



Kane County Commission Town Hall Meeting

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March 7, 2024
7:00 pm
Town Hall Meeting
Location: Big Water Town Hall
60 Aaron Burr Rd Big Water, UT 84741

Attending: Commissioner Patty Kubeja (chair), Commissioner Celeste Meyeres,
Commissioner Wade Heaton

Call Meeting to Order: Commissioner Kubeja
Welcome: Commissioner Kubeja
Invocation: Mayor David Schmuker
Pledge of Allegiance: Jim (audience member)

Commissioner Kubeja introduces Janette Peatross and Camberly Anderson from the Kane County Office of Tourism.

Commissioner Heaton states his appreciation for local government and the town council of Big Water. Commissioner Meyeres echoes her thanks for the people of Big Water and shares some updates about various topics pertaining to the Big Water area.

Commissioners Meyeres and Heaton give an update regarding SITLA.
An update and discussion between the commission and audience members about the AES Solar Project ensues.

Jennie Lassen asks why AES did the opposite of what they said they would do.
The commission encourages the group to voice their concerns directly to SITLA.
Shirlene Hall asks who actually gets the "windfall"?
It is reinvested into different areas and groups.

A discussion begins about Transient Room Tax (TRT). Janette Peatross gives input regarding TRT and explains how people can appear before the Tax Tourism Advisory Board to petition for TRT money.

Janette asks about the Big Water Dinosaur festival and how the Office of Tourism can help promote it. Audience members explain the plans for the event.

Commissioner Meyeres mentions some projects that have happened in the east area of Kane County and thanks Mayor Schmuker for his efforts in making those projects a success.

The commission mentions a project the Kane County Economic Opportunity (CEO) Board is beginning regarding money distributed to the municipalities based on the amount of business licenses in the county.

Chris Ramos mentions that Utah has a code that is based on cleanup of properties where drug paraphernalia has happened and Kane County doesn't have any reports of this code being used. She wonders who oversees the process and where the breakdown is happening. A discussion about the topic ensues. The commission asks clarifying questions and Chris answers them.

Paul Hyde asks about burn permits and why Big Water is subject to the same index as Salt Lake.

Commissioner Heaton explains that it is a mandate issued statewide by the state of Utah. Craig Christensen asks if the burn permit issues relates to fire rings/pits for homes. It does not, but there is sometimes limitations brought on by dry weather conditions. The question is asked what is considered an approved fire pit. Commissioner Heaton says that each municipal fire department establishes the conditions for approval.

Mark Maham wonders why access to Crosby Canyon would be closed to trail ride and uses. Commissioner Kubeja responds that the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the National Parks Service is responsible for those closures. A discussion about the topic ensues.

The topic about tourism is brought up and briefly discussed.

Graydon Meeks brings up the rise of property taxes and asks when the cut off is and the process of appealing it. Commissioner Kubeja responds the cut off usually occurs in September and explains the process. Commissioner Heaton and the other commissioners gives a brief explanation of how the tax assessment works in Kane County. Commissioner Kubeja mentions the abatement programs for taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm


Patty Kubeja - Chair


Chameill Lamb - Clerk