

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 15th, 2023, 2:00 PM

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

Present are: Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew and Commissioner Reed D. Hatch. County Clerk Linda Christiansen. Commissioner Scott Collard is excused. Kevin Daniels is not present in the beginning of the meeting but joins at a later time which is noted.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew.

OPENING PRAYER OR REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer is offered by County Assessor, Keith Larsen. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

JULIE REESE: INTRODUCE THE NEW MISS SANPETE COUNTY ROYALTY AND OUTSTANDING TEEN.

Julie Reese is the new Miss Sanpete Director. Ms. Reese is present with the new Sanpete County Royalty. This year the biggest focus of the four ladies crowned is to serve Sanpete County and to understand what it means to truly love your county and give back to the community. Miss Sanpete, Anna Johnson is from Ephraim and has been involved with Miss Sanpete for seven years. Ms. Johnson is currently attending Weber State. Ms. Johnson's community service initiative is; Inspiring Patriotism: Past, Present and Future. Ms. Johnson's initiative is a three fold plan to create unity in our country through serving our veterans, encouraging informed voting and teaching our youth that patriotism is important. Karen Rowley, 1st Attendant is originally from Santaquin but she is living in Ephraim while attending Snow College. Kaylee Curtis, Miss Sanpete County's Teen is from Mt. Pleasant and is a Freshman at North Sanpete High School. Ms. Curtis' community service initiative is Perfectly Imperfect. Ms. Curtis' initiative is about spreading awareness on the dangers of comparing yourself to others. Jenny Burgess, 1st Attendant is from Gunnison and is a Freshman at Gunnison High School. Kevin Daniels is present.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCES APPROVAL TO PAY DATA CENTER FOR DISCLOSURE NOTICES PRINTING; APPROVAL TO PAY UTAH CLERK/ AUDITOR ASSOCIATION FOR 2023 SUMMER WORKSHOP DUES; APPROVAL TO PAY UCA FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT RADIOS.

Auditor Stacey Lyon is present. Commissioner Hatch questions Ms. Lyon on changes to the public defender bill. Ms. Lyon states that the explanation will be on the next agenda because they did not have all of the contracts signed by the attorneys. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve payment of claims # 356417 through # 356529. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Roll call vote is taken: Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes, and Commissioner Hatch votes yes. The vote is unanimous. Motion to approve the finances is made by Commissioner Hatch. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. The invoice presented for payment from the Data Center is for printing costs of the disclosure notices, as well as, the cost of the CUWCD notice printing. Ms. Lyon has billed CUWCD for their portion of the bill which is \$2,093.00. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment of \$7,040.06 to the Data Center for disclosure notice printing. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Ms. Lyon explains that she is the Vice-President for the Clerk-Auditor Association and she was asked to collect the dues for

the Summer Workshop. This request is remitting the dues that were paid by other counties. UAC does the financing and they requested one check. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment of \$8,410.00 to the Utah Clerk/ Auditor Association for 2023 Summer Workshop Dues. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Tom Peterson was approved for a grant for the road department to receive radios in order to communicate with the wild land firefighters. This invoice is for the radios previously approved with the grant. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment of \$3,367.00 to UCA for road department radios for the County's portion. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE AGRI-PARK BOARD.

Commissioner Bartholomew states that one of the Commissioners need to be appointed to be on the Agri-Park Board. It is agreed upon by the two Commissioners that Commissioner Scott Bartholomew will be the appointed member. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to appoint Scott Bartholomew to the Agri-Park Board. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

TALISHA JOHNSON: APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPEAL AUTHORITY OF COUNTY RECORDER.

Talisha Johnson is present. Ms. Johnson explains that she is requesting approval of an ordinance for the Oversight Board for the County Recorder. This requirement was passed by legislature this year and came into effect a few months ago. An Oversight Board is required by law to have in place in the case that someone disagrees with an action of the Recorder. Ms. Johnson submitted the ordinance to the County Attorney for review but he is not present to verify his approval. The Commissioners ask her to wait for the County Attorney to be present prior to approval. They move on to the next agenda item. The Commissioners return to this agenda item following the Sheriff. Kevin Daniels returned and verified he has reviewed the Ordinance. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve an Ordinance for the Appeal Authority of County Recorder; Ordinance# 081523-001. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

TOM SEELY: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CAMERAS AT THE SANPETE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

Road Supervisor, Tom Seely is present. Tom Seely explains that he was asked to get a bid on the cost to install cameras at the fairgrounds new bathrooms. The bid is for eight cameras; one on each corner, two on the front and two on the back. Commissioner Bartholomew makes a statement that the new bathrooms at the fairgrounds will be open for the county fair. Installing cameras will hopefully deter vandalism. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment of \$3,800.00 to Kiss Network for cameras at the fairgrounds bathrooms. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

SHERIFF BUCHANAN: APPROVAL TO PAY HOTEL COSTS FOR SEVEN JAIL DEPUTIES AND FOUR PATROL DEPUTIES IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ATTEND TRAINING; APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BEER TAX FUNDS REPORT; APPROVAL OF CY2023 FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDING CLOSEOUT PACKET; APPROVAL TO PAY PETZL FOR TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM ROPES FROM HOMELAND SECURITY; APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND EMSFY2024 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$2,245.00; DISCUSSION OF LENSLOCK PROPOSAL ON BODY WORN CAMERAS.

Sheriff Jared Buchanan is present. Sheriff Buchanan explains that the first agenda item is a request for payment of hotel costs for seven jail deputies and four patrol deputies to attend training provided by the Sheriff's Association in St. George. Commissioner Bartholomew inquires to whom attends the training; whether it is new deputies or more experienced. The Sheriff replies that it differs every year but this year he has suggested more jailers attend. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment of \$1,611.19 from the jail and \$920.67 from patrol to La Quinta Inn and Suites of St. George for lodging expenses to go to training. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. The Sheriff explains that he did not need approval of the annual beer tax, he just wanted to make sure they saw the report. The Sheriff's office is required to report to the State on how the funds are expended. The amount expended totaled \$38,396.37. Another report is given by the Sheriff regarding the Flood Mitigation Funding Closeout packet. The amount of the check received totaled \$58,500 and the reimbursement request is for \$25,241.33. The next approval will come out of the Homeland Security Grant for technical rescue team ropes. The Sheriff shared some stories of rescues that have taken place in the county. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment of \$3,216.97 to PETZL out of the Homeland Security Grant. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. The EMS FY2024 grant is a yearly grant used for the communication center in dispatch to purchase headphones or other equipment needed. They will apply for the grant and hopefully receive funds for expenditure. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to apply for and expend the EMS FY2024 grant in the amount of \$2,245.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Sargent Keith Jensen and Sargent Troy Lewis are present to assist with information regarding the discussion regarding body worn cameras. Premier is the company that has supplied the dash cameras in patrol cars and they are no good. Premier does not provide body cameras any more; 13 were ordered two years ago and they still have not received them. The company only has one technician west of the Mississippi. Sargent Lewis is on the phone daily in order to have the technician port into the system for troubleshooting. Half of the patrol staff have body cameras. The footage is supposed to automatically download but half of the time it doesn't work and the storage fills up quickly. After looking at multiple options for a reasonable cost, Lens Lock looks like the best option and they have been through a couple of demos. Due to lack of budget, the company offered to give the service free of charge for the rest of the year if it is doable for next year. One of the key factors is the system is a web based site for storage of all of the video footage. Commissioner Bartholomew has concern for the cameras that were never received but payment was never made according to the Sheriff. Lens Lock plans to build a large office in Salt Lake and if they go with them it will be a five year contract with no more than a 3% markup in a ten year period. Twenty two body cameras will cost \$19,381 a year, with a couple of extras for backup. Redaction is a huge time consumer with the current system; in order to release a video it must be redacted and that takes hours. Lens Lock includes it for free in the contract. Sheriff Buchanan shows a video that was not taken by one of the County cameras to demonstrate a good recording. The video was taken from a UHP vehicle during a traffic stop by a Sanpete County Sheriff's deputy. The deputy missed a serious outcome when a semi that he pulled over was hit from behind by a box truck at highway speed. The deputy was thrown by the force but escaped serious injury. There is discussion regarding the importance of cameras and the benefit in liability. Due to the agenda item request as a discussion it will need to be on another agenda for approval to sign the contract. Lens Lock

will send cameras for 45 days to use. Commissioner Hatch would like to see the department use the system before signing a contract; to see if they work and if they like them. Mt Pleasant City and Mapleton PD use the system and are pleased with the system. All video will be posted to their system and if they did not stay with the company after the five years, the County will still own the video recordings. The Sheriff will return at a later date for approval.

GARRICK WILLDEN: REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO SIGN A LETTER TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO RELOCATE ALL POLES WITHIN THE SIX MILE ROAD EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER THE COUNTY'S FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

Garrick Willden is present. Many residents from the Six Mile Road are present as well. Mr. Willden explains that improvements are to be made by SSD1 to the Six Mile Road. The Six Mile Road will be widened and paved. Due to the widening there are power poles owned by Rocky Mountain Power that will be impacted. The County has a franchise agreement that if the power poles are in the existing right-of-way Rocky Mountain Power will move the poles, at their expense. In order for Rocky Mountain Power to do the work, they require a letter to be sent to them from the entity that owns the property of the right-of-way. Mr. Willden has the letter to be signed and Kevin Daniels has reviewed for approval. The letter to Rocky Mountain Power is signed by Commissioner Bartholomew.

PUBLIC HEARING: TO VACATE / ABANDON CLASS D ROADS: 897, 984, 920, 930, 931, 1130, 932 AND OLD MARXVILLE ROAD ALIGNMENT, WITHIN SANPETE COUNTY. THE ROADS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR VACATION RESULT FROM SEVERAL PAST WORK MEETINGS AND AFTER CONSIDERING MULTIPLE AND VARIED REQUESTS FOR ROAD REVIEW. THE ROADS LISTED DO NOT REPRESENT EVERY POSSIBLE ROAD POTENTIALLY QUALIFIED FOR VACATION.

Kevin Christensen identifies the roads that will be approved for vacation. The first road is identified as the Old Marxville Rd, north of Sterling. Commissioner Hatch mentions that this road was previously vacated when Steve Lund and other's attended the public hearing (December 20, 2022) and it was approved. Commissioner Bartholomew agrees. Additional roads in the Sterling area include; 932, 931, 1130 and a portion of 930. In the Milburn area 897; Scott Mower is 984 and portions of 920 are included. Commissioner Bartholomew states that it is a public hearing and asks for any public comments. Paul Brown from the unincorporated area of Sterling inquires about 930. Mr. Brown asks how this action will affect the road relative to previous discussions. Commissioner Hatch explains that a portion of the road was closed at the ownership line between The Halladay's and Kris Jorgensen property. Mr. Brown inquires as to whether or not today's action affects the portion of 930 between Kris Jorgensen and the Giles'? Commissioner Hatch affirms that it does not. Jim and Lori Giles ask if their portion of the road (930) is still open to the public? The Commissioners state that the original agreement was to close the road between the Halladay's and Kris Jorgensen, only. Commissioner Hatch mentions that the cops have been called out a couple of times due to the gate being locked on the portion of the road the Giles are inquiring about. Jim Giles points out the road in question on the map. Jim Giles states that the road has never been a road; it is only a private lane. The Giles want the road closed. Multiple discussions have taken place but the decision has been that it needs to stay open and the gate can not be locked. Kevin Daniels returns to the meeting and states that in order for the road to be declared a private lane it would take a court's judgement. Mr. Daniels also states that there is no declaratory relief granted by a court. Mr. Daniels verifies that the County recognizes it as a Class D road and the

records show it is a Class D road as well. The County needs the court to say whether it's not or whether it is. The Giles state that they will return with counsel in a court setting. Commissioner Bartholomew expresses that a court document is the only way this will be resolved. JoAnn Kidd questions the result of vacating or abandonment of a road. Kevin Daniels explains the legal consequence would be whatever the Right of Way was; reverts back to whomever owns the property that it goes through. There would be no road or easement for public access. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to abandon Class D Roads: 897, 984, 920 at a certain location that has been identified by lat and long, 930 at a location that has been identified by lat and long, 931, 1130, 932 within Sanpete County. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

MIKE BENNETT, APPROVAL OF 2023 FAIR PAYOUTS AND EXPENSES: APPROVAL OF DERBY PAYOUT; APPROVAL OF RODEO PAYOUT; APPROVAL OF CONCERT SOUND AMENDMENT; APPROVAL OF ANNOUNCER; DISCUSSION OF ADA ACCESSIBILITY.

Mike Bennett, Fairboard Chair is present. Auditor Stacey Lyon is present.

Demolition Derby payout is the same except they are taking the wire class out in the amount of \$4,500 from the \$50,000 payout. The adjusted amount is now \$45,000. Checks for the derby will be dispersed the Monday proceeding the derby. The cash box amount for the ticket booth will be \$1,400. The Sanpete Xtreme Moto payout is \$1,800. The swimming coin toss is \$200 in quarters. And the carnival amount is unknown until they meet with them on Wednesday to pay for the pre-sold carnival passes. The amount for the horse pullers is the same as last year; \$5,075. There is discussion regarding the horse pulls being held in the heat of the day and the need for a cover over the grandstand. Mr. Bennett could also talk to the Horse Pullers Association regarding the event being held earlier in the day. The rodeo contracts and costs for 2023 are: Jason Dent, the entertainment, \$6,500; Monroe Magnuson, \$3,000; Broken Heart Rodeo, \$19,750 (+ \$3,600 prize money) and Chad Casperson (Casperson Mini Bulls), \$3,000. The motel costs for the concert expense is \$542.01 payable to Manti Country Village. The ticket sales for all events to this point are horrible according to Mr. Bennett. Juab County Fair ticket sales were down this year as well. But Mr. Bennett has faith that a lot of tickets will be sold at the gate. The executive committee pay was approved in the budget for a total of \$14,000. The total is up \$1,500 from last year. The last invoice submission is for the sound and t.v. screens for the fair events in the amount of \$10,950. The concert sound contract needs to be amended from the original approval amount which adds an additional \$2,600 to the amount of \$10,350. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to accept the way it has been submitted on the County Fair invoices. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Commissioner Hatch discusses possibilities of ADA parking at the fairgrounds with Mr. Bennett. Commissioner Hatch has talked to contractor Todd Alder. Mr. Bennett needs to move the ticket gate and discussion ensues on the possibilities of adjustments to be made now that the new bathrooms are complete. The location of the carnival complicates things. Mr. Bennett explains the ideas he has for the best case scenario based on all of the other things going on during the fair. Parking problems are discussed between the fair and high school football games on Friday night. Repairs and relocation areas for the ticket booth are discussed. A cover coming off of the ticket booth would be beneficial to help with the issues the sun causes with the ticket scanners. Mr. Bennett mentions that he would like to see more involvement by the County Commissioners at the County Fair. He suggests a Commissioner breakfast at the pavilion on Saturday morning during the car show. The breakfast would possibly

feed 100 - 150 people the first year. Mr. Bennett will make sure it is advertised. Stacey Lyon will reach out to the Elected Officials to see if they will also help with the breakfast. Mr. Bennett also brings up a discussion he had with Kevin Christensen regarding the amount of money spent on a groomer for the fairgrounds arena. Mr. Bennett has priced other groomers and submitted them to Mr. Christensen for review. Mr. Christensen will have the item addressed on the next County Commission agenda.

RAY AND NANCY MILLER HAVE APPLIED FOR A ONE (1) LOT MINOR SUBDIVISION (MILLER ACRES) NORTHWEST OF MOUNT PLEASANT LOCATED IN THE RA-2 ZONE. THE SUBDIVISION WOULD CONTAIN ONE (1) LOT OF 1.10 ACRES. PARCEL #S-22327

Steven Jenson, Zoning Administrator is present. Mr. Jenson explains that there was an issue as to ownership of the property in the road. After consulting with the County Recorder, it was determined that no one owns it. The road going into the property does have a granted easement and they have the 66' feet. The mylar is signed off by the recorders office. Affidavit is signed by the owners of the property and notarized. Septic tank permit has been obtained from the Health Department. Letter from Mt. Pleasant City has been submitted indicating that they will supply power. Utah Division of Water Rights shows that there is one acre foot of water that has been approved for domestic use. County Road supervisor has signed off on access to property. The police fire and ambulance waiver has been signed and notarized. Taxes and fees are paid and current. And a title search has been submitted and is current with no issues. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the one lot minor subdivision Miller Acres on parcel # S-22327. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

REPRESENTING CYCLE SANPETE: CHRIS ANDERSON, SPRING CITY MAYOR; JILL COLBY, FOUNDER OF CYCLE SANPETE; MIKE WEST, LEHI PLANNING DIVISION MANAGER. ADDRESS COMMISSION REGARDING FEASIBILITY GRANT AWARD RECEIVED TO STUDY CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES ALONG UDOT CORRIDORS AND UPDATING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS THROUGHOUT TOWN.

-Tabled- On the agenda for the next meeting; September 7th.

REPRESENTING MANTI SPIRIT OF FREEDOM PAGEANT, NED ARMSTRONG: REQUEST USE OF COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS THE 2ND AND 3RD WEEKS OF JUNE ANNUALLY IN 2024 AND 2025.

Ned Armstrong representing the Manti Spirit of Freedom Pageant is present. Mr. Armstrong explains the ideas he has for a founding America pageant that is not a church pageant. Mr. Armstrong and Russell Hatch started holding local meetings to help grow their ideas. A script for the pageant is currently being written by a director at Angel Studios and hopes to have it completed by March 8th, 2024. Once the script is complete they will begin casting the play for a local production in June of 2024. The 2024 pageant will be a "rough draft" prior to the official production in 2025. The pageant will not be free and they are not asking the Commissioners for money. In order to raise funds they plan on doing crowd funding. In addition to the pageant the organization would like to hold a festival surrounding it. Mr. Armstrong reads a list of possible events that have been proposed by members of the group. Commissioner Bartholomew has a couple of suggestions for Mr. Armstrong that he will need to take into consideration for the pageant. A mass event permit from the city will be required. Mr. Armstrong approached Manti City in February and received the green light to proceed in the planning stages. Commissioner

Bartholomew states that the Manti Mormon Miracle Pageant was a massive draw on law enforcement and he will need to talk to the Sheriff. When questioned about liability insurance Mr. Armstrong responded that Manti City would not allow them to be on theirs but they suggested the Lions Club or something similar. The hope of the organization is to help grow businesses in the community. The organization would accept all costs. The only discount they hoped to receive from the County was for the rental of the County Fairgrounds the first year. The organization believes they can raise a couple of million dollars with crowd funding due to patriotism being represented accurately in a local way. One thing that may affect the name of the organization is due to Angel Studios directing the pageant and they also directed, Sound of Freedom. The Commissioners discussed the cost to rent the fairgrounds which is \$4,000 a day, the first day. Then there would be a discount for additional days at the rate of \$1,000, each day thereafter. There will also be a \$50.00 restroom cleaning fee per day. The application for the rental of the fairgrounds states that you must supply your own insurance. Another issue that would need to be addressed is trash collection for a mass event. At this point, Mr. Armstrong will converse with Kevin Christensen on scheduling for the proposed dates if the project moves forward.

Mike Bennett intervenes due to a notification that the previously approved rodeo clown had an accident and cut his arm off. The commissioners agree that if he is unable to attend another clown can be payed in his place.

CALEB MITSVOTAI: DISCUSS AGAINST A DOG OR NOISE ORDINANCE IN THE COUNTY.

Caleb Mitsvotai is present due to Scott Jolley proposing a noise ordinance in a previous meeting. Mr. Mitsvotai explains that his property is approximately one mile west of Manti. He built in the County 30 years ago so that he could raise animals and farm. Up until a few years ago, he left his keys in the car and doors were unlocked but his house has been penetrated and broke into several times. Mr. Mitsvotai has installed cameras and security devices to deter more break ins. A suggestion was made to get a dog to scare people away and since then they have not had issues with intruders. Mr. Mitsvotai proceeds to describe the ways that Mr. Jolley can deal with occasional dog barking and that Mr. Jolley continues to harass them by texting him and calling the cops. Scott Jolley, his neighbor is in the audience. Mr. Mitsvotai voices his opposition to a dog / noise ordinance. Commissioner Hatch addresses Steven Jenson, Zoning Administrator whom researched other counties noise ordinances. Mr. Jenson reports that two counties in the State have an ordinance. Grand County has an ordinance because they are by the national parks and is more regulatory regarding atv's. Commissioner Bartholomew addresses the issue at hand is clearly a dispute between neighbors. Commissioner Bartholomew makes a statement regarding city residents moving to the rural areas and then complaining about sounds and smells and how it is wrong; it is the livelihood and lifestyle in the County. Yet, with that being said Commissioner Bartholomew also understands the frustration of noisy dogs that bark incessantly. He had a personal situation that he called his neighbor numerous times regarding his hound dogs and the neighbor ended up moving the dogs to a location further from their house. Mr. Mitsvotai states that they will do the same and work it out between themselves. Scott Jolley would like to address the Commission. Mr. Jolley states that not once has Mr. Mitsvotai come over or tried to resolve the issue. Mr. Jolley plays a recording of a barking dog. Mr. Jolley reports that Deputy Pace sat for 45 minutes listening to the barking in the late night / early morning hours. Mr. Jolley reads text messages exchanged between him and Mr. Mitsvotai. Mr. Jolley states that he has lived in the

county his entire life and is a farmer. Mr. Jolley states that Mr. Mitsvotai is not a responsible neighbor and if they won't do anything about it, he (Mr. Jolley) will; in a legal manner. Commissioner Bartholomew does not believe that an ordinance will take care of this feud. Arguments between Mr. Mitsvotai and Mr. Jolley ensue regarding the barking issue. Commissioner Bartholomew states the ordinance will not be effective unless he takes care of his dog. Emotions are high on both sides, defending their points of view. Commissioner Bartholomew states this is clearly a civil matter but as a neighbor he would be a responsible dog owner. Mr. Jolley asks the Commissioners if they fore see adopting a noise ordinance and the response of no is unanimous.

JOANN S. KIDD: DISCUSS WATER PROBLEMS IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF ROBIN DAVIS SUDDIVISION.

JoAnn Kidd is present to address water issues but they are not hers directly. Ms. Kidd moved from Illinois where water is not an issue. Ms. Kidd has friends that live in the area of the Robin Davis and Nathaniel Subdivision's. Kevin Daniels and Scott Olsen, the building inspector are aware of the situation but aren't doing anything about it, according to Ms. Kidd. Ms. Kidd states that Robin Davis did things illegally and has proceeded without the County's knowledge or approval. The County continues to allow properties to be sold and resold, regardless of the issues. Ms. Kidd states that the new people building do not have permits and are not getting inspections. Commissioner Bartholomew is concerned by her statement and she clarifies that she believes they have County permits, just not the water. Kevin Daniels does not recollect the details of the situation and is not sure if the issues are the County's to resolve or another entity. Steven Jenson, Zoning Administrator reports that this is more property owner disputes and that the Building Department has talked to both parties multiple times. The main issue is that there needs to be a recorded easement and resolved between the property owners. Discussion ensues regarding the issues with unclear documentation of water rights approvals. No permits or inspections are taking place until the problem is resolved and until that time nothing moves forward. Ms. Kidd explains dangerous threats between property owners involving guns. Ms. Kidd is a concerned friend but this is a civil issue that would be evaluated when reports by law enforcement are made. Kevin Daniels explains to Ms. Kidd the steps needed to follow a legal procedure to come to a conclusion of whether this is a code violation or civil matter. Ms. Kidd also has concern regarding an individual that has multiple DUI offenses and whether or not officers know the history of his charges.

LINDA CHRISTIANSEN: APPROVAL TO HIRE TEMPORARY / PART TIME ELECTION POLL WORKERS. REPORT OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT, EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE 2023 PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

County Clerk, Linda Christiansen is present. Ms. Christiansen explains the need for poll workers for ballot processing due to new legislative laws. For every process that a ballot goes through there must be two people handling that batch of ballots. Examples of each process are given by Ms. Christiansen. Pick up of ballots from post office, sorting into batches, signature verification, opening, flattening and tabulating are the general stages to process a ballot. Due to a limited staff election staff is needed. In the Clerk's office the regular duties of marriage licenses, passports and public meetings do not cease during elections. The position Ms. Christiansen is proposing would be for temporary part time election staff. The time needed for the staff members will be based on the demand of the elections. For the municipal election taking place it would only be a few hours, for a few days, two to three weeks in the year. Ms. Christiansen hopes to hire competent staff that

can be trained and ready for the 2024 Presidential Election. The municipal election is a great opportunity to train for the coming general election. The clerk's office staff had to complete training on signature verification and poll workers that assist on signature verification will be as well. One poll worker that Ms. Christiansen has on the list to hire is the former IT Director for Sanpete County, Wayne Larsen. Mr. Larsen has assisted with elections in years past and is a huge asset to have his help with elections. Approximately 5-6 people will be hired. Commissioner Bartholomew believes this is a great idea for having trained poll workers that are certified versus volunteers. Ms. Christiansen points out that the security upgrades will make a huge difference in election security going forward. Cameras have been installed in the clerk's office and Commission room for ballot processing areas. City Recorders have agreed to assist in ballot processing on August 31st and September 5th, Election Day. The election this year is a municipal election and the city recorder handles the majority of the election processes; the ballots are processed and retained by the clerk's office. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to allow the Clerk to hire up to six individuals at a Grade 14, Step 1 at \$18.45 an hour; to be used 4-6 hours a day for a few days a week to come out of the elections budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Ms. Christiansen reports that the Logic and Accuracy test took place earlier today and all machines are running properly. Commissioner Bartholomew and Hatch were part of the L & A test and were able to see the new tabulator machine, the DS300 operate during the test. Ms. Christiansen reports that the ballots for the Primary election were delivered to the Provo mail distribution center at 1:00 today. Early voting will start on August 22nd and Election Day is September 5th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to accept the minutes from August 1st, 2023 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and/ or the character and professional competence of an employee. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes. Roll call vote is taken: Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes and Commissioner Hatch votes yes. The vote is unanimous.

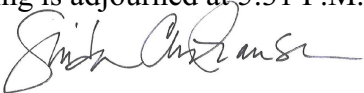
CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

ATTEST:


Linda Christiansen
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED:


Scott Bartholomew
Commission Chair