COUNTY COMMISSION

JANUARY 11, 2016

PIUTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

JUNCTION, UTAH

PRESENT: RICK BLACKWELL\* COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

DARIN BUSHMAN\* COMMISSIONER

WILL TALBOT\* COMMISSIONER

MARTY GLEAVE\* SHERIFF

KALI GLEAVE\* CLERK/AUDITOR

SCOTT BURNS\* COUNTY ATTORNEY

SHANE MILLETT RECORDER/TREASURER

DALE BAGLEY ASSESSOR

Commission Chair Will Talbot opened the meeting

Commissioner Rick Blackwell offered an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jo Whimson and Jeff Knowles were also present

Commissioner Bushman voiced to keep our prayers and thoughts for the Noel family. They are having a difficult time.

Travis Kennedy the Road Supervisor passed out his report for the road department. The state DOT will be getting rid of a 10 wheeler this year. Travis would like to look it over and see if it is what we need. Commissioner Bushman says our snow plows do need to be replaced. This 10 wheeler has a snow plow and sander. Travis said there one truck is ok but they do need to do something about their other truck. The commission gave their support for Travis to pursue this. John Deer Grader has had some issues. The 6th wheel drive is not working. Travis would like to haul it down to HONAN for them to look at and fix since there is more than one problem. Dumps were discussed and the burning of yard waste. Commissioner Will Talbot pulled his letter out. Commissioner Bushman commented on if the road department had gotten the fence fixed. Travis said they hadn’t and they would get to it this week. Commissioner Blackwell inquired about the Tri-City landfill shed. Travis said they did get it done.

Trent Wilde with USU Extension was present. He addressed the commission and stated that Commissioner Blackwell had mentioned for him to try to make as many commission meetings as possible. He introduced himself to the county. He had an insert that he would like added to the minutes of this meeting. Kali will add this to the end of minutes to have on record. Instead of hitting on the key points please refer to that insert on full disclosure of conversation with Trent Wilde. He thanked the commission for their time after reading Kali informed the commission that the Special Service District does do a stipend to the extension. The mosquito program was also brought up. Trent handed out the handbook for county weed boards. County 4 wheel vehicle was brought up. He thinks he would need it for day to day operations. County Attorney Burns asked Trent what exactly his job is and what his job actually is. Trent said a few things did slip thru the cracks during the transition but he is rectifying that now that he is here. He mentioned he is on the Monroe Aspen working group. Sheriff Gleave stated he has had a problem with this work group. Trent voiced his thoughts on this subject.

Jeff Knowles now voiced his thoughts concerning his part in the trail committee.

Commissioner Will Talbot would like to discuss the NEPA Allotment. He invited Jason Kling with the Forest Service to join the commission meeting. Commissioner Talbot addressed Jason concerning the email he sent out concerning four allotments on Monroe Mountain. The scoping notice was to issue the NEPA state laws for 10 years. They are going to reauthorize grazing. He anticipates that there will be some comments from the environment agencies that the numbers are to high on utilization. He thinks it is important that we are all communicating often. He suspects there will be some challenges ahead of us. Some trouble areas he thinks are environmental parties. He thinks he has a pretty good handle on the NEPA process. Sheriff Gleave asked him what side he is on. He said he is on the side that is the best for the land and the people. Commissioner Talbot said he had a conversation regarding this scoping. The Monroe Mountain has trended up since the 1950’s. Are the environmental groups going to influence by scientific facts or just letters. Jason says that is why the will have to tie what they have back into it. Vince Pace and Art Partridge are involved. They all think the utilization is getting better in their position. Several others agree that it is getting better. They will have to show this thru data not just word of mouth. Overall the specialists do say it is getting better and we are in pretty good shape. Trent addressed Jason Kling regarding the riparian areas. Trent also asked Jason to educate us on this scoping process. Anticipates an environmental assessment not an EIS, which will be at least a two year effort. Permits expire technically in 10 year increments. Sheriff Gleave brought up another permit for Keith Anderton and Stanton Gleave that should have been put back into their hands 2 years ago. Jason said they do need to meet because that has not been resolved. The new forest supervisor needs to make a decision. Sheriff Gleave said they took the permit. Jason is saying that he did not take their permit. Two years ago Jason made a recommendation. They appealed the recommendation. No final decision has been made. Commissioner Blackwell and Commissioner Bushman asked why he cut their permit. This is as much a personality problem as well as not. They felt like it was a witch hunt. Things were bogus that they were being non-compliant on. Therefore Vince would not be the range con. Jason and Alan Rowley would take that over. Commissioner Bushman met with Terry Pedilla the first of December and he would resolve this. It needs to be resolved the sooner the better. Sheriff Gleave informed Jason Kling that he will not allow this to be a Bundy situation. If that entails jailing the forest service he will do it!!!! When doing an EA as part of the scoping process for these 4 allotments, who determines the issues? Public comments are received. If no public comment is received it would be a bare minimum EA. Deadline for comments is the 16th of February. Scott Burns asked who their legal counsel is. Jason informed him that is Heather Hinton that works for Ken Pauer. Sheriff Gleave also informed Jason Kling that before he lights the Monroe Mountain on fire he had better get approval from Piute County Commission or he will be arrested for starting a fire.

Caselle required updates were discussed. Kali informed the commission that to be compliant with new auditing laws we needed to get our system current. There was a cost incurred to do this. $1700 initial cost as well as a $25 monthly fee added to our current monthly fee.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rick Blackwell made the motion to approve all Caselle updates. Commissioner Darin Bushman seconded the motion.

**UNANIMOUS MOTION**

Sheriff Gleave went truck shopping. He informed the commission that he can trade his trucks in for $700 right now. A dodge would be $1200. Rick suggested leaving Matt where he is for another year or two. Sheriff Gleave will look into a different SUV.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Darin Bushman made the motion to approve the Sheriff trading his trucks in for the $700 that he quoted the commissioners. Commissioner Rick Blackwell seconded the motion.

**UNANIMOUS MOTION**

Kristi said all billing is current. She is going to apply for the competitive grant.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Darin Bushman made the motion to approve Kristi Fautin, head of the EMS department to apply for the competitive grant. Commissioner Rick Blackwell seconded the motion.

**UNANIMOUS MOTION**

Marysvale ambulance repairs have been done.

The commission mentioned the Trane bill. The commission would like some local vendors to come look at our heating system to transfer over. The commission had received a past quote of about $250000.

The minutes for the December 14, 2015 Commission Meeting were reviewed and the following motions were made.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Darin Bushman made the motion to approve the minutes will the noted correction for the meeting of December 14, 2015. Commissioner Will Talbot seconded the motion.

**UNANIMOUS MOTION**

The accounts payable for December 2015 were reviewed and the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Darin Bushman made the motion to approve the accounts payable for November. Commissioner Rick Blackwell seconded the motion.

**UNANIMOUS MOTION**

Commissioner Rick Blackwell made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

Returned from executive session. County Attorney Scott Burns recapped the two issues discussed. The first issue was a personnel issue but no action was taken at this time. The second issue was a discussion of potential litigation with the forest service.

At the January 21st meeting in St. George Commissioner Bushman will be presenting on the public lands council.

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**WILL TALBOT KALI GLEAVE**

**COMMISSIONER CLERK/AUDITOR**

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