

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOOELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD JANUARY 21, 2014

Chairman Clegg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The time, place and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by delivering copies of the notice and agenda at least two days before to each of them.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Erik Gumbrecht offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL.** The clerk called the roll which showed Commissioners Bruce Cleggs, Chairperson, Jerry Hurst and Shawn Milne present. Also present were Doug Hogan, Attorney and Marilyn Gillette, Clerk.

3. **MINUTES.** Commissioner Hurst moved to approve the minutes from the Commission Meeting held January 7, 2014, as corrected. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA.** Commissioner Milne moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hurst seconded the motion. All concurred.

Tax Adjustments. A) Levi Griffin, Serial #09-019-0-0050. Applied in 2013, but application was missed. 60% Veteran. Relief amount \$1,704.02; B) April Cheesman Kristic, Vine # 1G2NF52E63M519906. Vehicle inoperable. Donated to Make-a-Wish of Utah. Relief amount (\$50.00); C) Curry Plumbing and Heating, Plate #17292N. There is an error in the new system. Value based vehicles that were due for renewal prior to 12/31/2013 and are being renewed as of Jan 1, 2014 are being charged prior and current property tax in error. Relief amount (\$60.08); D) Salena Asay, Vin #1HGEM229X2L026934. This vehicle could not pass inspection so she sold it. Relief amount (\$50.00); E) Jamon Jensen, Plate #A468XH. The owner licensed and registered the wrong vehicle. Relief amount (\$110.00); F) Joseph Kotan, Plate #586NZH. Traded in vehicle just after registering. Relief amount (\$80.00).

Invoices. Warrants issued on January 9, 2013 in the amount of \$1,507,642.80, Check #142992 thru #143090.

5. **YEAR TO DATE BUDGET UPDATE.** Mike Jensen, Auditor, gave a year to date budget update. In the general fund there is a \$5 million dollar positive increase compared to this time last year.

6. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT.** Commissioner Hurst moved to switch the next two items, putting the Department Report before the Financial Recovery Update. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred.

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORT.** Frank Park, Sheriff, gave an update on the jail. Last quarter they had 1,366 prisoner days, or about \$80,000 per month coming into the County. In 2014 there is a resolution being run by Rep. Sagers which will enable county jails to hold state inmates. The State only pays \$46.85 per day per inmate, the Marshalls pay \$60 per day. Tooele County will be on the bottom of the list for male inmates, but

they have beds available for female inmates. We may be able to get some help thru Obamacare with the inmate's healthcare. Utah does not allow counties to charge an inmate's personal insurance for their medical care.

7. **FINANCIAL RECOVERY UPDATE.** Jeremy Walker, Treasurer gave the latest financial recovery date. He expressed concern as to whether 2014 PILT money will be paid this year.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR FOR 2014.** Commissioner Hurst nominated Commissioner Clegg as the Chairman for 2014. Commissioner Clegg asked if there were any other nominations. There were not. Commissioners Hurst and Clegg voted yes. Commissioner Milne vote no.

9. **ADOPTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014.** Commissioner Milne moved to approve. Commissioner Hurst seconded the motion. All concurred.

10. **COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS TO TINA CAMPBELL, MARLA SPENCER, HIK VISION, AND SECURITY 101 UTAH FOR SERVICES AND DONATIONS TO THE TOOELE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER.** Rachael Cowan, Children's Justice Center Director, discussed the video equipment that the CJC won and presented awards to those listed above.

11. **RATIFICATION OF 2014 CDBG CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP) FIVE YEAR LIST.** Jerry Houghton, Recorder, discussed the four items on the 2014 CDBG Capital Investment (CIP) Five Year List:

Entity Priority	Entity	Project Description	Total Cost	Funding Sources	Project Date
1	Tooele County	Purchase/Construct Housing Authority Bldg.	\$400,000	CDBG	7/2013
2	Tooele County	Homeless Prevention - Multi Year (3)	\$150,000/ YR	CDBG	7/2013
3	Tooele County	Hotshot for Meals on Wheels	\$33,000	CDBG	7/2013
4	Tooele County	Valley Behavioral Health Building Purchase	\$230,000	CDBG	2014

He then explained how the projects are prioritized and approved. The projects will be funded by the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Commissioner Hurst stated we compete with the other counties for these funds. The committee rates the projects. Commissioner Hurst moved to ratify the 2014 CDBG Capital Investment Plan. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred.

