

**SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**November 19, 2024, 2:00 PM**

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Suite 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew, Commissioners Reed D. Hatch, and Scott R. Collard. County Attorney Kevin Daniels and County Clerk Linda Christiansen.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew.

**OPENING PRAYER OR REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Prayer is offered by Commissioner Scott Collard. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

**SWARING IN OF PATROL DEPUTY ED MORONEY.**

Sheriff Jared Buchanan swears in Patrol Deputy Ed Moroney.

**CANVASS 2024 GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.**

County Clerk Linda Christiansen presents the Canvass of the 2024 General Election which included Federal, State, County and School Board races. Sanpete County has 15,660 active voters; the number of ballots returned by mail is 12,272, in person voting 548, UOCAVA ballots 24 and provisional ballots 382, for a total of 13,226 ballots counted. Compared to 2020; Sanpete processed approximately 1000 more ballots and there are approximately 2000 more registered voters. Ms. Christiansen then reports on challenged ballots; 391 signatures on the envelopes did not match the voter record, 46 were unsigned, 8 for other uncurable reasons. Less than one percent were rejected which were received after the deadline and without an envelope in order to give voter credit. Many of the races in Sanpete were uncontested and the only race that was close was the North Sanpete School District School Board 2 race between Joseph Cook and Shalmarie Morley, which Joe Cook won by 57 votes. On Election Day, hundreds of voters came to vote in person. Due to a two to three hour wait, forty six people received voter credit that did not vote their ballot. They left before voting on the Expressvote machines. The County currently has four machines; looking to the future the Clerk would like to purchase more machines to accommodate the voters with in person voting and hopefully cut down wait times. Carbon County has 10 machines with 4,000 less voters than Sanpete. Ms. Christiansen wants to be fiscally minded but also believes that every voter in Sanpete should be able to exercise their right to vote and have their vote counted. Whatever it takes to make the processes easier and faster in Sanpete, she wants to make it better going forward. Commissioner Collard verifies people would check in but then leave because of the wait. Commissioner Hatch believes an additional machine would help in making the process faster. Many Snow College students voted a Provisional ballot which requires proof of address and that slowed processes down as well. Ms. Christiansen states that even though the lines were long, the residents in Sanpete were kind and she did not hear one negative comment regarding the election. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to accept the General Election results of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Collard votes yes, Commissioner Hatch votes yes, and Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes. Ms. Christiansen presents the Commissioners with appreciation certificates for their willingness to assist in the election and a small gift from the Clerk's office that says, "Be proud of the work you do, the person that you

are and the difference that you make.” Each poll worker will receive a certificate and gift.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCES; APPROVAL TO PAY KIMBALL AND ROBERTS FOR AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; APPROVAL TO PAY THE PUBLIC SAFETY SURVIVING SPOUSE TRUST FUND FOR 2023 AND 2024.**

County Auditor Stacey Lyon is present. No issues or concerns are voiced regarding the claims. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve payment of claims #360173 through #360301. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes. The finances continue to look good. No questions or concerns regarding the finances. Motion to approve the finances is made by Commissioner Hatch. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes. Ms. Lyon presents an invoice to be paid to Kimball and Roberts for audited financial statements. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve to pay Kimball and Roberts for the auditing of 2024 in the amount of \$27,630.00 out of the accounting budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes. Ms. Lyon explains the next item is a trust fund that the County pays into every year for each public safety officer. She is presenting a report for 2023 and 2024 because last year’s was missed. Amanda Olsen found the discrepancy. The amount is based on the number of sworn in deputies as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to pay the Public Safety Surviving Spouse Trust Fund in the amount of \$4,180.00 for 2023 and \$3,705.00 for 2024 out of Commission services budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

**AMY WILLDEN: APPROVAL TO PAY THE DATA CENTER THE REMAINING BALANCE FOR TAX NOTICE PRINTING.**

County Treasurer Amy Willden is present. Ms. Willden presents an invoice to be paid to the Data Center for the balance owed for postage to mail tax notices. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to pay the Data Center the balance of \$6,362.73 out of the tax budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

**TOM SEELY: APPROVAL TO PAY PREMIER STRIPING.**

County Road Supervisor Tom Seely is present. Mr. Seely is seeking approval to pay Premier Striping. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve paying Premier Striping in the amount of \$39,288.51 out of the road maintenance budget. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION LICENSE FOR MIKE MADSEN TO INSTALL POWER AND WATER LINES ON SOUTH FIELDS ROAD MAYFIELD.**

County Road Supervisor Tom Seely has approved. Mr. Seely states that Mr. Madsen is aware of what he is responsible for and is aware of what he needs to do in order to install new power and water lines into a subdivision. Commissioner Hatch questions whether or not asphalt will be cut. Mr. Seely states asphalt will be cut. A bond has not been submitted to the County Clerk. Mr. Seely will let him know the approval is pending a bond is filed with the right-of-way application. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve the right-of-way excavation license for Mike Madsen to install power and water lines on South Fields Rd, Mayfield upon the receipt of a bond. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

**SHERIFF JARED BUCHANAN: RATIFY APPROVAL TO PROMOTE PATROL DEPUTY JAMES WILLIAM NIELSEN TO PATROL SERGEANT; RATIFY APPROVAL TO OPEN PATROL DEPUTY RECRUITMENT; APPROVAL TO PAY PEAK MOBILE FOR REPEATER (NORTH LAW); APPROVAL TO PAY iTOUCH BIOMETRICS FOR NEW FINGERPRINT MACHINE.**

Sheriff Jared Buchanan is present. Sheriff Buchanan explains that Sargent Pace resigned and they have selected James Nielsen to promote to Sargent. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to ratify the approval of the promotion of Patrol Deputy James William Nielsen to Patrol Sergeant from a Grade 9 to Grade 14 at \$36.46 per hour out of the 10-4211-110 budget, effective November 10th. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Sheriff Buchanan introduces Sargent Nielsen to the Commissioners. Due to Sargent Pace leaving there is an opening that needs to be filled. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to ratify approval to open Patrol Deputy Recruitment. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Neil Johnson explains that they are moving the North Law repeater to fix the Indianola tower. The Indianola repeater can receive a page but it can not receive transmissions. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve the payment to Peak Mobile for a repeater (North Law) in the amount of \$2,815.10 out of 4215-240. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. The jail fingerprint machine went down and needs to be replaced. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve the payment to iTouch Biometrics, livescan for fingerprints out of beer tax in the amount of \$6,214.55 and out of budget #4230-250 in the amount of \$5,295.45, for a total of \$11,510.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

\*Kevin Daniels arrives in the meeting\*

**ABBY IVORY: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH TPMA, LLC; APPROVAL OF INVITATION TO KATIE WITT, NEW EPHRAIM CITY MANAGER, TO JOIN SANPETE COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BOARD.**

Abby Ivory is present. Kevin Daniels has reviewed the contract and he is good with it. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve the contract with TPMA LLC. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Ms. Ivory has met with the newly appointed Ephraim City Manager, Katie Witt and she is willing to be on the Economic Opportunity Board. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve adding Katie Witt to the Economic Opportunity Board of Sanpete County. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

**JORDAN ALLSOP: APPROVAL OF COUNTY WARDEN BUDGET AND SIGN COUNTY PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT.**

Jordan Allsop and Tom Peterson are present. Tom Peterson presents each Commissioner with a copy of the Participation Commitment and the Warden Budget. They review the Participation Commitment first. Mr. Peterson explains the amount increased almost one hundred percent. Mr. Peterson states legislature had all of the federal money in fire costs, including the total cost. Last year they cleaned up legislation which removed the federal dollars; now it is just State and County costs. Now the amounts reflected are 50/50. One thing that has changed is the County can now write a check to the State instead of in kind work. Mr. Peterson would not suggest doing that because all of the work done under the Participation Commitment, the County is investing back

into the County. There is no longer fifty percent mitigation. Mr. Peterson has some ideas of things that the County could do and the budget would not increase very much but there would be some in kind work. The County could do some grant programs with the fire departments or the County could use some of the cities match dollars from their Participation Commitments. Private land owner work is also matched. Mr. Peterson will make sure to meet with the County Auditor following the meeting. Not knowing what will happen with the Warden job and Mr. Peterson's current position which is temporary, they did not adjust the wage for next year's budget. So the number's remain as if Mr. Peterson is still in the position of Fire Warden. The only changes to the budget are the removal of the Ag and Rural Suppression budget line because with the new system the State can cover the costs and a slight increase to vehicle mileage. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve the County Warden Budget in the amount of \$113,928.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve and sign the County participation commitment in the amount of \$217,348.00 with the understanding we will try to do some in kind. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Commissioner Bartholomew asks for the record, Mr. Peterson's current job title; which is Central Area Manager for Forestry Fire and State Lands over the six counties.

**BRENDA BARTHOLOMEW REPRESENTING GUNNISON VALLEY HOSPITAL: REVIEW OF HOSPITAL'S ANNUAL REPORT.**

Brenda Bartholomew and Brian Murray are present. Ms. Bartholomew reviews the Gunnison Valley Hospital highlights of 2023 and 2024. They have two new Board members; Danielle Taylor from Fayette and Greg Rosenvall. Dr. Andersen, their surgeon of 25 years retired. Dr. Tanner Allen from Wales will be the new surgeon. The Ambulance Building was finished. Manti Clinic and Pharmacy has been completed. They tore down the old hospital and added a learning center for employees to have child care available. Urology is in high demand and they now have a specialist that comes once a week. Exciting news that Ms. Bartholomew shared is they are moving into tele-oncology which will be coming the first of the year. As far as quality, eighty nine percent of the people ranked Gunnison Valley Hospital 9 out of 10. Commissioner Bartholomew states the County is fortunate to have the hospital in our community. For the record, Gunnison Valley Hospital is being named Business of the Year by the County and will be honored at the R6 recognition night.

**ROBERT SORENSEN: REQUESTING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT APPROVAL.**

Robert Sorenson is present. Mr. Sorenson is before the Commissioners concerning a request for property tax abatement that was denied because he missed the deadline to turn in his paperwork to the County Auditor. He submitted a W-2 which shows he makes less than \$1,000.00 a month. Mr. Sorenson was a brick mason by trade. If he has to pay his taxes, he will not have money to live on. Mr. Sorenson is requesting tax relief on the property taxes that he owes on his adobe home that has no insulation. Commissioner Hatch clarifies that Mr. Sorenson did not meet the deadline for tax abatement. He lost the application that was due to the Auditor but he has been in the tax abatement program in the past. He submitted the letter to the County Auditor two days after the deadline. Commissioner Bartholomew directs Mr. Sorenson to contact the heat assistance office for help with upgrading his windows, insulation and heating system. The commission explains the location of the office located in Manti to Mr. Sorenson. Commissioner Collard understands an

honest mistake was made and the W-2 clearly shows that he qualifies. Commissioner Hatch reiterates that he agrees but reminded Mr. Sorenson that the deadlines need to be met every year going forward. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to grant the property tax abatement that Mr. Sorenson qualifies for with the understanding that next year the application needs to be submitted in time. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

