

COUNTY COMMISSION
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
PIUTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUNCTION, UTAH

PRESENT:

WILL TALBOT	COMMISSIONER
SCOTT DALTON	COMMISSIONER
SAM STEED	COMMISSIONER

Others present: Leesa Tenney, Trevor Barnson, Warren Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Travis Kennedy, Trent Wilde, Dana, Abby, Camille Johnson, Natalie Randall and Troy Allan.

Commissioner Scott Dalton opened the meeting.

Trevor Barnson offered the prayer.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Road Supervisor Travis Kennedy asked about the NRCS money. He stated that all the road grading is complete except for Dry Creek, and it needs more work done. He also asked about the gates being closed up Bullion Canyon.

EMT Supervisor Warren Archer presents his report to the commission – There have been 99 calls so far this year. Darin Bushman informed Warren that Piute is the last County with a total volunteer stipend. He recommends that the Commission consider changing the EMTs to a Part Time/Unbenefited status to be in compliance with the rest of the state.

Warren presents the End of Year gift invoice for over \$7000.00 for EMTs. He states it is not an expense to the County but comes out of grant money. Piute County just received an additional \$60,000 in grant money on July 1st, 2024. The Clerk had previously discussed this issue with the commission but is not in attendance today.

MOTION: Commissioner Will Talbot made the motion to approve paying the EMT invoice for over \$7000 for Leatherman's. Commissioner Sam Steed seconded the motion

Talbot Aye

Dalton Aye

Steed Aye

MOTION PASSED

Warren also commented on neighboring counties wanting to utilize our EMTs for inter-facility transports. Commissioner Talbot asked about the Memorandums of Understanding from the towns and Warren stated that he has not heard back from Scott Burns on the MOAs.

Abby -- \$200,000 in rural funds has been approved (for Child Care?). Also, a Larry H Miller Grant is available for donating money for housing through a 501-3C.

Natalie Randall & Camile Johnson with the Utah Office of Tourism and Film are present. They presented information on their effort to help the counties to increase tourism. \$6.3 Million in visitor spending in Piute County translates to \$727K in Indirect Revenue. Piute County has been granted \$21,150 this year to promote tourism.

Commissioners and others made these suggestions for increasing tourism:

Piute County is a “hub” to all the Parks

Agrotourism – Education

Halloween Howl

Drag Racing

River Floats

Social Media Influencer program

USU Extension agent Trent Wilde introduced Troy Allan. He has obtained the Mental Health position for Piute and surrounding counties, for Veterans and others.

Trent also reported that Mary O’Brien with the US Forest Service went on the mountain to measure the riparian areas.

No updates on the hiring for the still open position of 30 hrs/week.

Trevor Barnson is present. He is here representing Utah Farm Bureau, Piute Farm Bureau, and Public Lands council. He gave his appreciation to the commissioners for all they do to represent the County with the state legislature.

He discussed several things with the commissioners which included:

The Grand Staircase ruling was made.

Governor’s office proclamation to take back undesignated federal lands back into state control.

Agricultural Land Conservation/Protection

Private Land Buck Tags pushed by the Piute Farm Bureau.

Public Lands Council – Assists Individual Permittees

\$500 contribution from Piute County for 2024. Invoice coming soon for 2025.

Business License for Grass Valley Outfitters, LLC was discussed and approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Will Talbot made the motion to approve the business license for Grass Valley Outfitters Commissioner Sam Steed seconded the motion

Talbot Aye
Dalton Aye
Steed Aye

MOTION PASSED

The August Accounts payable were discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Sam Steed made the motion to approve the August Accounts Payable. Commissioner Will Talbot seconded the motion.

Talbot Aye
Dalton Aye
Steed Aye

MOTION PASSED

The minutes were reviewed for August 12, 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Will Talbot made the motion to approve the minutes for August 12, 2024. Commissioner Sam Steed seconded the motion.

Talbot Aye

Dalton Aye

Steed Aye

MOTION PASSED

The minutes were reviewed for August 29, 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Sam Steed made the motion to approve the minutes for August 29, 2024. Commissioner Will Talbot seconded the motion.

Talbot Aye

Dalton Aye

Steed Aye

MOTION PASSED

The General meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.