

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Commissioner Stokes was excused.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to convene the scheduled executive session per IC 74-206 (1)(d) to review one medical indigent application.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Following the executive session Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny medical indigent application #1O-2018-10001 due to the medical services were not emergent and the requestor was not cooperative in the clerks investigation.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to amend the agenda and add the approval of assignments of indigent payments as authorized by the State catastrophic fund.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The SHSP grant from the Office of Emergency Managers was reviewed. The total grant amount is \$18,966.00 dollars.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to accept the OEM grant of \$18,966.00.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

One Certificate of residency for a high school student taking college credits was presented.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the CoR.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The micro grant approved for the county hospital was amended to allow for a change of expenditures and was presented for the commissioner's approval.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the amendments to the micro grant.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Computer Arts (CAI) provided their annual contract for computer software and maintenance for the FY2018 year. With the new agreement option for IT services with TJ Burbank, no prepaid hours were requested for CAI. CAI will still be used but on a limited basis.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the CAI contract as presented without any pre billed labor hours.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The agreement with TJ Burbank for IT services was presented. His hourly rate is \$85.00 dollars per hour for all calls less than two hours, with a reduction to \$75.00 dollars per hour for all calls

exceeding two hours. His office is in Preston and he travels to Oneida County each week for other business. The cost and availability are the two best points for contracting with TJ.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to accept the agreement with TJ Burbank for IT services.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The State Catastrophic fund submitted two assignments to Oneida County directing the disbursement of payments received from two medical indigent recipients. The percentage is based on the amount paid by the county compared to what the state paid.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the assignments as presented.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The claims were reviewed.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the claims as presented.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The commissioners reported that arrangements have been made to sterilize the land around the ambulance building once per year. Other cleanup and maintenance will be up to members of the ambulance department.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

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

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The question of holiday pay was presented to the commissioner in a previous meeting. Does an employee receive 8 hours per holiday or does the employee receive the number of hours he is scheduled to work, ie 10 hour shifts or 12 hour shifts. This is not identified in the personnel policy and departments are not handling the issue the same.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve holiday pay equal to the employee's regular shift scheduled. 8 hour shifts receive 8 hours of holiday, with 12 hour shifts receiving 12 hours per holiday.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels reminded those departments present that the ICRMP online driving safety course needs to be fulfilled by each employee.

Commissioner Daniels reported that the building inspector has found several violations of the county building code. Many of these violations deal with the plans being changed after approval has been given. Attorney Brower and Commissioner Daniels will attend the next Planning and Zoning meeting and discuss the development code. Clarification of this code will help with the enforcement of the county laws.

Open Range – Ray Hubbard came before the commissioners to discuss the issue of cows on the roads in Holbrook. Several have been hit but no serious injuries have occurred yet. He is concerned that if the problem isn't addressed that a fatal accident will occur. He stated that with this added hazard on the road, it creates a more difficult environment for emergency vehicles traveling to the scene of an accident as rapidly as they might need. Ray suggested that a herd district could solve the problem. The commissioners informed him that the county can not initiate a herd district but that the citizens themselves would need to approve the motion by vote. It was further stated that if a herd district is created it is the responsibility of the members to fence the perimeter of the district to keep all animals out. The county would have no control over the district what so ever.

Weight limits on State and County roads – State engineer, Ed Bala addressed the issue of truck weight limits and the impact on State and County roads. It was explained that the heavier weight of 129,000 pounds requires additional axels and the new setup creates less weight on each axel. Mr. Bala said that the state is in favor of increasing the weight limit on State roads and would like to encourage counties to do the same. He mentioned the road going north out of Holbrook. The thought is that if the trucks haul more weight per load that they could make less trips with less weight per axel which could save the roads. Commissioner Daniels expressed concern that if the weight limit changes that more trucks would use these routes thereby increasing traffic. Her thoughts are that the county roads are not in any condition to handle more traffic. She indicated that if the county does consider this move to increase the weight that she would like to postpone the action until the reconstruction has taken place on the stretch of road heading north from Holbrook going into Power County. A member from the Local Highway group known as LHTAC was also in attendance and he supported the direction that the ITD is taking. Two local drivers were in attendance. Kacy Hill asked if the road from Holbrook to Power County increases would the Commissioners consider increasing other county roads. Lisa Baker from the county road and bridge department ask if the decision to increase weight limits could be reversed in the future. Her concern is that if the county makes a change now that it would not be reversible. Mr. Bala indicated that the county could designate the weight limits on county road, up or down, whenever they see the need. No decision was made.

Discussion with Malad City officials –

Senior Citizens center – Mary Ellen Knudsen, director of the Senior Center Board met with the city and county, at their request, to understand future needs and to coordinate how the three groups can best work together in the future. Thanks were expressed for the good service that the center provides and compliments were given as to the recent upgrades to the facility and how well it looks. Knudsen expressed her desire to improve the center and give it more appeal. Her desire is to entice more parties to rent the facility and to have it being utilized. It was further noted that some of the remaining grant money will be used to finish the North outside wall of the center and then the building should be complete.

Law enforcement – The County asked for an increase in the contract for law enforcement in the City limits. The total increase will be spread out over the next three years. The city asked if this increase would mean that 1-) the patrol officers would then be enforcing the city ordinances and 2-) could they receive reports to show the police activity in the city limits to help justify the increase. Currently the City hires another person to patrol the city to check on such things as loose animals and summer water violations. The Sheriff will work with the city council to provide this information and make the needed changes. County Attorney Brower will draw up a contract for both parties to review and approve as a future date.

Sunday alcohol sales – Local business are requesting that the city and county allow for the sale of liquor on Sunday so that they can remain open for New Years Eve this year. It was researched and found that the only way a City or County can act differently than the state is if an ordinance is passed. With all the businesses being inside the city limits it makes it their responsibility to either approve or deny the request.

Television District – Mr. Norman Jaussi came before the Board of commissioners to request \$80,000.00 dollars to help purchase new electronic equipment for the Translator district. He indicated that the Federal government has sold many of the channels that are currently being used and that new equipment will need to be purchased to allow for the continuation of television in the county. The remaining channels will be few in number and only select stations will be available. It was noted that the T.V. District has some money but they would need an additional \$80,000.00 dollars to complete the project if all goes smoothly. It was further noted that the Translator board did not attend the meeting and that MR. Jaussi was making the request as a favor.

Golf course proposal – Ruth Zivkovic presented a plan to improve the interior of the green belt walking path at the Malad City Park. Her proposal is to create a small 5 hole golf event, a BMX track for bikes and a soccer field. Her reason for addressing the county is too request help with landscaping the area with some of their road and bridge equipment. She still has to take the plan to the city for approval but thought that it would be good to have some in-kind donations lined up before hand.

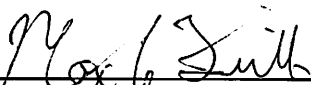
No decisions were made.

The 2015 SHSP grant report form Homeland Security was reviewed.

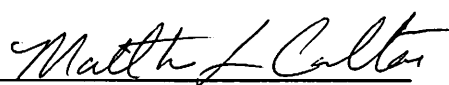
Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the 2015 SHSP quarterly report as submitted.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk