

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 4, 2011, 1:00 P.M.

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Room 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett, Commissioners Spencer Cox and Steve Frischknecht, County Attorney Brody Keisel, and County Clerk Sandy Neill.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett.

CLAIMS

Auditor Ilene Roth is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve payment of claims #325063 and #325123 through #325152, and also #325064 through #325122. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL TO PAY WHEELER MACHINERY FOR TRANSMISSION AND ENGINE WORK DONE ON A ROAD DEPARTMENT GRADER AND LOADER

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the payment of \$57,868.00 to Wheeler Machinery for engine and transmission work done on a road department grader (140G), and also \$30,866.00 to Wheeler Machinery for engine and radiator work done on a road department loader (966F). The funds are to come from the 2010 budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION CHAIR

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to have Commissioner Jarrett remain as the chair of the Commission, and Commissioner Frischknecht remain as vice chair. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. The Commission assignments for 2011 are as follows:

Claudia Jarrett: Access Management, County Roads (North District), Extension Service, Fire District/Special Service District #2, Forest Service/BLM Liaison, Roads/Special Service District #1, Six County AOG Representative, Special Assessment District/Indianola Valley Fire Department, Special Service Districts Other (Gunnison Hospital, Water, etc), State Department of Highways.

Steve Frischknecht: Chamber of Commerce, County Building Inspector, County Fair, County Roads (South District), Courthouse and Grounds, Bookmobile, Jail/Special Service District #3, Mosquito/Grasshopper Abatement, Weed Board, Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustments.

Spencer Cox: HR/Personnel, County Indigent and Public Welfare, County Landfill Co-op, County Roads (NW District), Drug Court/Task Force, E911, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Public Health/ Mental Health, Ex Officio Representative to Ephraim/Manti Airport Board, Jail, Law Enforcement.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT FOR QUESTAR GAS TO INSTALL A NATURAL GAS LINE FOR JOSEPH CHRISTENSEN ON 750 WEST NEAR MANTI

Steve Keller is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the right of way agreement for Questar Gas to install a 428 foot long natural gas line for Joseph Christensen on 750 West (a dirt road) from 1400 South to 1470 South near Manti. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

JEFF KILLIAN: DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ILLEGAL ROAD CLOSURE BY A SPORTSMEN GROUP ON THE WEST MOUNTAIN

Jeff Killian, Don Tibbs, and Steve Keller are present. Don Tibbs owns property and a cabin on the West Mountain (or the Rawhide). He has traveled the road for 50-60 years. Last Fall they ran into a new locked gate on the main road at the top of the canyon, that blocks public access. They believe that the gate may have been put up by a sportsmen's group who has permission from the Fish and Game to sell permits to hunt on the private property. Over the years, this is the first time that Mr. Tibbs has seen anyone try to close the road. In the past, the County has occasionally worked on the road up to the top, but it is usually only maintained up to Barton Peak. Brody Keisel, County Attorney will review the statute that governs road closures, and decide what action should be taken.

APPROVAL OF 2011 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AND APPROVAL TO EXPEND FUNDS

Sheriff Brian Nielson is present. He explains that this JAG grant is fully funded, not a matching grant. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the JAG grant and the expenditure of the funds (\$7500.00) for equipment, a wheelchair, and a desk. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF ROSS C. BLACKHAM TO DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY POSITION

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the transfer of former County Attorney Ross C. Blackham within the department to the Deputy County Attorney position. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes from December 21, 2010 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to go into executive session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to go out of executive session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. No action was necessary due to this executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff Gardner, Manti District Forest Ranger updates the Commission. The district will have 3 full time job openings in the next few months. Ten to twenty seasonal employees will also be hired. A public meeting will be held on January 20th @ 6:30 in Mt Pleasant for Aspen regeneration and the dead spruce removal involving 5,000 acres near the Mia Shalom Camp. Thirty acres will be harvested by Infinity Pharmaceuticals, and Satterwhite will be logging later this year. The Millers Flat project was not appealed and is ready to go forward. It is a combination of timber, recreation and fire control. Twenty acres were sold in Mt Pleasant. The forest service plans to build a bunk house using the funds from the property sale and houses that were sold earlier.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*
Sandy Neill
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*
Claudia Jarrett
Commission Chair