**JASON CHRISTENSEN REPRESENTING FUTURE COMP LLC: DISCUSS COUNTY TAXES.**

Tyler Whitlock is present, representing Future Comp. Jason Christensen could not attend today's meeting. Mr. Whitlock is new to the company but he is over financing with Future Comp and he noticed the large property tax bill that was due. Future Comp is in a start up phase and cash flow is not consistent right now. Mr. Whitlock is wondering if there is a way to get tax relief from their tax payment that is due next month. The amount owed for property taxes on the building in Gunnison is \$86,688.20. Even if they could make payments, that would help. Commissioner Bartholomew appreciates the jobs that the owners have created in the community over the years but also states the County relies on taxes in order to stay within the County budget. Commissioner Hatch explains that a large portion of the taxes owed goes to the school district. Keith Larsen County Assessor states the Commissioners have the ability to give a tax payer relief. Discussion ensues regarding the monthly payment plan that could be approved by the Commission. Future Comp employs approximately 50 employees. The County Clerk attempts to contact Jake Hill with South Sanpete School District to see if they are ok with the County approving a monthly payment plan for Future Comp. She is unable to reach him but she leaves him a message to give her a call back regarding the issue. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to move Future Comp LLC to a monthly payment plan to help this business out for 11 months, with no penalties and fees, if they maintain their contract to make the payments and if the School District approves the agreement. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

\*See continued minutes regarding this item under the Class D Road discussion.\*

**BRETT PENROD: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL IN REGARDS TO A CURRENT PLAT RECORDING WITH DISCREPANCIES.**

Brett Penrod could not attend the meeting, he will let the County Clerk know when he would like to address this issue at a later time. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to table Brett Penrod discussion and potential approval in regards to a current plat recording with discrepancies. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

**DUANE J. PHILLIPS: DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF PETITION TO ABANDON CLASS D ROADS #554, #561 AND #339.**

Duane J. Phillips is present. Mr. Phillips addresses the Commission regarding Class D Roads 554, 561 and 339. Ms. Christiansen displays the Class D Road map on the TV screen. Mr. Phillips gives a little background regarding the roads that are located on his property. References to roads and descriptions of road travel are explained by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Phillips explains that where 339 breaks off it is extremely difficult to maintain the road; in the spring it gets washed out. Mr. Phillips also explains that the Big Hollow Fire in 2012 burned his cabin down and wiped out everything. A government agency did come through and reseeded. The roads are all but invisible due to the fire, water damage and deterioration. Many residents have installed culverts and put

many hours of work into maintaining the roads and making them passable. Mr. Phillips asks if the County has any intentions of maintaining Class D roads and the response is no. His concerns are if the County has no intention of maintaining the roads, they will continue to deteriorate. Another concern is that because the roads are considered public, when an individual is driving on that road and it gets to a section that is essentially gone due to deterioration some continue on potentially private property. Private property can be damaged by individuals. He would like the roads to be abandoned to prevent the public from traveling the roads that were previously mentioned. Kevin Christensen points out the roads that were mapped by the County. Discussion ensues regarding the conditions of the roads and identifying BLM roads. Bob Cowley addresses the Commissioners and explains one road ends in the canyon and addresses the location of a locked gate. Commissioner Collard grew up in the area and the road has not always ended and it used to go through. BLM roads are indicated in brown on the maps. Commissioner Collard gives his opinion regarding Class D roads; if it has been a Class D road then it needs to remain a Class D road and be open. He does not agree with closing any road that has been open. Commissioner Bartholomew explains once the easement is removed a road can not be reestablished. Kevin Christensen states the County Commissioners could use transient room tax funding to put a blade on a road to reestablish the road. Commissioner Collard states there are many roads in the area that need to be addressed. He believes the public has the right to access public property, not just property owners. Mr. Cowley believes the County should fence off the road in order to deter trespassing. The Commissioners respond that it is the property owners responsibility to fence out. Discussion ensues regarding trespassing signs and the charges that may ensue for trespassing. Mr. Cowley would like to see the road signs indicate that an individual can not stop on the road. Kevin Daniels states an individual can stop on a public easement, they just can't exit the public easement onto private property.

\*Linda Christiansen has Jake Hill on the phone regarding the Future Comp tax discussion. Mr. Hill has two questions: do they have to pay penalties and fees and when will they receive their payments from the County? And is the agreement to make payments only for this year or going forward? The Commissioners state penalties and fees have been waived, the school district will have to verify payment schedule with the Treasurer and the monthly plan agreement is for one year only. Mr. Hill and Mr. Whitlock are in agreement of the terms.\*

\*\*A five minute break is taken\*\*

**DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR A 7 LOT MAJOR SUBDIVISION (JUNIPER FIELDS) APPLICATION BY JACOB YAMADA. THE PARCELS ARE LOCATED NORTHWEST OF FAIRVIEW CITY IN THE RA-2 AND WUI ZONES. THE SUBDIVISION WOULD CONTAIN 7 LOTS WITH LOT 1 OF 6.56 ACRES, LOT 2 OF 5.00 ACRES, LOT 3 OF 5.03 ACRES, LOT 4 OF 6.59 ACRES, LOT 5 OF 5.36 ACRES, LOT 6 OF 5.60 ACRES AND LOT 7 OF 5.08 ACRES.**

**PARCEL # S-20945X1, S-20952X1, S-20952X2.**

Zoning Administrator Steven Jenson presents the agenda item. The property is located by Leon Day's home, off of Day Road north of Fairview. Jacob Yamada is the developer. The Mylar had been reviewed and during the Planning meeting it had been determined that one of the properties went into the road. The well is within the 66' easement of the road. Tom Seely has talked to the developer regarding this and the reason for the location of the well is due to the water pumping 75 gallons a minute. The other test sites were not producing nearly that much. This is a shared well

for all seven lots and the County does allow the well within the easement. If there is any damage to the easement it will be at the owner's expense. They have seven acre feet of water and it is in the developer's name. Power will be provided by Fairview City and a letter is included in the packet indicating the cost of services. There is also a letter from the engineer indicating the subdivision road meets County specs. Central Utah Health Department has indicated that seven septic tanks have been approved. The owner affidavit as well as the Police Fire and Ambulance disclaimer has been signed and notarized by the applicant. The well has been drilled and the requirement of one acre feet of flow is met for each lot. The parcel is located in the WUI zone and the zoning department has indicated to the developer that the potential lot owners can not have detached ADU's. And no other homes can be added to the well because the State mandates a maximum of seven homes on a well. Commissioner Hatch addresses an article he read in the Sanpete Messenger regarding the cities will no longer be signing plats. He wonders what affect that will have on the County going forward. Kevin Daniels is aware that is changing and he is working with UAC. The changes are coming about because some legislatures feel the process is taking too long to get done. Discussion ensues regarding the zoning application processes from preliminary to final approval. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to recommend the approval of the seven lot major subdivision, Juniper Fields by Jacob Yamada as previously described by Commissioner Bartholomew. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. The Planning Commission Chair has not signed the plat yet but Mr. Jenson will make sure he does prior to recording. While the Mylar is being signed a discussion ensues regarding zoning applications and when a public hearing may or may not be required.

**DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR A 2 LOT MAJOR SUBDIVISION (SNOWDON'S SHADOW) APPLICATION BY LOUIS & GEORGIA CHADWICK. THE PARCEL IS LOCATED NORTHWEST OF WALES IN THE AGRICULTURE AND WUI ZONES. THE SUBDIVISION WOULD CONTAIN 2 LOTS WITH LOT 1 OF 10.012 ACRES, LOT 2 OF 9.974 ACRES. PARCEL # S-25105**

Zoning Administrator Steven Jenson presents the agenda item. The parcel is located northwest of Wales in the proximity of the Jensen Subdivision. There is an existing home on a grandfathered property; now they are creating two lots from the original parcel. Louis Chadwick is the original owner and his daughter will build on the second lot. The property line does not extend into the County road so they obtained a 66' easement. There is an existing well which will be a shared well and it contains two acre feet of water. A shared well agreement has been signed. At some point the daughter may drill her own well but at this point they will share the well. The Recorder's office signed off on the Mylar. The owner affidavit has been signed and notarized, as well as the police fire and ambulance waiver. A letter from Rocky Mountain Power is on file indicating power is installed to the existing home and it is stubbed to the other lot. The recommended amount of water has been met but they actually have twelve acre feet of water with two domestic uses. There is a letter from Central Utah Health Department indicating septic systems have been approved. Taxes are paid and up to date. A copy of the current title search is included in the packet. All easements are indicated on the Mylar and it is the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve this application. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the Snowdon's Shadow Subdivision on parcel #25105. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

**DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR A 1 LOT MAJOR SUBDIVISION (HIGGISON) APPLICATION BY DENISE HIGGISON. THE PARCEL IS LOCATED NORTHEAST OF MT. PLEASANT IN THE AGRICULTURE ZONE. THE SUBDIVISION WOULD CONTAIN 1 LOT WITH LOT 1 OF 5.5 ACRES. PARCEL # S-22112X6**

Zoning Administrator Steven Jenson presents the agenda item. Mr. Jenson indicates a home is north of the parcel which causes this application to be a major subdivision; everything that comes before the Commission seems to be majors now. The parcel is off of Gravel Pit Road with 33' access but most is 66'. They have a septic permit from Central Utah Health Department. The Mylar has been signed off by the Recorder's office. The owner affidavit has been signed and notarized by the applicants as well as the Police Fire and Ambulance Waiver. Mt. Pleasant City Power has provided power to the property. They have one domestic use with one acre foot of flow and the well has been drilled. The Road Supervisor has signed off on access off of the County Road. Taxes are paid and up to date. A current title search has been submitted including existing easements. It has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to approve the 1 Lot major subdivision Higgison application by Denise Higginson, parcel # 22112x6. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL REGARDING CELL PHONE STIPEND.**

Commissioner Hatch states there are six elected officials that potentially do not receive compensation for their cell phone bill. The sheriff would make it seven but with law he believes his is already covered. Commissioner Hatch explains that the elected officials did receive a cell phone stipend in the past and due to budget cuts it was eliminated. The cost to the County would be approximately \$2,700 a year. Commissioner Bartholomew believes it is only fair and Commissioner Hatch states he received phone calls on his cell phone all of the time when he was the Recorder. Kevin Daniels already receives the cell phone stipend. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve paying the \$38.00 cell phone stipend to the elected officials (not including Commissioners) that don't already receive the stipend, starting January 1. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

**LINDA CHRISTIANSEN: RATIFY APPROVAL OF K & H INTEGRATED PRINT SOLUTIONS INVOICE FOR BALLOT PRINTING AND POSTAGE FOR 2024 GENERAL ELECTION.**

County Clerk Linda Christiansen is present. The invoice that she is presenting is for the ballot printing and remaining postage due for the 2024 General Election. Ms. Christiansen received the invoice right after the last commission meeting and knowing the next one was three weeks away she asked Commissioner Hatch and Commissioner Bartholomew to approve payment in order to prevent an overdue invoice. Ms. Christiansen also states that the elections budget line will not be able to cover this invoice but the reimbursements that she has received does not reflect on her budget. That money goes into the general fund. With three elections and one of the elections being a presidential, it was an expensive year. Commissioner Hatch believes taking the money out of the general fund may be the best option. Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to ratify approval of the payment to K&H Integrated Print Solutions out of the General Fund in the amount of \$13,218.37. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

\*Not listed on the agenda, a discussion ensues regarding a law specific to an exception that kids

do not have to be taxed (10-99) on 4H received money. Commissioner Bartholomew will talk to the County Auditor regarding this topic. Commissioner Collard has already addressed this with Ms. Lyon and she indicated the Auditors had stated you could take the taxes out or not. Kevin Daniels believes it is a decision that should be adjusted; kids should not be taxed by the County.\*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as submitted with no corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and the character, professional competence, or mental competency of an employee. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Vote by voice is taken: Commissioner Collard votes yes, Commissioner Hatch votes yes, and Commissioner Bartholomew votes yes. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion is made by Commissioner Collard to go out of closed session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

No action was necessary due to this closed session.

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Collard, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

ATTEST:



Linda Christiansen  
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED:



Scott Bartholomew  
Commission Chair