MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN THE EMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Present at the meeting was Commission chairman Keven Jensen, Commissioner Jordan Leonard, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Sheriff Tyson Huntington (via ZOOM) , Attorney Mike Olsen (via ZOOM), Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)
APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS, AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List # 264365 through and including #264492 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented as follow:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
49-23	Equipment for side by side Travel-Trails crew	$8,550.00
50-23	(2) Custom built AR-15 rifles Sheriff	$3,175.00
51-23	Replace deteriorating equipment JM 36x100 Portable Radial Conveyor Track Mounted Cone Track Mount Screen	$1,468,450.00

There were no dispositions.

(2)
APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

(3)
APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR RALPH ANDERSON, A SIERRA AUTO SALES & LEASING.

(4)
NOTIFICATION: SELECTED MADILYN BUNNEL AS A PART TIME LIFEGUARD WORKING 19.75 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 3

(5)
APPROVAL TO GIVE ADAM OLSEN AND HANNAH NEFF A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS A LIFEGUARD. EFFECTIVE 11-13-23.

(6)
APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GARFIELD COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS REGARDING BLM POLICIES/DECISIONS MADE REGARDING THE GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT.

Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)
ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(2)
PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE 2023 VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS AND 3A CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPION(S)

The Emery County Commissioners welcomed and recognized the 2023 Volleyball State Champions and 3A Cross-Country State Champion from Emery High School.

(3)
PRESENTATION BY MIKE FAVERO, PRE-CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FROM DOMINION ENERGY, REGARDING GREEN RIVER RURAL EXPANSION.

Pre-Construction Manager from Dominion Energy, Mike Favero introduced himself and provided a brief overview of the Green River Rural Expansion Project. Green River City is the recipient of the expansion project. HB 422 provided the funds to finance the project. Overtime they anticipate 425 Green River residents will be hooked up to natural gas. 180 service lines are already installed, 314 contracted thus far. The conversion for appliances by a private contractor

to natural gas for these residents will soon begin. A special phone line has been set up for Green River citizens to apply for the set-ups.

(4)
DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNEXATION OF SAN RAFAEL ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER AND THE POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL PARK INTO ORANGEVILLE CITY.

Commissioner Jensen talked about the process to add on to a sewer line. The San Rafael Energy Research Center and potential Industrial Park is outside city limits at this time. There is interest in developing an industrial park in the area. There needs to be a lot of discussion on the aspects of an industrial park. The Commissioners are still in the discussion phase and the Emery County Commissioners will keep the citizens updated on the progress.

(5)
DISCUSSION REGARDING A RESOLUTION TO HALT THE ONGOING INJURY TO THE U.S. SHEEP INDUSTRY CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE IMPORTS AND TO URGE TARIFF QUOTA RATES.

Commissioner Jensen presented the resolution in the last Commission Meeting and it was tabled with the contingency of a support letter from Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau policy says they cannot support the resolution until after an investigation. He indicated that he did not do the research because he did not want it to be his resolution. He was asked to present it and he did so as is. After the last commission meeting he did some research. The one who actually presented the resolution is RCalfUSA. The largest cattle producers who have branched out to sheep producing. They are asking the Trade Commission to investigate the damage done to the sheep industry. This is the politics of the resolution. This is just for your information only. No action.

Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to leave the regular meeting and into into a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding disposal of parcel #01-0175-0020 as part of a land exchange. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed;
AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

(6)
PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PARCEL #01-0175-0020 AS PART OF A LAND EXCHANGE.

Commissioner Sitterud explained that Emery County has been in negotiation with Huntington City to trade a small piece of property by the Huntington Ball Field and the old Huntignton Sr. Center for the property on main street for the purpose of constructing a Senior Citizen Center.

No questions or comments.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Commissioners returned to the regular meeting schedule.

(7)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND HUNTINGTON CITY REGARDING TRANSFER OF LAND.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to approve Resolution 11-07-23A, a resolution authorizing an agreement between Emery County and Huntington City regarding transfer of land. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

(8)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY REAL ESTATE LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND HUNTINGTON CITY.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve a Real Estate Land Exchange Agreement between Emery County and Huntington City. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.
AYE: Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

(9)
RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION ADJUSTMENT FOR 01-070D-0018 FOR JEROME STOCKI IN THE AMOUNT OF $388.84

After BOE was closed there was a mistake found on the taxes for parcel #01-070D-0018 for Jerome Stocki. Since BOE was closed this needed to be a Commission Adjustment in the amount of $388.84. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to ratify a Commission Adjustment in the amount of $388.84 on parcel #01-070D-0018 for Jerome Stocki. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

(10)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY SECOND AMENDMENT TO NON-EXCLUSIVE SURFACE USE AND DAMAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND PACIFICORP

PacifiCorp has a gravel pile across from the Research Center. Emery County has an agreement with PacifiCorp to take gravel from the pile to use to initiate work on the proposed Industrial Center. The original agreement was for 6 years. It is time to renew the surface use and damage agreement. This will be the second amendment to the Non-Exclusive surface use and damage Agreement between Emery County and PacifiCorp. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to Non-Exclusive Surface Use and Damage Agreement between Emery County and PacifiCorp. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

(11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ADVERTISING AMENDED RFP FOR THE EMERY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.

Jim Jennings explained that there was not enough detail in the original RFP advertising for the Emery County General Plan Update. He requested approval for an amended RFP for the Emery County General Plan Update. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve advertising an Amended RFP for the Emery County General Plan Update. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.
AYE: Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

(12)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COAL BASED P[OWER, A BRANCH OF ECONOMICS THAT HAS PRODUCED ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR OUR AREA.

This resolution was presented in the October 17, 2023 meeting. At that time the resolution was tabled. The Resolution has been revised and is now ready for consideration. As it states now: Hunter and Huntington Power Plants have been in Emery County, Utah since the 1970's. They are coal-based power. Emery County has working coal mines that provide good jobs for residents of Emery County and surrounding areas. Emery County has benefited from mineral lease monies from mining. Hunter and Huntington Power Plants provide dependable jobs for the people of Emery County and surrounding areas, and has benefitted from both plants from

Centrally assessed taxes. Hunter and Huntington Power Plants provide steady, sustainable,clean, reliable and economical electricity. The coal mines and coal power plants produce trucking jobs for Emery County and surrounding areas. The culture and heritage of Emery County is intertwined with coal mining and coal based power plants. The Emery County Commission is in full support of keeping, sustaining, and expanding coal mines in Emery County, Utah. They fully support Hunter and Huntington Power Plants and continue to make and produce electricity in Emery County, Utah. They fully support the expansion of alternative applications of coal (carbon fiber). The Emery County Commissioners urge Governor Cox, U.S. Senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney, and U.S. Representatives in the state of Utah to urge Administration and Congress to halt the ongoing injury to the coal industry caused by excessive regulations and politically driven ideologies. With these changes to the Resolution, Commission Jordan Leonard made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-07-23B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed unanimously.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(13)

COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard asked Patsy Stoddard to report on upcoming events in the County. The Emery County Business Chamber will be hosting the annual Casino Night and Awards. There will be fourteen business awards recognizing Emery County businesses. The Chamber is looking into affordable housing issues. Determining the difference between affordable housing and low income housing.

Commissioner Keven Jensen expressed concern regarding using county funds to promote nuclear power plants in Emery County. He expressed concern about grant writers not coming to the County Commissioners with what they are writing grants for. He was concerned about groups circumventing the people's voice regarding proposals. He stated he cannot go along with WOKE policies.

(14)
ADJOURN

Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
NAY: none

ATTEST:_____ COMMISSIONER:_____