

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board, Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Commissioners Steglich and Perry were present and Commissioner Blanchard was excused. Vicky McKee, County Clerk, was present as board secretary. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mrs. Perry, Board Chair.

Also present were: Keri Pallesen-County Auditor/Recorder, Niel Lund-County Attorney, Deb Bergmeier-Victim Advocate, Thompson Davis, Jesse Jackson, Brian Raymond-Economic Development Director, Tammy Twitchell-CEM, Ned Brady, Charles Card, Pam Rosal, Joellen Reardon and Carol Gardiner.

With regards to old business, Mr. Steglich stated that there are several items needing to be addressed in Closed Session so it was determined to attend to that business prior to continuing with the rest of the meeting. Motion by Mr. Steglich to go into Closed Session and Redevelopment Agency (In & Out) for Real Estate negotiations at 9:05 A.M. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor. Those present for the Closed Session are: Brian Raymond, Thompson Davis, Niel Lund-County Attorney, Commissioners Steglich and Perry and Clerk McKee.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 A.M. with all previously listed as present.

Tammy Twitchell, CEM, was present regarding an approval for the Emergency Support Functions and Special Needs Registry but she stated that the Emergency Support Functions was not on the agenda as she had requested. Mrs. McKee stated that there must have been a misunderstanding as the wording in her email suggested that the Emergency Support Function was part of the Special Need Registry so that matter will be continued until the next meeting. The matter of the Special Needs Registry will be handled in agenda order.

Jesse Jackson was present and stated that he would like be able to provide information for citizen's comments. He stated that he has been reviewing the 2014 budget and questioned if the funds could be consolidated into one as it would be easier to review. Mrs. Pallesen, County Auditor, stated that cannot be done as he had requested but he could review the audit as provided each year. Mr. Jackson stated that the county has spent a lot of energy on Economic Development in the amount of \$497,000.00 and has only brought in \$247,000.00 so he questioned if it would not be wise to be a little more conservative right now. He also stated that the 2014 Budget had a revenue amount of \$750,000.00 for sale of land but he cannot see that happening and requested that the county be more cautious. Mr. Steglich responded that Economic Development has not spent money that the county does not have and you have to take into account how it is affecting the local businesses. You have to be proactive regarding Economic Development but he feels that Mr. Raymond has done a good job of staying in that budget. Mr. Jackson stated that the county needs direction in getting grants and loans from the State and Federal Government as Uintah County has three employees working full time to obtain grants. Mr. Steglich stated that there is not just one person dedicated to obtaining grants in Daggett County but all the county departments work on grants as applicable.

Ned Brady, Sheep Creek Irrigation, was present as requested from the last meeting regarding the matter of the request from Sheep Creek Irrigation to purchase water from Daggett County. Mr. Brady stated that he had discussed the matter of the secondary water system with the Sheep Creek Board and it had been determined that

there could be an outlet through the Sheep Creek system to allow for water to be taken from. He voiced his concern that upon the county needing to allocate the water back, the State Code may have some regulations concerning that. Mr. Steglich stated that based on the information he had received from the water attorney, he felt that the agreement could be written with the necessary language that protects all that are involved. Mrs. Perry stated that the secondary water system in Saratoga Spring costs the residents \$26.18 for ¼ acre of land with unlimited amounts allowed currently with possible restrictions coming. It was determined that the Commission was in favor of looking into the viability of the water lease and an administrative meeting was scheduled to discuss the matter on May 6, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. with the two boards, County Attorney, and the water attorney.

Motion by Mr. Steglich to go into the Public Hearing scheduled from 10:00 A.M. concerning Congressman Bishop's land exchange. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor. A map of the proposed exchange and paperwork entitled Land Exchanged Proposal were provided for those present. Mrs. Perry addressed those present of the areas reflected on the map and stated that the Commission has been meeting with a lot of groups regarding this matter. She stated that this was the fourth public hearing conducted by the County Commission and the matter was then opened up for questions. Mr. Steglich stated that the proposal has been changing weekly as they have been negotiating with Special Interest Groups such as SUWA, BLM, Grand Canyon Trust and they have requested large expanses of land be included as wilderness. Part of the negotiation was possibly exchanging areas in the county with little value for areas to help with Economic Development (Swett Ranch, Jarvie Ranch, 6,800 acres, Antelope Flats and areas north and south of Dutch John). There are about six to seven campgrounds located on the Ashley National Forest that due to budget constraints the Forest Service are being required to decommission. The proposed wilderness areas are not set in stone and the Commission wants comments from the residents. By careful wording in the legislation, the producers in the areas being proposed as wilderness will be allowed continued access. Various questions were asked from the floor with one about the legislation being able to be cherry picked and Mr. Steglich responded that upon the proposal being finalized and submitted it will be an all or nothing and congress will not be allowed to cherry pick. Another question from the floor was what was the proposed date and the plan for completion of the proposal and Mr. Steglich stated that the county plans to have the information provided to Congressman Bishop by the end of July and his staff will then complete the bill and return it to the county by early fall with submittal of the bill for consideration by the first of the year. Mrs. Perry stated that the county plans on having another public hearing prior to this being presented to Congress. Another question from the floor was asking what were the drawbacks and Mr. Steglich replied that the drawback to this was giving up land to wilderness designation. He then explained that the county has been at odds with the BLM, Forest Service and special interest groups forever regarding public lands and all involved need to come to the table and work out what is best for those involved. Daggett County needs the resources and revenues from the sale of these lands. Another part of this is that all the SITLA parcels shown have no value to Daggett County such as the several thousand acres in Browns Park so they can be moved into another county for mineral and oil extraction and Daggett County will receive a percentage of the revenues back from those lands. As of today, the BLM can shut down

grazing rights but wording can be submitted with the bill that will provide protection from that happening. Trout Unlimited involvement is regarding the designation of the "A & B" sections of the Green River to be codified as Scenic under the Wild and Scenic Act and in trade to release the "C" section from the Scenic designation. This would be a benefit to both the producers and public. Charles Card questioned what were the immediate plans for the extra land around Dutch John and Mr. Steglich replied that the north end would include the rifle range and the south end was to take in the Arch Dam campground road to allow an alternate access to the airport and to have access to the ground around the rim for the mountain bike trails. There was discussion regarding the 1/4 mile view shed around the rim. Mr. Steglich stated that the Commission will try to have a public meeting once a month and the next meeting will be an evening meeting. A question from the floor was regarding where various snowmobile trails were located in relation to proposed wilderness areas which was reviewed and discussed. A question from the floor was how would the "C" section be managed upon being released and the Commission replied that it would change from recreation to multiple use for the benefit of private residents. Brian Raymond stated that there was a possibility of designating various areas as National Conservation Districts rather than wilderness. Mr. Steglich stated that part of this would be the hope of clearing up the situation with the RS2477 roads and come to an agreement with the BLM and special interest groups and the county does not plan on closing roads to the public. The matter of House Bill #148 and #160 which is for the State of Utah and other western states to take back federal lands was discussed and Mr. Steglich stated that he was not sure that was the answer. He feels that the county does not want all the federal lands but only to give the county the ability to be self sustaining and for the state and counties to manage some of the public lands for the betterment of all the people. There was a question if Congressman Bishop's land exchange would be affected by passage of those house bills and Mr. Steglich replied that they actually work together. There was a question if there were actual projections on what is being said or just a hope for betterment. Mr. Steglich stated that the county has completed a property assessment value on Jarvie and Swett Ranches and there is a prominent developer interested in the 6,800 acres as well as the other areas. There was a question if there was a projection on how much it would cost the county to manage the properties and Mr. Steglich stated that the county does not want to manage any of the land. Upon Congress passing the bill and if some of the property discussed was passed back to the county, any land received would be offered for sale. Carol Gardner questioned the time frame for completion of the project and Mrs. Perry stated that Congressman Bishop wants to put the bill before the legislature the first of the year but the important thing is that this Commission gets the language done and protected. Mr. Steglich stated that Congressman Bishop throws the time frame of three years around. With no further questions or comments, motion by Mr. Steglich to go back into the regular session at 10:40 A.M. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were provided by the County Clerk's office for review and approval. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the minutes as provided. Mrs. Perry provided the following revisions: Page 1, Paragraph 3, Sentence 3, change the wording to – and then they would no longer be in danger. Page 2, Paragraph 2, Sentence 6 – change loose to lose and Sentence 7 – change problem to problems and Page 3, Paragraph 3, Sentence 2 – the actual cost for the booth was \$425.00 and \$125.00

for fees for meals and overnight. Mr. Steglich restated his earlier motion to approve the minutes as revised. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

The matter of the Open Invoice Report will be continued until later in the meeting.

With regards to correspondence, Mrs. McKee had provided an email from J. Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties, regarding this year's Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payment.

The following business licenses applications were provided for review and approval: Curtis Brown, James Gilley, Hampton's Mobile, Nick Jackson, Questar Pipeline Co., Red Canyon Lodge, Securus Technologies Inc. and Sheryl Street. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the Business License Applications listed "a" through "h". Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Deb Bergmeier, Victim Advocate, was present regarding her application for the 2014 VOCA Grant. Mrs. Bergmeier stated that this year's grant was the same as last year's grant with an additional 10% for personnel. The match for the grant is volunteers and she has the Sheriff's Captain, the Investigator and two volunteers and she is always looking for more volunteers. Mr. Steglich stated that Mrs. Bergmeier has put a lot of work into the application and unfortunately there are issues like this that have to be dealt with. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the grant application for the VOCA Grants. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Mrs. Pallesen had provided copies of expenses for Mari Campbell, one of Mrs. Bergmeier's volunteers, for training at Red Cliff Lodge at Moab. There had been some overages with her submittals for reimbursement for meals. The matter was reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Pallesen stated that the Personnel Policy does not allow for volunteers to be paid per diem but are reimbursed actual expenses but in the past they have kept them to the maximum amounts allowed. Mrs. Campbell had been told ahead of time that she could have the meal at Red Cliff Lodge. Upon discussion, motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the reimbursement for the dinner in the amount of \$34.00 and the two lunches at \$10.00 each day and the milkshake and for the county to review the volunteer policy on per diem. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

In celebration of the "National Day of the American Cowboy", the county has received the request from the Ogden Pioneer Heritage Foundation requesting the yearly nomination by April 30, 2014 for a deserving cowboy from within the County to receive the honor of "The Cowboy". The matter was discussed and it was determined that the matter will be continued until next week.

The county had received an application from Brent Felch to serve on the Flaming Gorge Country Community Foundation. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the application as submitted for board membership on the Flaming Gorge Country Community Foundation. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Mr. Blanchard had requested that the matter of Trout Creek Flies be on the agenda. Upon review, Trout Creek Flies was requesting an extension for their Participation Agreement. Mr. Steglich stated that there is no problem with the Commission granting the extension but it will be back on the agenda for next week as it is not on the agenda to approve the extension.

Brian Raymond had provided the EDCUtah grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 and needed the Commission's approval and signature. The grant application had been

submitted a couple of months ago and EDCUtah had approved ½ of the grant application as submitted and Mr. Raymond stated that they could cut the costs or the numbers of the planned FAM trips. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the EDCUtah Grant as provided in the amount of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Tammy Twitchell, CEM, provided the revised Special Needs Registry which had originally been submitted in 2007. The State is now requesting an updated agreement reflecting the new names. Upon review and discussion, motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the Statewide Memorandum of Agreement for the Special Needs Registry as provided. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Steglich to go into Closed Session at 11:00 A.M. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor. Those present are Auditor Pallesen, Attorney Lund, Clerk McKee and Commissioners Steglich and Perry.

The Open Invoice Report was provided by the County Auditor's office for review and approval in the amount of \$22,750.03. Mrs. Perry addressed various items on the report which was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve the Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$22,750.03. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

/s/ Vicky McKee

/s/ Karen Perry

/s/ Jerry Steglich