

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Eliason leading the Pledge of Allegiance and offering a prayer.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to remove the claims from the consent agenda to allow for discussion.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the meeting minutes from June 14th.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved. The motion carried.

The commissioners questioned a payment to Animal Damage Control. It was explained that the money helped offset the cost for the control of predatory animals in the county and that it was handled in conjunction with the State.

The beer license for the horse races and fair week was questioned. It was explained that the temporary license was issued for the one-time event and that it was a piggyback on a local license.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the claims for payment.

Commissioner Eliason seconded the motion. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Kim Obele and Clint Bastian from the Forest Service spoke to the commissioners about wild fire dangers and cooperative agreements that would allow aid in fighting fires in the county. It was stated that jurisdiction of the fire is determined by where the fire starts. Some fires begin on public lands while others begin in private land however both have the potential to move onto adjacent lands and have a devastating effect on crops, wildlife, recreation etc.

The county was encouraged to plan early and educate often to help citizen know of the hazards in their area. It is better to take preventive measures to keep a fire from happening.

Commissioner Christophersen will work with the emergency manager to identify high hazard areas and to work with the Forest Service to help mitigate the potential fires before they happen.

Susan Cronquist from the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments asked the commissioners to support a proclamation making the month of June "Elder abuse awareness" month. Although scheduling didn't allow the proclamation to come before the commissioners until July it was suggested that they still support the proclamation for future awareness of the issue.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the proclamation designating the month of June as elder abuse awareness month.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Luke Waldron petitioned the commissioners to install more traffic signs in Samaria. He reported that he spoke with the road department about the speed limit in Samaria and would like the commissioners to consider reducing the limit to 30 MPH.

Commissioner Christophersen will speak with Attorney Brower, Sheriff Jones and the road department.

The agreement for Integrated Solutions Consulting to help update the counties Hazard Mitigation plan was presented. The efforts will be paid for by a previously awarded grant.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to accept the agreement with Integrated Solutions Consulting for assistance with the county hazard mitigation plan updates.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Emergency Services SHSP grant money was discussed. 2018 grant money must be spent by the end of August. Dan will work on the approval for a backup generator for the Sheriff's communication repeater.

Dan presented a bid for tent enclosures that could be used in times of need. The total cost was around \$800.00 to cover shipping. It was found that the fire district has already purchased them and the county, if approved would purchase them from the district.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to purchase the lightweight tents from the fire district using the 2018 SHSP grant money.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Dan further reported that Brad Richy, Director of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management would like to meet with the commissioners sometime in September.

The final draft of the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law document for the Steed Road hearing was addressed. Commissioner Lewis made a few minor clerical corrections.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the Findings of fact and conclusion of law for the Steed road.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. Both commissioners approve and the motion carried. Commissioner Eliason abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Eliason reported on the Grazing district money that was questioned on the previous meeting and stated that Oneida County was a pass through for the Burley grazing district. The money is used to help various cattle associations with fencing and water projects.

Road standards approval. Although discussed in the previous meeting no decision was made. It was further questioned as to the proper process to approve the new standards whether by motion or resolution or if an ordinance must be passed.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the road standards as prepared by Paragon consulting.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Letters of resignation – The commissioners received three letters of resignation. Hailey Smith has resigned from the position of specialty court coordinator. This is a part time job working with the drug court. Road foreman Scott Blaisdell announced his retirement at the end of July and Weed superintendent Mike Larue resigned from his position which consisted of working part time in road and bridge when not spraying noxious weeds in the county.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to post for the position of specialty court coordinator. Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

Following lunch Commissioner Lewis opened the Board of Equalization meeting. one appeal was received by the county for 2021. The appellant, Charles Thurber, was appealing the homeowner's exemption on his property located at 17 Bannock Street. His claim was that he uses 80% of the space for living and storage and only 20% for commercial. this property, RP004100 was also appealed last year. The Assessor stated that the last time they were able to physically inspect inside the building, the upper floor was used for living space and the main floor and basement were used for commercial. The offer was made to inspect the interior of the building but Mr. Thurber wanted to know what there was to inspect, stating that storage was storage. The Assessor stated that they would look for evidence of living spaces such as bathrooms, kitchens and living quarters.

Commissioner Lewis asked what new evidence was being presented.

Mr. Thurber claimed that the appeal was overshadowed last year by the other four appeals and that he had no new evidence.

Commissioner Lewis stated that he believed an inspection would need to be done before any changes could be made. He reminded those in attendance that the State and County denied last year's appeal and that no new evidence was presented this year.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to deny the appeal from Charles Thurber and uphold the Assessors values for RP004100 located at 17 Bannock Street.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The Joint quarterly Treasurer, Auditor report was presented for approval. The report covered April through June.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the Joint Quarterly Treasurer/Auditor report.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis explained the need to replace several doors in the court room and to block one door in the attorney's interview room. A bid from Hansen's in Preston was presented. The total bid came to \$3,850.00 however modifications were requested for three doors entering the court room. With modifications the total is \$4,120.00

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the bid from Hansen's to replace the doors in the court room at the cost of \$4,120.00 dollars.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason reported that one member of the fair board had resigned. Four names were presented as possible replacements. Jill Keetch, Lacie Clark, Natalie Pasket and Arron White. The commissioners thought the list of recommended names were good.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the list of names for possible fair board members.

Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Eliason will seek a replacement from the list of approved candidates.

Shelby Thomas came to the meeting to discuss the weed superintendent position. She indicated that she was interested in the position however she also wanted to continue her college education. Most of the classes can be completed on line with the exception of a few classes scheduled for this winter. She would need Tuesdays and Thursdays off for the winter semester but she would be willing to work weekends to make up the time if needed.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to hire Shelby Thomas full time as weed superintendent.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

With Scott Blaisdell retiring the commissioners discussed a replacement. Diana Dredge was noted as one who could fill the position.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to promote Diana Dredge to the full time position of Road supervisor upon the retirement of Scott Blaisdell.

Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk