whereby shortening the distance from the tanks to the building. This would also minimize the amount of parking area that would need to be excavated. Previous discussion was to move the backup generator away from the building. The question was asked if a larger generator could be installed for the purpose of powering the entire court house. The third and final issue is the leaking roof on the court house. A local contractor did a little investigation and found that the roof, in his estimation, should be total rebuilt.

Commissioner Firth indicated that work could move forward on all three issues to see if the cost would fit into the budget.

Department of Environmental Quality – Bruce Olenick paid a quarterly visit to the Commissioners to discuss any issues they may be having. The main issue discussed was the final closeout of the old county landfill.

Planning & Zoning – Two building permits were issued in April; a garage for Kevin Hoffman and an Ag building for Matt Wilcock.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve both building permits.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

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The P&Z commission is reviewing the comprehensive plan and they have made the suggestion that the commissioner consider adding additional areas for light commercial construction in other locations in the county in addition to the industrial park. Areas suggested include the land near exit 3 and exit 13 on Interstate 15. Light commercial construction would include such facilities as hotels and convenience stores. The other question was in regards to what criteria the county uses to determine when a secondary road may be considered for improvements and regular maintenance. Along with this question the suggestion was made to add an acknowledgment letter to the building permit application stating that the secondary county roads receive limited maintenance and that properties owners are responsible for their own winter maintenance. The applicant would be asked to sign the acknowledgment as part of the permit application.

The commissioners requested that the Board submit their requests formally, after the suggestions have been written and submitted to the public for comment.

Farrell Steiner presented the results of the FY2016 county financial audit. No findings were reported however a few suggestions were made. Recommendations are to have the ambulance clean up all of the old outstanding receivables. Better methods for handling the civil processing in the sheriff's office. Utilize the revenue budget capabilities in the financial software used by the county. Farrell apologized for the delay in reporting this year's audit, citing a loss of manpower during his critical audit period.

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

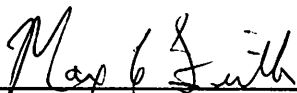
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to into executive session to review medical indigent cases per IC 74-206 (d).

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.
(case # 10-2017-10011, 12 and 13)

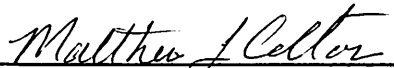
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve case #10-2017-10011 and 13.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve case #10-2017-10012.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

(case # 11 and # 13 are for the same person and case # 12 was for a second person).



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk