

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

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Daniels.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to amend the agenda to add Turkey Trail discussion. Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels reported on issues with the building permits and those applying for them. She stated that in Idaho Code Title 54-5209 it states that contractors must provide their registration number and post it on the construction site in a conspicuous manner. The permit application will need to be amended to allow for this information. It was mentioned that there are exemptions that could apply. It was not clear if contractors from out of state needed an Idaho registration number in addition to their Utah license. The building inspector indicated that he would find out the requirements for out of state contractors.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to amend all building permit applications by providing a box for contractor registration numbers. Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Monica Marino addressed the board to question the taxes on her home. She questioned the amount due for back taxes deriving from penalties and late fees. In a previous meeting the commissioners approved to suspend all future interest and penalties and to place a hold on the collection of past taxes until her property sold. She would in turn pay all current taxes beginning with 2018. Monica proceeded to remind the board of her plight in the court system and again requested some tax relief. Commissioner Daniels stated that all land owners are required to pay their fair share and that the commissioners have a responsibility to do what is best for the county. Commissioner Firth stated that he would be willing to forgive all penalties and late fee's but not the taxes.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to forgive all current interest, penalties and late fees for the home currently owned by Monica Marino. Commissioner Firth seconded and the motion carried.

Supervisor report-

Sheriff - Officer Christophersen is attending POST in Pocatello and will graduate in early December. The 911 communication grant for \$229,000.00 dollars has been awarded and will the software and rerouting of the connection to Bonneville County via fiber optics. This will save the county the expense of routing through the phone companies. The office has seen an increase of mental cases and they are having problems finding facilities that can house them. Attorney Brower indicated that a Board of Guardians would be useful in situations such as this. The transportation of prisoners is still proving to be an issue due to the fact that in some cases the person has been given the choice of when they check in for weekends. Without a schedule for transportation the sheriff is trying to accommodate the prisoners. It has been recommended that if the Judge gives the person latitude of when they check in that it becomes their responsibility to drive to the Jail. The Judge will be consulted about this proposal.

Attorney – Two jury trials have been scheduled with one of them likely to settle early. Mental issues and child protection issues have increased lately. The Supreme Court has implemented Odyssey in our district as of today.

Assessor – Appraisals for the west part of the county have begun. Sales data could drive the assessments up again next year however it is too early to tell. Office phones have been reprogrammed to aid in the transfer of calls between the Assessor and DMV.

Road and Bridge – the water truck and one dump truck are out of commission and being repaired. Work on the Dairy Creek roads continues. The salt and sand will be replenished before winter. Questions were raised regarding the methane monitoring equipment calibration. The drone survey of the old landfill has been completed and the report should be coming soon.

Clerk – Jed Dayley from the state probation has moved to the interview room by the sheriffs holding cells. The Odyssey software has been implemented by the Supreme Court as of October 9th however it will take time to learn the complete system.

Assessor Atkinson asked the commissioners about paying to digitize the county logo for use in making door signs for the county vehicles. It was suggested that the cost would be around \$250.00 to \$320 dollars with the actual door sign being around \$50.00 dollars.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the digitizing of the county logo pending approved bids.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Security cameras for the new holding cell and interview room – It is estimated that cameras could be installed for around \$1,350 by OMNI security.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to purchase the cameras for the holding cell and interview room.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Meurer road follow up – Commissioner Firth is of the opinion that the county should not try to alter existing roads stating that the property boundaries should be investigated before the new owner purchases the property. Commissioner Daniels used this as an example of what can happen if the rules are not followed when creating subdivisions. Commissioner Firth exclaimed that it the road will remain as is. Attorney Brower stated that if the issues is pursued by the Maurer's that the county may need to either validate or vacate the road officially.

Franchise agreement – Attorney Brower has been working with the commissioners on a franchise agreement with Rocky Mountain Power. Part of the agreement gives the option for the county to charge a fee. It was noted that the power company will transfer the fee to the users. Discussion was had as to the fee being a hidden tax. The commissioners were split on whether the fee should be added. The second issue was duration of the agreement. It was thought that a 10 to 20 year agreement would allow for a periodic review of the agreement.

Narrows update – The rebid was successful with several companies participating. Western Construction has the low bid of \$5,195,000.00 dollars. The county will need to give approval and construction could begin this fall but most likely next spring. The engineering company Keller Associates that has been involved in the project thought that there would be a good possible

that an additional grant could be approved to reconstruct a couple of mile of road on the north and south part of the original project.

Commissioner Stokes made the motion to proceed with the engineering project for the north section of road.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

Public health update – They have installed a new roof on the Pocatello building and will be looking for a new building in Soda Springs. There are rebates being offered for installing LED lighting. An increase of e-cigarettes has official concerned. A new drug has been found that will prevent HIV. 18 septic applications in 2018 of which one was a replacement. Food inspections have been good as well. Their financials are solvent and in good standing.

ICRPM agreement – this document was provided to approve the continued working relationship with ICRPM.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the agreement to enlist ICRPM as the counties risk management provider.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels abstained.

ICRPM terrorism insurance – The terrorism insurance is offered as a separate policy with additional costs. ICRMP has \$50,000,000.00 dollars set aside to cover terrorism for all counties however the county can purchase the additional coverage if they so chose. A letter must be signed if the county declines the additional coverage and uses the coverage already in place.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to decline the additional terrorism coverage.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daniels abstained.

ICRPM board member replacement – a nomination form was provided for the county to submit a name to serve on the ICRMP board. The name discussed was commissioner Vaughan Rasmussen from Bear Lake.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to nominate Vaughan Rasmussen to serve on the ICRMP board.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

ERF grant amendments – amendments were made to the ERF grant for road and bridge and the commissioners need to acknowledge the changes.

Commissioner Firth made the motion to approve the amendments to the ERF grant as submitted.

Commissioner Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

The quarterly Joint Treasurer and Auditor report was submitted for review.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the quarterly report.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

Airport board reorganization – Commissioner Daniels reported that the airport board will be reorganized. She indicated that there were several in the community that are interested in serving on the board with the intentions of improving the facility. Names will be presented in the next meeting. Brad Hess, currently serving on the board, took some time to report on activities many years ago and what the board was trying to accomplish at the time.

Seven building permits were presented. The assessor building is for Craig McCullum and the Agricultural buildings are for Chad Rindlisbacher, Mark Colton, Joe Schow, Max Tavoian, Jess Wakley and Wendy Scalise. Tavoian, Wakley and Scalise are also requesting variances for setbacks. Letters from the P&Z board giving a recommendation of acceptance was given to the commissioners for the variances. Wakley and Scalise both brought letters of approval from their neighbors.

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the three variance requests as presented and as recommended by the P&Z board.

Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

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

The planning and zoning board conducted a public hearing for a proposed gas station to be located east of exit 3 on Interstate 15. The commissioners will hold their public hearing on November 13th, at 6:00 pm in the court room.

The claims were reviewed and the meeting minutes read.

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

Commissioner Daniels made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as read.
Commissioner Stokes seconded and the motion carried.

The scheduled executive session was cancelled.

Commissioner Stokes reported that signs has been placed along the Turkey Trail road however they appear to be miss leading. It was decided that proper signs will be ordered and placed on this road with correct information.

The meeting was adjourned.



Max C. Firth, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk