

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 2, 2010, 10:00 A.M.

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Room 303, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commissioners Spencer Cox and Steve Frischknecht, County Attorney Ross Blackham, and County Clerk Sandy Neill. Present from the media is C.R. Truitt. Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett is excused.

Meeting is called to order by acting Commission Chair Steve Frischknecht.

CLAIMS

Auditor Ilene Roth is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve payment of claims #322705 through #322794. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL TO PAY WELLS FARGO BANK FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT AND RESERVE DEPOSITS FOR THE SHERIFF'S COMPLEX

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the payment of \$33,073.02 to Wells Fargo Bank for Debt Service and reserve deposits for the Sheriff's Complex. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE UTAH STATE TREASURER FOR THE STATE MANDATED CAMA LEVY

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the payment of \$41,495.00 to the Utah State Treasurer for the state mandated CAMA Levy. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

JEFF ANDERSON: APPROVAL TO REPAIR STONE STEP AT COURTHOUSE; APPROVAL OF CARPET FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to award the bid to repair the stone step at the courthouse to State Stone Corporation at a cost of \$1,340.73. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to award the bid to carpet the health department building to Valley Furniture at a cost of \$3,420.44. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: APPROVAL OF LOCAL INCENTIVE FOR MEDICONNECT; APPROVAL TO SELL FAIR TICKETS ONLINE

Kevin Christensen is present. The fair board would like to sell tickets online. The tickets can be ordered and paid for online, and will be mailed out. To keep costs down, tickets can be ordered by seating section, and when they are mailed out, the fair board will do their best to keep groups together as tickets are mailed. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to give the fair board the authority to move forward with selling tickets online. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve a \$5,000.00 cash incentive and a \$3,000.00 technical support incentive for Mediconnect to locate in Ephraim. The money for this will come from the economic development budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. The state has also provided an incentive. This business is projected to provide approximately 300 new jobs in the County within the next few years.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MORONI FOR A TV TRANSLATOR FACILITY

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the signature of the chair on the lease agreement with Moroni City for the TV translator facility site. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

BRUCE COSTA: DISCUSSION OF H1N1; PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

No one is present for this matter. This will be rescheduled.

KERRY NIELSON: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO SNOWMOBILES

Kerry Nielson is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the purchase of two snowmobiles, with the funds to be reimbursed by search and rescue. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

SHERIFF KEVIN HOLMAN: APPROVAL TO HIRE WILLIAM JOSH SWEETWOOD AS S PATROL DEPUTY

Sheriff Kevin Holman is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the hiring of William Josh Sweetwood as a patrol deputy at a rate of \$16.00 per hour effective March 3, 2010. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

FAIR BOARD CHAIRMAN WADE ANDERSON: APPROVAL TO MOVE ANOTHER LIVESTOCK BARN TO FAIRGROUNDS

Wade Anderson is present. The USU Extension is willing to donate two buildings to be used on the fairgrounds. They would make great livestock barns. They would need to be moved by this Spring. The buildings would be moved in pieces. The Commission would like to get volunteer help to keep the costs of moving the building down. It could cost as much as \$111,000.00 to contract out to relocate the buildings. The Commission will look at funding options to see what can be done to take advantage of the available buildings.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH TRAVIS BLACKBURN TO INSTALL IRRIGATION PIPE AT 300 WEST 100 SOUTH, AXTELL

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the right of way agreement for Travis Blackburn to run 4 inch irrigation pipe in Axtell on 300 West and 100 South. The trench will be 2 feet wide, 4-5 feet deep, and 35 feet long. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

JUDGE JOHN R COX: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR JUSTICE COURT FINES AND FEES; APPROVAL TO USE BAILIFFS FOR JUSTICE COURT

Judge John Cox is present. He updates the Commission on revenue received in the past quarter. Judge Cox is requesting permission to accept credit card payments for justice court. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to allow the justice court to accept credit card payments, with a convenience charge to be paid by the payee. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Judge Cox would like to continue to occasionally use a bailiff in justice court. The court receives a surcharge, part of which goes into a fund for security. Judge Cox will check to see if those funds can be used to help pay for bailiffs in justice court.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes from February 2, 2010 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes from February 16, 2010 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Deputy clerk Laurel Brown is present at this time, and Sandy Neill is excused.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADDING OF "FIRE PROTECTION" SERVICES AS AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE OF THE AXTELL SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

The following are present: Dennis Patterson, Kathy Patterson, Fran Thormahlen, Wade Brackett, Eunice Despain, Don Despain, Travis Blackburn, Jeff Bridgeforth, Boyce Mulder, and Lori Nay. Commissioner

Cox explains the public hearing is to determine whether the Axtell Special Service District should be given authority to add fire protection to the Special Service District and to give the public a chance to comment. Commissioner Frischknecht calls for public comment. Boyce Mulder from the Gunnison Valley Fire Department comments in favor of funding for the Gunnison Valley Fire Station and notes the facility will house a hazmat training facility. Lori Nay, Gunnison City Mayor comments in support of the Gunnison Valley Fire Station and notes the fire department is all volunteer and is serviced by a semi-local agreement with the incorporated communities within the fire protection area. She notes the current fire shed does not meet code and that half of the cost of the new station is covered by a CIB grant. Wade Brackett questions Boyce Mulder whether all hydrants in Axtell will be tested. Mr Brackett confirms all hydrants are tested. Travis Blackburn, Chair of Axtell Special Service District thanks the Gunnison Valley Fire Department for fire protection coverage. Mr Blackburn notes Axtell has a 150,000 gallon storage tank for water for fire control, but they would like to pursue grants or funding to improve water storage systems in Axtell. Wade Brackett questions whether everyone hooked up to Axtell water will be assessed the fee if the change to the Axtell Special Service District is approved. Commissioner Cox notes the decision would be made by the Axtell Special Service District. Wade Brackett comments that Axtell needs more fire hydrants. Commissioner Cox responds that the issue is not being addressed today. Boyce Mulder notes fire protection to Axtell will not be suspended if the Special Service District does not agree to participate. Wade Brackett questions who will be assessed the fees. Commissioner Cox responds and notes the entire County must be billed or the billing must occur through a special entity. Lori Nay comments that persons not assessed the fee who are within the protection area will be sent a letter asking them to participate through donation. Commissioner Cox notes the assessment could possibly be added as a line item to the Axtell utility bill. Dennis Patterson questions whether all communities within the protection area will be assessed. Boyce Mulder explains all the communities have entered into an agreement and will be assessed. Lori Nay thanks the Commissioners and the Axtell Special Service District for being involved in the project. Boyce Mulder notes that maximum economic benefit is being received from the station project because the economy was good when the grant was received. Dennis Patterson questions whether response times are good where there is such a large area to cover. Boyce Mulder notes that en route response times average 3 to 4 minutes which is better than most non-volunteer fire organizations. Mr Mulder notes there are no volunteer fire fighters from Axtell as yet. Wade Brackett notes that there has been significant miscommunication and thanks the Commissioners for allowing citizens to come to a meeting and get the facts. County Attorney, Ross Blackham notes the public comment period runs for 15 more days. No action on the resolution can be taken today. Commissioner Frischknecht closes the public hearing.

SIDNEY AND SHERYL HALTON: APPROVAL TO SPLIT LOT #27 IN GOOSEBERRY SUBDIVISION INTO TWO FIVE ACRE LOTS

Lee Holmstead is present. Jeff Bridgeforth, representing Sidney and Sheryl Halton is present. Mr. Holmstead reviews the application and notes the proposed split meets the requirements of the County Ordinance. County Attorney, Ross Blackham notes this is the only subdivision where splits are allowed without Planning Commission approval. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve a split to lot #27 in Gooseberry Subdivision into two five acre lots. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*
Sandy Neill
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*
Claudia Jarrett
Commission Chair