12. **RESOLUTION 2014-01 - REORGANIZING THE NORTH TOOELE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT (NTCFD) FROM A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO A LOCAL DISTRICT.** Attorney Hogan stated this is the final step the County will take to convert the NTCFD from a service district to a local district. If approved they will be able to handle all of their internal affairs on their own. Commissioner Milne moved to approve Resolution 2014-01. Commissioner Hurst seconded the motion. All concurred.

13. **RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TOOELE COUNTY, AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**

COMPANY COVERING THE IMPROVEMENT OF AN AT-GRADE PUBLIC ROAD CROSSING ON DROUBAY ROAD. Rod Thompson, Roads Director, in regards to an agreement signed with Union Pacific Railroad in 2012. UDOT should have been included in that agreement, so a new agreement was put together. The County will be reimbursed \$28,422.91 for bills that were paid by the County and should have been paid by UDOT. Commissioner Hurst moved to Ratify the Agreement Between The Utah Department of Transportation, Tooele County, and Union Pacific Railroad Company Covering the Improvement of an At-Grade Public Road Crossing on Droubay Road. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred.

14. **TOOELE APPLIED TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATE.** Scott Snelson, TATC President, gave the annual report on the Tooele Applied Technical College. They currently offer 108 certificates and plan on offering 138 in 2014 and 150 in 2015. Growth rate of 2% for FY13.

15. **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2014-01 - CONSOLIDATING THE OFFICES OF CLERK AND AUDITOR, FORMING THE OFFICE OF CLERK/AUDITOR, AND CONSOLIDATING THE OFFICES OF RECORDER AND SURVEYOR, FORMING THE OFFICE OF RECORDER/SURVEYOR.**
Commissioner Hurst moved to open the public hearing. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred. Those in attendance were: Tracy Shaw, Mike Larsen, Duke North, Steve Dale, Tom Wilson, Janni McCart, Annette York, J. Ward Spendlove, Isaac Astill, Tom Bredol, John Beagley, Scott Broadhead, Jeremy Walker, Chris Ivester, Michelle L. Pruden, Linda Reid, Toby Lee, Missy Lee, Sean McClatchey, Grant Pendleton, Rod Thompson, Tracy Shaffer, Randy Willden, Doug Kinsman, Kelly R. Anderson, Erik Gumbrecht, Curtis G. Beckstrom, Raymond Dixon, Amanda Hager, Kathy Clark, Gail Williams, Joyce Horgan, Susan Kroff, Rachael Cowan, Tom Poyner, Branden Bender, Erin Bender, Terri Garrard, Faye Hall, Matt Hall. Commissioner Milne stated this was discussed in the spring, this was not pressing until the election for 2014 was nearer. Presented background and information they have come up with.

Background Facts

Tooele County Commission Proposal to Combine Offices Clerk/Auditor and Recorder/Surveyor

- * Utah has a total of 29 counties.
- * Utah has six classifications for counties, determined by population.
- * Tooele County is a county of the third class, with a population of roughly 60,000.
- * 21 counties have the combined office of Clerk/Auditor:
Beaver, Cache, Carbon, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Juab, Kane, Morgan, Piute, Rich, San Juan, Sevier, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, and Weber. (Daggett also has the Clerk and Auditor offices combined, but as different combinations: Clerk/Treasurer, Auditor/Recorder) This represents 72.4% of counties operating with this specific combination of offices.
- * 5 other counties have the combined office of Recorder/Surveyor:
Garfield, Iron, Juab, Sanpete, and Weber.
- * 16 counties don't have a Surveyor at all:
Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Emery, Grand, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Sevier, Summit, Washington, and Wayne. Between counties with the specifically proposed combination or no Surveyor at all, this represents 72.4% of counties.
- * There are other office combinations that involve the Recorder:
Daggett has combined the Recorder with the Auditor. Piute and Wayne have combined the Recorder with the Treasurer.
- * There are a total of six counties of the third class (pop. of 31,000 to 125,000). They are Box Elder (pop. 50,300), Cache (114,700), Iron (46,700), Summit (37,600), Tooele (60,000), Uintah (33,100).
Of the other five (besides Tooele), both Uintah and Cache have the combined offices of Clerk/Auditor. Box Elder, Cache, and Summit don't have a Surveyor. Iron has the combined office of Recorder/Surveyor.
- * Recent examples of counties combining offices:
* 1990: The following counties combined the offices of Clerk and Auditor: Davis, Duchesne, Uintah, and Utah

* 1998: Emery County combined the offices of Clerk and Auditor. * 2006: Weber County combined the offices of Recorder and Surveyor. * 2013: Cache County combined the offices of Clerk and Auditor.

