

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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

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Present at the meeting was Commissioner Keven Jensen, Commissioner Jordan Leonard, Attorney Mike Olsen (via ZOOM) , Sheriff Tyson Huntington (via ZOOM), Deputy Clerk Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens. Commissioner Lynn Sitterud was absent. Commissioner Keven Jensen will step down throughout the meeting to execute motions as needed.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)

APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS, AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List #265139 through and including #265245 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

<u>REQUISITION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7-24	Walton Tilt Deck Trailer Travel-Trails	\$12,470.00
8-24	Radiation monitoring equipment SRERC	\$24,540.00
9-24	Replacement Tracks for Mini Ex Travel-Trails	\$3,277.22

There were no dispositions.

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APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

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NOTIFICATION SELECTED MEGAN DURRANT AS A PART TIME ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN FOR THE ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY, WORKING 19 HOURS PER WEEK WITH NO BENEFITS. WAGE GRADE 7.

(4)

APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY THE VARIABLE PART TIME JUSTICE COURT POSITION TO A ¾ TIME POSITIONS WORKING 29 HOURS PER WEEK WITH PRORATED BENEFITS. NO WAGE CHANGE. THIS CHANGE WOULD AFFECT DEZERAY HERNANDEZ. EFFECTIVE 3-4-24

(5)

APPROVAL TO GIVE LIBBY FAIMALO A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS A HEAD LIFEGUARD.

(6)

APPROVAL OF FULL TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION TO CLEAN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, JUSTICE COURT BUILDING, ROAD SHOP AND THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THIS WOULD BE A BENEFITED POSITION AT GRADE 12.

(7)

APPROVAL TO START THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR A FULL TIME CUSTODIAN, WITH FULL BENEFITS, WAGE GRADE 12.

(8)

APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT ETHAN MIGLIORI AS A CAREER SERVICE COUNCIL MEMBER, TERM ENDING 6-30-2026.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

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DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)
ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(2)
SAFETY MINUTE PRESENTATION BY JEFF GUYMON IS/GIS/NETWORK
ENGINEER/COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR.

Jeff presented helpful information regarding cyber security.

(3)
AWARDING OF SAFETY VISA GIFT CARDS.

Full time employee: Tracy Clark
Part time employee: Meagan Crosland
Safety sensitive employees: Kurt Price and Tyler Butler

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to leave the regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding Four Corners Community Behavioral Health/substance use disorder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(4)
**PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FOUR CORNERS
COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE USE
DISORDER..**

Melissa Huntington, Executive Director of FCCBH explained that the purpose of the PH is to give the public an opportunity to give feedback on services over the past year.

Comments were received from Kiley Segley as an individual who has benefited from the available services over the past year. Kaley Killpoack commented on her experience as an Intern at FCCBH . Commissioner Leonard thanked Four Corners for their commitment to serving Emery County communities.

Comments ended. The Public Hearing was closed and the Commissioners returned to the regular agenda.

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PRESENTATION OF FOUR CORNERS TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR USING SOME OPIOID SETTLEMENT MONEY.

Melissa Huntington presented a proposal to the Emery County Commissioners for using some of the opioid settlement money to add funding for their Crisis Receiving Center. Melissa explained that Four Corners contracts with Emery County to provide mental health and substance abuse services to its citizens. That means that Emery County is statutorily required and mandated to provide these services to its citizens. They are always looking for ways to expand in areas and find ways that would be of assistance to the counties. They have talked in the past about their Crisis Receiving Center that will be coming by the end of May. They would like to add a Social Detox Unit to the facility. The unit will help people who want to stop using substances and help them be successful. When talking with other Crisis Centers they have indicated that they all have Social Detox units that have been successful and of benefit from the service. There are Opioid Settlement funds that were sent to the County. These funds are earmarked for things related to opioid treatment. Emery County was given these funds to allocate funds to entities that could be used with a limited scope of what these funds are to be used for. They are here today to formally request some of the funds be allocated to the Crisis Receiving Center. Commissioner Jensen asked where the Crisis Receiving Center will be located and how it will assist Emery County residents. Melissa indicated it will be located in Price and residents will be transported to the facility. About 20 to 30% of the individuals who participate in the Opioid Treatment program are from Emery County. Commissioner Leonard asked, if this approved today, for an annual report to show how the Crisis Center is benefiting Emery County residents. Commissioner Jensen reviewed their breakdown of Opioid Settlement funds. They are asking for 60% of 2023 payout and 60% of 2024-2025. Melissa indicated that they are also asking for ongoing support. Commissioner Jensen expressed concern for obligating future Commissioners (beyond 2025) for a continued allocation.

