

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

This meeting was held in Stone Idaho at the Elementary school in conjunction with their weekly Senior Citizens luncheon. The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were offered before the meal.

Following the lunch the meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth..

A regular quarterly report for the 2017 EMPG grant for emergency services was reviewed for approval.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the report.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

A solid waste exemption request was submitted by a resident with property in the Daniels area. This remote area does not receive regular garbage pickup as most citizens in that area do not live there the full year. The county maintains a central drop location and offers the residents in the area a \$30.00 dollar reduction from the part time rate of \$108.00 dollars if they would haul their trash to the central drop. It was expressed that the costs of providing the landfill service should be covered by all properties and that this citizen is currently receiving a reduced rate and therefore not a candidate for exemption.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny the solid waste exemption request.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

A resolution, # 2017-10-02, approving the transfer of PILT money into the County Fair fund and Justice Fund for the purpose of bringing their cash balance to a positive status was presented for approval. The negative balance in the County Fair fund is due to authorization by the commissioners to accomplish additional improvements with the knowledge that the PILT money would be used to cover the expenses. The Justice fund shortage is a result of the Max allowed levy rate being too low to cover the needed revenues to pay for the various departments in the Justice Fund.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve resolution #2017-10-02 whereby transferring PILT money into the County Fair and Justice funds.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

A resolution to open the FY2017 budget to make adjustments pursuant to closing out the financial reports for the year was presented for review and approval.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve resolution #2017-10-03 to open the FY2017 budget for the purpose of making approved adjustments prior to the yearend financial closeout.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The invoice from Paragon consulting was presented for the right-of-way review conducted in conjunction with the "Narrows" project. The cost requested is \$800.00 dollars. This money is eligible for reimbursement.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve and pay the invoice from Paragon Consulting.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Deep Creek special use permit – A plan of operation is still needed to finalize the special use permit. Commissioner Daniels will forward this document to the F.S. for approval.

County holidays – The county awards four hours of holiday pay each Christmas Eve. This year it falls on a Sunday and employees would like to know what options they have for this time. Commissioner Daniels suggested that the employees could be polled to see what the majority consensus is.

Elections – Those in attendance were reminded of the upcoming election. It was requested that they inform their neighbors and encourage all eligible citizens to participate.

Open forum for community concerns -

A letter was given to the commissioners in advance by a citizen who was unable to attend the meeting. This letter was read first. His concerns include the need for the county to enforce the noxious weed laws better. Road and Bridge working more efficiently by hauling their equipment less and doing more work on the roads when they do transport out to the Stone area. Winter maintenance could be more frequent to help eliminate the ice build up on the roads. When the trash is being picked up it tends to blow out of the carrier and end up on the side of the road. The spraying and mowing of the road sides could be improved. Road signs are in need of repair or replacement. He would also like better access to gravel at the county pit.

Other concerns brought up by some of the people in attendance include painting a center line on the main road to help drivers see better in fog or rain. Spring flooding causing problems when the culverts get backed up and the need to clean or replace these culverts. A big concern from yet another person involves the response time when issues are called into the sheriff's office. Recently Issues with a neighbor were reported to the sheriff's office but no response was made to investigate the situation. This particular issue involves one of her neighbors whom she suspects of having people living in camp trailers in his back yard and having a high number of animals in the small area behind his house. Others are concerned about the mink farm starting to smell and bring in flies.

Speed limits are a concern to some in the area. The speed limit is 55 on county roads unless otherwise posted.

The commissioner's were able to respond to some of the concerns but stated that other issues will need to be looked into. Their responses are below.

Weeds - The County continues to work at the noxious weed problem and will continue to do so as best they can. We have a lot of problems in the county but overall the department is doing a good job.

Winter roads - The winter maintenance of roads is always a concern and the crew does well but they will be asked to pay closer attention to how they plow.

Road side litter - The trash issue has a two part solution with the collection truck making sure they travel with the lid closed at all times and that the citizens bag all of the trash they set out for collection so that it doesn't fall on the ground when the bin is tipped into the truck.

Road side maintenance - Spraying and mowing the road sides is necessary and they will try to do better next year.

Road signs - The Road and Bridge has purchased signs already and they will be replacing them in the coming months.

Gravel - The County has need for a certain amount of gravel. The quantity of gravel that is available will be assessed and arrangements for citizens to purchase any excess gravel will be made.

Center lines – center lines on county roads are not mandatory when the road has a low usage rate. If the County does paint a road, which is quite costly, then it must maintain the line going forward. This would be an expense the county couldn't handle.

Road and Bridge will review the condition of the culverts.

The living condition in question at the Holbrook residence will be investigated by the sheriff.

Mink Farm – It was thought that this farm was taking care of their animals in a responsible way and not causing problems for the neighbors. The commissioners were unaware of the current mink farm concerns in Holbrook.

Speed limit – The current speed limit of "55 miles per hour unless otherwise posted" was reiterated to the audience. It was stated that a patrol would come out more frequently to help keep the traffic within the limit.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Janice Eberhardt asked about road safety on the corner by the Grandine gravel pit. This road has had a few accidents on it because of speed. When drivers are traveling on new roads, they need to be aware of their surroundings. Signs are about the only way to warn people of these circumstances.

Norm Jaussi took the opportunity to speak about the changes in the TV translator district and the need to purchase updated equipment. He informed the commissioners that some form of financial aid could be available. Although the TV District is its own entity, they came to the commissioners to ask for help with the cost of the new equipment.

The claims were reviewed.

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

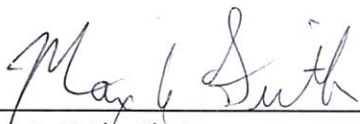
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

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

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk