

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF ONEIDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Christophersen leading the Pledge of Allegiance then offering a pray.

Commissioner Lewis called for a review of the agenda.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to add airport discussion to the agenda. Commissioner Christophersen seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims, meeting minutes for July 6th, and July 12th, and two hanger leases for the airport. Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Fair board – Pat Werk, chairman of the fair board discussed options for restructuring the pens and chutes behind the rodeo arena with the end goal of creating a better return alley for the rodeo stock. This will create a safer environment for the animals and the volunteers. Cost was a main part of the discussion. It was stated that the installation could be accomplished by exchanging labor for use of the arena by local ropers and the high school rodeo club. Bids for the fence panels were presented however Commissioner Eliason suggested that at least two bids should be brought to the commissioners.

Hospital line of Credit – Administrator John Williams came before the commissioners with the request to renew the line of credit with Ireland Bank. This credit line has been in place for several years and serves as a backup for their financial operations. There have been no concerns since it was first approved and the commissioners could find no reason why it couldn't be renewed for one more year.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the renewal of the line of credit for the County Hospital with the local Ireland Bank. Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Public Defense Commission – Regional representative Jared Ricks joined the commissioners meeting via telephone to answer any questions that the commissioners may have. Some items addressed were annual attorney reports, financial assistance and how it can be used and what future funding requests may look like. Jared also reminded the commissioners of the negotiated rule making process and how they can participate.

The PDC presented an agreement for the county to sign regarding the financial award that was approved for the county. This agreement stated the amount awarded to the county, which was

\$50,000.00 dollars, and how it could be utilized in helping pay for public defense and comply with the public defense guidelines.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve and sign the Public Defense financial agreement.

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

Quad Board of Guardians – The discussion of creating a joint board of guardians with surrounding counties has been ongoing for some time. A draft copy of the bylaws was reviewed and the commissioners were in favor of moving forward.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to join in the quad board of guardians with Franklin, Caribou and Bear Lake counties and to approve the bylaws as written.

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

E-911 grant – Sheriff Jones presented a grant application to help pay for the maintenance of the e-911 service. The grant for \$50,000.00 dollars would be received over a two year period.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to sign the grant application for the e-911 grant and to sign a letter of support to accompany the application.

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

Samaria road signs – Commissioner Christophersen reported that they were going to install four new signs in Samaria following the request by Luke Waldron to reduce the speed limit in this area. It was thought that the concerns of other Samaria residence should be considered and it was decided that more input may be needed. It was further discussed on how a speed limit can be changed and the various ways a road can be posted. One suggestion was to post the limit at the entrance to the town that stated the speed was a certain limit “unless otherwise posted”. Road department secretary Lisa Baker reported that she had called LHTAC, a state agency, who helped identify the ways that the speed limit could be changed including approval by ordinance or by conducting a road study. Lisa further observed that the roads in question had stop signs at the intersections and she questioned how they were able to get up to speed in such a short distance.

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to move forward with writing a resolution to changed the speed limit in Samaria to 30 miles per hour.

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

New county roads – A citizen has four contiguous parcels of land and they would like to build a road in the middle of these lots for access making the road private property. The question was raised as to when the county would take possession of a road. Attorney Brower stated that the commissioners should have a policy on when a road will be adopted by the county and that the policy should be based on knowledge and fact.

Retiring road foreman Scott Blaisdell has made the request that he be allowed to keep the existing phone number assigned to his county phone. The phone is well used and due to be replaced. The new Foreman Diana Dredge has also made the request that she be allowed to use her own phone with reimbursement coming from the county for times when it is used for county business. There is no current policy on this issue and commissioner Lewis suggested further analysis over the next few weeks regarding the issue of reimbursement.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve giving the used county cell phone to Scott Blaisdell and that he be allowed to retain the same number.

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

P&Z expenses for continued assistance with the Development Code and also for engineering reviews as required by the new county code. Commissioner Lewis stated that the county has spent over the \$10,000.00 dollars allotted for the development code rewrite. He further stated that with changes to the development code that possible engineering expenses could be incurred for required reviews that will be reimbursed by the permit applicant. Commissioner Lewis suggested approval for additional expense of these two items in the current budget. He suggested a \$5,000.00 dollar approval for the development code and \$5,000.00 dollar approval for the engineering review.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve additional expenses up to \$5,000.00 dollars for work on the development code and \$5,000.00 dollars for engineering reviews in the current budget.

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

An agreement with J.U.B. engineering was presented whereby they agree to preform reviews as directed by the development code. Commissioner Lewis stated that the reviews are to be paid for by the applicant with the suggestion that the fees be paid in advance of their hearing. It was also suggested that the permittee be given advance notice of the cost before the study is conducted so they are fully aware of their responsibility.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the J.U.B. agreement to perform engineering studies as outlined in the development code.

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

Events center needs – this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Emergency services 2018 SHSP grant projects – The county has approximately \$12,935.00 dollars in grant money that needs to be utilized before the end of August. A grant adjustment notice was provided to the commissioners for signature and to give notice of the deadline for use of the money.

One item that was identified as a possible expense of this money is a generator and propane tank to be installed by the sheriff's communications tower west of Malad. The generator would

allow continued communications during a power outage. Ham radios were also suggested as a possible expense.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to sign the grant adjustment notice for the 2018 SHSP grant.

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

Commissioner Christophersen made the motion to approve the purchase of the generator and propane tank, including labor, for the bid price of \$11,996.14 to be installed at the sheriff's communication tower west of Malad and also to purchase two ham radios to be placed with the school district and the local ham radio club respectively, for use in county emergencies. Commissioner Eliason seconded. All commissioners approved and the motion carried.

Another suggested project that was considered is that of replumbing the hospital to accept an outside non potable water source that could be used to flush toilets. It was stated that if they lose the ability to flush toilets that they would then need to evacuate the building which could add additional hazards to the residence.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

Benefits renewal – Scott Leavitt brought the benefits renewal rates to the commissioners for approval. The life insurance will see no change from the current year. the dental insurance also has no change however Scott did offer another source for the commissioner to consider. This option is Beam Dental and the overall cost was about \$5.00 dollars cheaper and came with different options. The vision insurance was reduced from \$11.31 to \$9.61 and the health was increase by about 8 ½ % to give a total monthly cost of \$740.00 dollars per employee for the Blue Cross insurance.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the Delta Dental plan renewal with no change, the Blue Cross medical and vision plan with an increase to \$740.00 per month and the SunLife, life insurance at no increase for the coming year.

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

A bid from Mountain Valley Mats was presented to the commissioners for door mats to be placed at the events center. The bid for \$80.00 per month covered six carpet rugs and 5 rubber mats.

Commissioner Eliason made the motion to approve the bid for floor mats at the events center with Mountain Valley Mats at a cost of \$80.00 dollars per month.

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

The commissioners received a letter from an attorney representing the Steed and Sweat families. The letter referenced the recent road validation/vacation hearing and decision. The letter claimed that the 30 day notification was not met and that the hearing should be held again.

Attorney Brower thought that he could argue the case in court based on the fact that the Steed and Sweat families were represented at the hearing because they did have knowledge of the date and time however the notice was not given in advance of 30 days which was a violation.

Commissioner Lewis was in favor of conducting a new hearing rather than take a chance of the issue going to court.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to withdraw the decision to validate the Steed road in Stone Idaho due to improper notice being given prior to the public hearing and to conduct a new hearing.

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

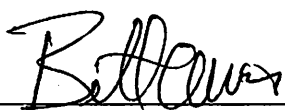
Commissioner Eliason abstained from the vote due to his membership in the cattle association causing a conflict of interest.

The hearing date was tentatively set for October 20th, at 6:00 pm at the county events center.

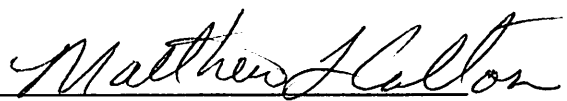
The airport has received first round approved for a grant to rebuild the main runway. It is anticipated that final approval will come soon and that the project can begin later this calendar year.

The commissioners discussed the proposed county budget for FY2022.

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lewis, Chairman



Matthew L. Colton, Clerk