(6)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY APPROPRIATING OPIOID FUNDS TO FOUR CORNERS.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve allocating Opioid Funds through June of 2025 at the 60%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to leave the regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen the motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

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NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(7)

PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EMERY COUNTY, UTAH ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH (THE "ISSUER") AUTHORIZING THE ISSUER'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,00 FIXING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT, MATURITY, INTEREST RATE, AND DISCOUNT ON THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR THE RUNNING OF A CONTEST PERIOD; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Jacob Sharp provided information regarding a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners acting as the governing body of the CVSSD authorizing GOB in the maximum amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 fixing the maturity interest rate and discount on the bonds and providing for the publication of notice of public hearing and bonds to be issued as well as providing for the running of a contest period. Jacob indicated that a public hearing will be held on March 19, 2024 which will call for approval of a Parameters Resolution. The bonds have been voter approved. \$1.2 million from CIB at 1.5% interest rate and grant funds to get the \$1,400,000. Alex Buxton from Public Finance was present to address any concerns.

The Board of Commissioners returned to the regular meeting agenda.

(8)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF EMERY COUNTY, UTAH ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH (THE "ISSUER") AUTHORIZING THE ISSUER'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,00 FIXING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT, MATURITY, INTEREST RATE, AND DISCOUNT ON THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BONDS TO BE ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR THE RUNNING OF A CONTEST PERIOD; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution 2-20-24 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY A PLAN OF ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS AN LONG STREET.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to ask County Attorney Mike Olsen to write a letter to the owner informing them that access to the road is open. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(10)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EMERY COUNTY AND EMERY COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

The Interlocal Agreement with Emery County and Emery County Special Service District #1 is to help with the Huntington Airport Project in providing matching funds for a grant for the improvement project. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve an Inter-Local Agreement with Emery County Special service District #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: None

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(11)

PRESENTATION FROM THE REGIONAL SUPERVISOR CHRIS WOOD FOR THE APPROVAL OF RECEIVING MONEY FROM THE UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES (UDWR) FOR (PILT) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,610.71 FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(12)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY THE APPROVAL OF EVENTS COORDINATOR CONTRACT.

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Travel Director AnnDee Mead explained that the previous Events Coordinator Contract with Amanda Leonard was for five(5) years and has now expired. They advertised a RFQ and received 1 application. The applicant was Amanda Leonard. The Travel Bureau requested to continue to contract with Amanda Leonard for the Events Coordinator. With the increase of events the Travel Bureau asked to increase the Contract amount to \$51,000 a year for five (5) years. Amanda managed 35 events throughout the year in 2023. Commissioner Jordan Leonard disclosed a conflict with the contract as Amanda Leonard is his wife. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve of the Events Coordinator Contract as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(13)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY "TASTE OF UTAH" FOR TWO FULL DAYS OF TAPING FOR \$9,000.00

AnnDee Mead explained that 2News is filming a "Taste of Utah" series. The series focuses on dining opportunities in communities throughout the state of Utah. The Travel Bureau requested approval to spend \$9,000.00 to tape for two days a four (4) restaurants on the east area of Emery County and four(4) restaurants on the west area of Emery County. The taping will take place over two (2) days. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve "Taste of Utah" for two full days of taping for \$9,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(14)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE HYPNO HICK ENTERPRISES FOR THE EMERY COUNTY FAIR.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve the contract for services with the Hypno Hick Enterprises for the Emery County Fair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
ENHANCEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT FOR FY 2024.

The amount of the disbursement is \$7,142.00 to finish up the project at the Huntington Library. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to accept the Community Library Enhancement Fund Disbursement for FY 2024 (CLEF). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: None

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(16)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ACCEPTANCE OF THE LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES (TLC) ; ACCESSIBLE SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES GRANT FROM
THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA).

The amount of the disbursement is \$20,000.00. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to accept the Libraries Transforming Communities (TLC); accessible small and rural communities grant from the American Library Association (ALA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

(17)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY INLAND PORT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO
GREEN RIVER PROJECT AREA ONLY.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to scratch item #17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

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COMMISSIONER/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Larry Ellertson, Congressman Curtis staff reported that Congressman Curtis is active in proposals opposing Native Lands being sold on the open market.

Kent Wilson, Senator Romney staff reported on work with county road access and Public Land issues.

Patsy Stoddard reported on the upcoming Lunch and Learn for the EC Business Chamber.

(19)

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard

Keven Jensen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Lynn Sitterud

ATTEST: _____ COMMISSIONER: _____