* All counties of the second class (pop. 125,000 to 700,000) have the offices of Clerk and Auditor combined, indicating that population does not dictate separation of offices. 50% of these same counties either don't have an elected surveyor or have it combined with another office, suggesting the same. * Staffing levels of the four offices within all counties of the third class:

Box Elder: Clerk (3), Auditor (4), Recorder (5.75), Surveyor (0)
Cache: Clerk (3.5), Auditor (5), (<---combined offices at end of 2013) Recorder (4), Surveyor (0)
Iron: Clerk (3), Auditor (4), Recorder (6), Surveyor (1)
Summit: Clerk (3.5), Auditor (5.5), Recorder (6), Surveyor (0)
Tooele: Clerk (5), Auditor (3), Recorder (6), Surveyor (1)
Uintah: Clerk/Auditor (6), Recorder (5.75), Surveyor (1)

Proposed Structure and Rationale

Tooele County Commission Proposal to Combine Offices Clerk/Auditor and Recorder/Surveyor

* Proposed annualized savings through consolidation:

* Clerk/Auditor: approx. \$180,500/yr. This is expected by restructuring the offices (to take effect in 2015, following the results of the 2014 elections) to consist of one elected official and one chief deputy in the consolidated office (all other staff members of the combined two offices are expected to remain intact). These savings are derived from the reduction of one elected official's and one chief deputy's salary and benefits.

* Recorder/Surveyor: approx. \$57,200/yr. Savings is expected to be accrued by the reduction of the part-time elected Surveyor and one part-time employee - salary/wages and benefits.

* Consolidated travel & training budget expenses (achieved by negating the redundancy of separate offices attending some of the same trainings): approx. \$2,800/yr.

* Gross result: approx. \$240,500/yr.

* However, the Commission's unanimous perspective is that the net savings of these combinations will likely be lower than the gross result noted. This is derived from the following presumptions:

* Increasing the external auditing company's annual contract by approx. \$20,000/yr. to perform an expanded scope of work - increased random sampling of departments in their yearly audits. This includes an audit of departmental monetary processes and fiscal policies.

* The Surveyor's budget currently includes \$45,000/yr. for "professional & technical services" - used for outsourced surveying work. Combined with \$25,000 taken from the gross savings noted above, this budgetary item can either be increased for additional subcontract work as demand dictates, or to hire an in-house and full-time surveyor (total of \$70,000/yr. available for salary and benefits). In either case, the workload and supervision would be managed directly by the elected Recorder/Surveyor.

* Contingency buffer of \$5,500. This amount is reserved for unforeseen expenses that may arise from the combining of the noted offices.

* Therefore, the Commission believes that net savings under the above scenario could be closer to \$190,000 annually.

* Staffing levels of the offices after proposed restructure: Clerk/Auditor (6), Recorder/Surveyor (6) * The Commission acknowledges that the slightly-reduced staffing levels post-consolidation will be challenging when considering current priorities and workload of the separate offices. The Commission further acknowledges that there are elements of the current priorities and services that are offered above the minimum levels mandated by the State of Utah. It is the Commission's belief that the priorities of the combined offices will likely require reshuffling and careful contemplation to ascertain whether certain "extras" will continue to be provided post-consolidation. In fact, the Commission suspects that these considerations will become an integral part of the dialog between candidates for the combined offices and the electorate during the ensuing campaign year.

* The Commission acknowledges that our numbers are approximations and that the outcome of our proposal will be largely dependent upon the skills, talents, and priorities of those officials elected during the coming year. If the savings proposed by the Commission are to be realized, it will be necessary for the Commission and the elected officials to work together to ensure Tooele County government meets its obligations to our citizens while maintaining a watchful eye on the expense of taxpayer funds.

* Combined offices will still be managed by independently elected officials, reportable to the citizenry that elects them. These officials will be elected during the 2014 campaign season and (re)take their office in January 2015. All present officials will complete their separate terms of office.

* If ever elected offices within counties are to be combined, such determination and announcement must be made prior to February of the election year for the affected offices. This ensures that candidates are aware of the combined duties before the filing period.

Dean Johnson - when revenue dries up, reduction of expenses, including workforce, is good business sense. Reducing workforce does not reduce revenues. Consolidation, learning to do more with less. The County has good leadership in Doug, Jerry, Marilyn and Mike, they can do more with less. Who will step forward and be the leader. Start running the County like a business. He supports it.

Toby Lee - serves on the budget review committee. He supports the combining of offices. Feels it is a sound business policy. He asked them to stay with the decision they had previously made.

Curtis Beckstrom - Concur with the first two people who spoke. Need to consider not the individuals who are in the positions, just think about the responsibilities they have and whether they have the capabilities of handling the responsibilities of the office.

Steve Dale - Thanked the Commissioners for having public hearing. He had a couple of corrections on the fact sheet Commission Milne had compiled. Washington County has a full time County Surveyor, appointed, Weber County has a combined office, Surveyor/Recorder. The only function of the County Surveyor is to act as a repository of survey records. We are not competing with small counties for jobs, we are competing with Davis, Salt Lake, Weber, Utah County. To follow the direction of the smaller counties in the State, he hopes that's not the direction we want to go. Gentlemen, you are currently sitting in offices because the people were dissatisfied with your predecessors. There is a process, if the people think there needs to be a change, then make the change.

BJ Salmon - point of clarification. The whole purpose is to save the County money, \$57,200 per year. In the notes it says you are going to save \$70,000 per year contracting out those services. Commissioner Milne clarified the numbers. Savings of eliminating the surveyor would be \$57,200 less \$25,000.

John Riddle - the Commissioners said they thought long and hard about this decision, but as being only one of two surveying companies in the county he didn't receive a call from anyone. His questioned that this may fix our current problem which is a down economy, but as it rebounds are you going to have to have 6-7 people in the office at a sub contract rate? It's better to have someone who knows the area, rather than a contractor from another area. Doug Kinsman just got it straightened out, he doesn't want to see it messed up again.

Erik Gumbrecht - doesn't really care how many counties are doing or how much they are saving. If there's a county that knows how to do it, it will save money and run smoother. Finances or oversight seem to be the things people are most concerned with. We don't want the County to be in the same situation we've been in the last few years. He asked for the Commissioners to keep better oversight in the future. If they make the change, how is it going to effect oversight?

Rachel Hester - how many positions they have previously laid off have they now rehired for? Some have been hired for more than the previous employees. You may get one that's strong in the auditing and finance and one that is strong in the Clerk's. Someone in the COG mentioned hiring somebody else as their deputy that would have the strength in the other service. She was concerned that they are asking them to do twice the work with two specializations. Already reduced workforce, then rehired because the work couldn't get done. She was concerned that they will combine the offices then the work won't get done so they will have to hire a comptroller or an election official which negates any savings. Let alone the quality of work that they do. She agrees that the other counties don't matter. The six class 3 counties are what we should be concerned with. From the "Off Utah's Right to Know" website, they have Summit and Cache county both function with 5-7 Council members vs. Commissioners. Cache has the second highest budget and they pay their Council \$78,000 including benefits. Summit has the highest budget and they pay \$181,000 to their Council members. Tooele County who have the second lowest budget are paying the second highest amounts to Commissioners for a total of \$266,000. That is a big concern. If the whole point of this is to reduce our expenses then we need to

look at all avenues. If this 3 Commission government is not functioning and we can get a 5-7 member Council under \$100,000 to serve their community vs. getting a paycheck. Tooele County is getting the highest percentage out of all of the counties. They get almost 30% of the entire pay that all Commission and Council members are getting paid, especially if we are talking finances. The information that Treasurer Walker has provided is not helpful, not enough information to evaluate. She did a GRAMA request asking for the rationale. She got a message back that there was no rationale. Toby said they had already made their decision in private, she hopes that is not true. She felt they were not good business men or that they were unethical. Commissioner Milne noted that Ms. Hester's comparison left out costs of admin/exec side of the equation.

Gordon Beals - thanked the three of them for a couple of things. If the figures were true that they were shown tonight, they should be thanked. He doesn't know if this is the right decision to make. If those figures are right, they are making good decisions. He thinks that we ought to show you a little big more respect than sometimes we do and give more credit than we do. He'd like them to be a little more consistent. There are other departments we are throwing money away and getting nothing back. He's talking about DPC. There is a lot of money being given to DPC that they will never see back.

Susan Kroff - Combining offices to save money, combine the Clerk and the Auditor, you will have to hire someone else because Marilyn is not a CPA or an account. So my question is, if you combine these offices, whomever wins, you are going to have to hire someone else at a higher pay than what you are paying these elected officials now. Sometimes it takes a person with more common sense to figure out what's going on than someone that has a degree and just wants to sit back and collect a paycheck. She does agree that the Commission needs to be paid less money than they are being paid now. The Commission needs to take responsibility for what they have or haven't done and cut their finances to what is comparable to other counties. Not saying that they are not entitled to that money but they need to take a look at it and say if I'm asking my employee's and everyone else to cut back, then they should do the same thing. No one has taken time to let the dust settle.

Vernon Denman - Eliminate two elected officials, just cut the oversight by 50%. Is that something that has been considered. Also with his 25 years working for the government, they have gone thru combining different organizations, they expect the people still there to do the extra work. Have they considered the training it's going to take to get these people up to speed on doing the additional work. Suggested deputy be in charge of one and the Elected Officials in charge of the other, both elected officials.

Tom Poyner - thanked the three Commissioners for having the courage for submitting themselves to the public hearing as well as COG that were never required for this decision to be made. Thru this past year the decisions they've made have been difficult on both sides of the microphone. He sees a change for the better. This decision is theirs to make. Make it for the right decisions.

Mike Larsen - thanked them for trying to move the County forward. Whatever they decide to do he stands behind them on this decision. They aren't making more than any other Commissioners. The top 3 highest paid commissioners are in Uintah County. They aren't far from the top, but they aren't the highest paid.

Rachel Wright - against the consolidation. Has served as City Recorder worked with the Clerk and Records office, concerned that they are going to cut too much. Concerned with quality. If you combine them you have a chief and a deputy, you won't always have a quality clerk and auditor. Cut too much, then you will have to rehire. The cities use this service for the elections. Against it.

Joyce Hogan - thanked the Commissioners for the hard job they have had to do. The time for blaming is over. Her mother said as County Commissioners their main responsibility is to take care of the money she pays, as well as every other citizen in this county.

Consolidation of offices - savings may be about \$190,000 per year. Over 5 years that saves close to a million dollars. She's heard a lot of people say it's not their job to make sure they have qualified people. It's their job to vet the candidates, make sure qualified candidates run. Total support.

Scott Broadhead - Heard the argument about checks and balances. The statute allows the County Commission to combine or separate these offices. They specifically said which offices could not be combined. He doesn't feel we should do it because other counties are doing it. "We are going to lose oversight", is not a valid argument. We shouldn't be doing this because we like or don't like someone. That is not the reason to keep them in office. Does this make government more effective? If it does you do it. If it doesn't, you don't. Didn't hear a peep when 100 people were laid off. Decide this on the merits.

Missy Lee - Commissioners know that this is better for our county. Our county is suffering and these people are our friends, we didn't want to boot everyone else out because nobody wanted them. Those people bounced back, got on their feet, found another job. Can't use the facilities that we owe payment on. Quit worrying about what everyone else is saying. Make the best choice for Tooele County.

Commissioner Milne moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hurst seconded the motion. All concurred.

16. **ORDINANCE 2014-10 - CONSOLIDATING THE OFFICES OF CLERK AND AUDITOR, FORMING THE OFFICE OF CLERK/AUDITOR, AND CONSOLIDATING THE OFFICES OF RECORDER AND SURVEYOR, FORMING THE OFFICE OF RECORDER/SURVEYOR.** Commissioner Milne read a narrative of his feelings on this situation.

As everyone is aware, Tooele County government has had a challenge in addressing our budgetary and fiscal reality for over a year now. As part of this reality, we've found ourselves in the unenviable position of not only needing to raise property taxes last year for the first time in 27 years, but to also downsize our expenses - chief of which has been our payroll.

Although we've made huge strides to course-correct, we must still continue our efforts to reign in spending and control costs of all kinds, and reassess the way we've structured our revenue streams. As part of these ongoing efforts, we persist in our search for efficient use of taxpayer funds. Of course, this is all in accordance with the Financial Recovery Plan we disclosed last year and is consistent with the message we've received from taxpayers who do not want us to levy more taxes right now.

We've highlighted the points we've been considering and the proposed structure of the combined offices in the handout provided tonight. In it, we note the objective data that we've gathered and that we have used to passionately debate this topic internally for months. We also acknowledge the inherent challenges the combined offices will likely face and openly encourage a partnership with the office holders to work together to address the workload within the confines of our budget.

Though our support for this measure doesn't come lightly - or equally, we assure you that in no circumstance has this measure been proposed as a punitive or political stunt. As commonsense indicates, the decision on who will serve in these combined offices is wholly at the discretion of the voters - not us! Therefore, we again assure you that this proposal comes forward—in spite—of our friends that currently serve in those respective offices,—not—because of them. Our healthiest debates have been had because of our regard for those currently serving in those capacities.

However, as your Commissioners, you've entrusted us with running this multi-million entity with the same prudence and measured direction as any other similar company.

As part of that, we're tasked with making tough decisions that our pay-grade and offices dictate. This is one of those decisions.

Citizens continue to demand that the Commission be cautious with their tax dollars and to manage our government more efficiently than ever. Folks have not expressed a willingness to either see us loosen the purse strings or to raise taxes for a growth in staffing levels. Thus, while the savings our proposal outlines are not set in stone, if we fail to act on this proposal (before February 1st) we will fail to realize —any— of those potential savings for many years to come.

Furthermore, when one realizes what the news of the federal government not funding PILT in the omnibus bill passed last week means - indeed the potential to not receive \$3.1M we've built in to our newly adopted budget, the gravity of these kinds of decisions becomes even more weighty and severe. This is a huge concern, since last week's move by Congress represents the first time that PILT hasn't been funded in the same way it has for over three decades.

Therefore I believe that the best move is to combine these offices. We have taken similar steps in the past year to blend other departments, trim personnel costs and support staff, so we must be intellectually sincere and evaluate other offices in the same manner. As we've performed our research, we've found other counties - indeed the overwhelming majority of other counties - have created these same combinations and have made their circumstances work. We've found that they haven't expressed any concerns of lacking checks-n-balances, friction with other offices because of the combinations, or other worries that we've heard expressed by citizens since we first proposed this action. In fact, we believe that these same counties will be a resource of information and direction on how our own combined offices can operate more efficiently.

This change will allow us to operate with the greater efficiency that citizens have demanded of us in last year's town hall meetings. It also shows that we take seriously the trust that the public has placed in our hands to spend their taxes wisely.

In addition to other acknowledgements we've made (in the handout), we recognize that there are differences of opinion on this topic - as there are for most things in county government. We respect the difference of opinion and recognize that candor and truth should be respected as part of a healthy discussion on all matters of government like ours.

He then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-10. Commissioner Hurst felt there were pro's and con's on both sides. He has received a lot of input from the public. Until tonight, all of the input has been against consolidating the offices. Starting this afternoon, he received some emails and comments tonight that are in favor of consolidation. Cache County felt there would be a savings of \$40,000 this year but he's heard that savings will go away next year. He likes the idea of saving \$225,000, but they can't say that for sure. It's the public's right to elect people of their choice. We are taking two elected offices out of that pool. There is concern that there will be problems with checks and balances. With 72% of the counties having a Clerk Auditor, it must be working. These offices were combined some time ago and they were split and we heard from the public they were split for a reason. Another thing that they have heard over and over again is that the proposal hasn't been unveiled. They need to put that out, it was put out today. The reason they decided to hear the public, they are opposed to the consolidation. It will change the form of government. Another thing that he's heard quite often is one job will not be done as well as the other one. They will have to go out and hire someone. How much is that going to cost? The decision is being made in a vacuum. It's being made in private meetings. They have heard public comment now twice, discussed it in COG. They are trying to make everything transparent. By not unveiling this until this late date, it has some implications. He is opposed to the consolidation.

Commissioner Clegg felt this is very heart wrenching. From his perspective in an effort to keep taxes low. He moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-10. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. Commissioners Clegg and Milne voted yes. Commissioner Hurst voted no. The motion carried.

17. **BOARD OPENINGS**

- A) Lake Point Cemetery and Park District - 2 positions - Open until filled
- B) Tooele County Planning Commission - 2 positions - Open until filled
- C) Tooele County Housing authority - 1 positions - Attorney - Open until filled

18. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS.**

- A) Tooele County Planning Commission - Commissioner Hurst moved to appoint Lynn Butterfield and Matt Peterson. Their terms will run to January 21, 2018. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred.

19. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Commissioner Milne wants to prepare for if the PILT funding doesn't come thru. It is 15% of general fund.

Treasurer Walker followed up on Rachel's comments on presentation.

Curtis Beckstrom was concerned whether the combined offices will be able to work together.

Randy Wilden, thanked the Commission for their decision tonight to allow the taxpayers to elect the board to run the NTCFD. He thanked the Attorneys Office for their work

20. **ADJOURN.** Commissioner Hurst moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. All concurred.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

BY: 
BRUCE CLEGG, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BY: 
MARILYN K. FILETTE, CLERK

