

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Firth.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to amend the agenda to add water adjudication discussion.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Delinquent taxes - Jeremy Abeyta spoke to the commissioners about property owned by relatives that have been set to go tax deed. He explained that the tenants have contracted to purchase the property but have not paid the taxes. He indicated that this happened one other time and his family paid the taxes out of their pocket. He doesn't want to lose the property and is asking the commissioners to give him some time to see if they can evict the tenants legally. If they can take the property back then the family will pay the taxes again but they don't want to commit to the taxes if they can't take possession of the house and land. Jeremy indicated that they would have some answers by the first of the New Year and would like the county to postpone the tax deed process until then. The treasurer indicated that her normal date of action on tax deed properties is the second Monday of January. This time frame will give Jeremy time to investigate his options and then come back to the commissioners with his request if it is still needed.

Propane bids for the 2018 calendar year were opened. Valley Wide bid \$.30 cents over rack price while Direct Propane bid \$.27 cents over rack price. Commissioner Daniels indicated that the company who wins the bid should have the option to fill all county tanks. This concern comes after the last meeting where a couple of tanks were filled by local companies. It was found that some of the smaller tanks such as the one used at the land fill were not filled as often and the company winning the bid might not want to travel to that location for such a small sale. Commissioner Daniels said that the company winning the bid should have the chance to accept or deny the smaller tanks that are out of the way.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to accept the Direct Propane bid for \$.27 cents over rack price and to consult with the company to determine which of the small tanks they will service.

Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Department reports –

Sheriff – One on duty officer was recently injured while trying to apprehend a suspect. He will be out for some time for shoulder surgery and rehabilitation. New vehicles have been ordered and should arrive in two to three weeks. It was requested that the older vehicles be placed at the Search and Rescue building for their use.

Probation – They are working with the diversion committee and it seems to be going quite well. The Supreme Court gave training on the new Odyssey program that will roll out in October of 2018.

Prosecutor – A jury trial set for January has been continued.

Treasurer – Tax collection has been good. Several properties set to go tax deed.

Clerk/Auditor – The new communications tower will need an anti climb guard installed. ICRMP on-line training continues with all requirements being met except for the second safety meeting. Money was delivered to the clerk's office with the request to deposit in the Drug Taskforce account. It was later found that it should have been placed in the 911 account. A resolution will be drafted whereby allowing the money to be relocated to the proper fund.

Commissioner Daniels proposed that the county approve gift cards to the employees for the Christmas holiday. In the past they have usually purchased \$25.00 dollar gift cards.

Commissioner made the motion to approve \$25.00 dollar gift cards for employees, to be included with the upcoming payroll disbursement.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Building permits – Four permits were issued in November; two accessory buildings for Frank Wendt and one agricultural building each for John Hansen and Doyle Waldron.

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

Don North requests a variance for an addition to an existing building. The current building is only a few feet from the county right of way and he wants to build a lean to on the side away from the road. Because the new construction is less than the required fifty feet, he is asking for a variance in the set back from the road. The commissioners discussed the fact it is further away from the road than the current structure and would not be an encroachment on adjacent properties. It was thought that the variance would be fine.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the variance for Mr. North to construct a lean to on the back side of an existing building which is opposite of the county road easement.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Neola James requests a variance for a portable shed to be placed on the side property line behind her house without setbacks. The commissioners were aware of this issue as they stopped at this location while conducting inspections a few weeks earlier. Having firsthand knowledge of this property it is thought that there are several other options available for the placement of this building without encroaching on the neighbor's boundary line.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to deny the variance request by Neola James for the purpose that there are other options they could choose without encroaching on the adjacent land owner's property line.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Sheriff Jones reported on the situation in Holbrook that was reported to the commissioners. The claim is that there are people living in camp trailers behind a house. The investigation indicated that they were not violating any county laws currently. They are sleeping in the trailers but they are using the water and sewer in the house. It was further reported that the welfare of the children at this residence was also in question however this was found to be of no concern.

The claims and meeting minutes were reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the claims as submitted.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

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

The commissioners gave approval for the sale of liquor on Sunday December 31st, 2017 in the previous meeting. This action needs to be finalized by resolution which prosecutor Brower drafted. Resolution # 2017-12-01 was presented.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve resolution # 2017-12-01 to allow for the sale of liquor on Sunday December 31st, 2017 at the State Liquor store.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The National Association of Counties will hold a Western Interstate Regional conference in Blaine County Idaho in 2018. Blaine County has made the request for monetary support of this event. The commissioners thought it best to decline giving money to Blaine County as they will receive plenty of support from other places that can better afford it.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to decline giving monetary help for the coming WIR conference in Blaine County.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Vacation carry over – Two employees gave written requests asking for permission to carry over vacation into the new year as allowed by the personnel policy.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to allow the vacation carry over as requested.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

LHTAC invoice # 41 for work by Keller Associates for the Narrows project was reviewed.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve LHTAC invoice # 41 for payment.
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried

County liquor licenses were presented for signature. They will be signed in advance and will be issues as the vendors bring in their proper paper work .

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to approve the signing of liquor licenses.
Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The annual vessel fund was submitted for review and approval.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the vessel fund as submitted.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

One certificate of residency was submitted for approval.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve and sign the CoR.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Hess Pumice Products submitted their annual request for overweight permits for trucks running to their mine in the Daniels area. The overweight rules they are following match the 129,000 pound rule approved by the state for their roads.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the four overweight permits for Hess Pumice Products trucks on the Daniels road leading to their mine.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

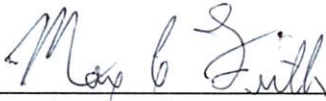
Commissioner Firth reported that he received a letter from a water company in Caribou County stating that they are in favor of moving forward with the water adjudication project. Commissioner Firth stated that their water system is separate from that of Oneida County but indicated that the Malad Valley will probably need to be adjudicated sooner or later.

Commissioner Daniels suggested that the county might do well to hire the building inspector at a flat monthly rate and provide an office space that he can work from one day a week so that customers can ask questions and new plans can be reviewed for approval.
Some questions came up as to the keeping of the records and the flow of paperwork.
A meeting will be held with the P&Z administrator and a work flow/path worked out.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to move into an executive session per IC 74-206(1)(b).
Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Several citizens attended the meeting as the commissioners were addressing the concerns of a road in Daniels area referred to as Turkey Trail. The trail has been used by hunters in the past but the land owner is now denying access. Prosecutor Brower explained how road can be created, maintained as public access. He stated that he feels that he would need more information before he could tackle the case in court.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk