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Commission Meeting
November 21, 2023

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Present at the meeting was Commission Chairman Keven Jensen, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Jordan Leonard, 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 #264499 through and including #264617 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

<u>REQUISITION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
52-23	(2) metal carports 20x20x10 Sheriff	\$6,272.00
53-23	2023 Ford Explorer Assessor	\$47,500.00

There were no dispositions.

(2)
APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

(3)
NOTIFICATION SELECTED JADEN ATWOOD AS A PART TIME LIFEGUARD WORKING UP TO 19.75 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 3.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard, and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

(2)

SAFETY MINUTE PRESENTATION BY THE WEED & MOSQUITO DEPARTMENT.

Cory Worwood presented information regarding eye protection and safety.

(3)

AWARDING OF SAFETY VIS GIFT CARDS.

Part time: Suzanne Anderson

Full time: Becky Jewkes

Safety Sensitive: Kurt Stevens and Dustin Deto

EMT's : Stephanie Mead and Shaylee Richards

(4)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION SERVICE IN EMERY COUNTY.

Commissioner Sitterud commented that this is the second year that Extension Service has requested a \$5,000 increase in their \$85,000 budgeted agreement making their budget from Emery County \$90,000 for 2024. Commissioner Leonard indicated that he feels the Extension Service does good things for the county. He stated he would like to see the agreement have a longer term rather than the Extension service requesting more money every year. It would be more beneficial for the County's budget if we knew that the agreement amount was the same for three or four years or a percentage was added to the budget each year. Commissioner Jensen felt that if it is going to be \$90,000 it would be good to have it stay there for three or four years. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve the increase for 2024 to \$90,000 as requested but, it may stay there for a few years, moving forward it would be nice to have this locked in for a couple of years. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud seconded by motion. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Lynn Sitterud

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE TIME COST OF LIVING PAYMENT.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution 11-21-23 authorizing a one time cost of living payment to all employees as follows: Full time employees \$3,000, ¾ time employees \$2,250, part time employees \$1,500 and lifeguards \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Lynn Sitterud

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(6)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ALLOCATING TRT FUNDS TO ASSIST GREEN RIVER IN PURCHASING EVENT SUPPLIES.

AnnDee Mead requested approval to allocate TRT funds to Green River City to assist them in purchasing event supplies. She explained that it will save them time and money on their events as they are driving to Castle Dale to get tables/chairs/canopies or they are having to rent them. Since Green River City generates a large portion of TRT funds this would be a way to support Green River City in their efforts to host events in their city. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve allocating TRT funds to assist Green River in purchasing even supplies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Lynn Sitterud

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(7)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY CREATING AN RFP TO ADVERTISE FOR THE EMERY COUNTY EVENTS COORDINATOR.

Commissioner Jensen suggested that it be more beneficial to advertise for an RFQ. AnnDee indicated that the current contract with the Event Coordinator will expire in February 2024. She requested approval to begin the writing and advertising of an RFQ so there is no lapse in time to get a contract in place. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to approve creating an RFQ to advertise for the Emery County Events Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.

AYE: Lynn Sitterud

Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY COMMISSION ADJUSTMENT FOR KAREN WOOD ON PARCEL # 01-176A-0015.

Kris Bell requested approval for a Commission Adjustment on parcel #01-176A-0015 for Karen Wood. She stated that the parcel needs to be taxed on the market value of 66,262. With this market value the taxes would be \$1,091.67. This is a tax difference of \$1,091.66.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve a Commission Adjustment for Karen Wood on parcel #01-176A-0015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(9)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY CONTRACT BETWEEN LOS AVILES, LLC AND EMERY COUNTY FOR CONCRETE REMOVAL AT HUNTINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Kyle Scow requested approval for a contract between Los Aviles, LLC and Emery County for concrete removal at Huntington Branch Library. He indicated that the existing concrete entrance is a trip hazard. Los Aviles, LLC would remove the concrete for \$10,000.00 in order to prepare for a new concrete entrance that is ADA compliant. A grant has been applied for and awarded to fund the project. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to approve a contract between Los Aviles, LLC and Emery County for concrete removal at Huntington Branch Library. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.

AYE: Lynn Sitterud
Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(10)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY CONTRACT BETWEEN LOS AVILES, LLC AND EMERY COUNTY INSTALLATION OF AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANT SIDEWALK, ENTRYWAY, RAMP, AND HANDRAIL AT HUNTINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Kyle Scow requested approval for a contract between Los Aviles, LLC and Emery County to install a new ADA compliant entrance including ramp, sidewalk, steps leading to the city sidewalk, entryway to the building and handrail at the Huntington Branch Library. The contracted amount is \$12,500.00. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve a contract between Los Aviles, LLC and Emery County for installation of ADA compliant sidewalk, entryway, ramp, and handrail at Huntington Branch Library. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

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Lynn Sitterud

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY LIBRARIES WITH HEART COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND EMERY COUNTY LIBRARIES.

Commissioner Jensen explained that the Libraries with Heart Collaboration Agreement could potentially provide 40 heart monitors accessible to patrons of the Libraries. Attorney Mike Olsen has reviewed the agreement document. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud made a motion to approve Libraries with a Heart Collaboration Agreement between American Heart Association and Emery County Libraries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.

AYE: Lynn Sitterud

Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(12)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND TRADITIONS HEALTH CARE.

Dan Hunter addressed the agreement and the Nursing Home Board's recommendations. He stated that the Board started a little over a year ago to begin the process to renew or extend the lease agreement with Traditions Health Care for the management of the Nursing Home. The board feels that they have finally hashed out an agreement that they feel comfortable with. The Nursing Home currently has a good occupancy and return. He requested the lease agreement be approved as written. Attorney Mike Olsen has not reviewed the lease agreement.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve a Lease Agreement between Emery County and Traditions Health Care contingent upon approval of Attorney Mike Olsen's review and approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Lynn Sitterud

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

(13)

COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Commissioner Jensen reported on a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power. He met with key people where he asked the question "Is there any way a Commissioner can put a halt to nuclear growth?" He was told that there is not any way a Commissioner could halt nuclear growth in Emery County. Commissioner Jensen indicated that he would like to stop the rumors that he is

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anti-nuclear. Jeremy suggested that he get the media to get his story out. Commissioner Jensen expressed his desire to have fair and balanced reporting in our area. He explained his interpretation of "shadow government".

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ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard, and the motion passed.

AYE: Lynn Sitterud

Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ATTEST: _____ COMMISSIONER: _____