

**IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. December 9, 2024, in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Michael Bleak	Commission Chair
Paul Cozzens	Commissioner
Marilyn Wood	Commissioner
Jonathan T. Whittaker	County Clerk

Also present:

Terry Palmer	County Building & Zoning
Richard Wilson	County Chief Engineer
Sam Woodall	County Deputy Attorney
Carrie Christiansen	County Deputy Auditor
George Colson	County Emergency Management
Spencer Rollo	County Fire Warden
Jennifer Bradbury	County HR Director
Reed Erickson	County Planner
Candace Reid	County Public Defender
Bruce Anderson	County Public Works Director
Ken Carpenter	County Sheriff

Others present:

Carol Barker	David Blodgett	June Harmon
Jeff Richards	Patti Truax	Bruce Washburn

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Spencer Rollo.

INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Dr. David Blodgett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marilyn Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Iron County Commission meeting held, on November 8, 2023, and the Iron County Commission meetings held on November 12, 2024 and November 18, 2024. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

Marilyn Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting held on November 25, 2024. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Abstain; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve Claims for Payment from November 25, 2024 to December 8, 2024. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Terry Palmer, Iron County Planning/Building & Zoning Administrator, reported that as of Friday, December 6th, there had been a total of 534 permits issued year to date, compared to 496 permits last year at this time; 188 new dwellings permits issued, compared to 150 last year; 38 house permits. Terry noted that Trent Sukowaty, Code Enforcement Officer, would be changing his job title at the first of the year to Inspector/Code Enforcement. In Building, there had been 581 Plan Reviews projects completed and 3,565 inspections (stops). He reported on large projects coming up with three different gas stations planned in Parowan. Two had been reviewed and were ready to issue permits. One permit was for a Terribles Gas Station that would be on the north interchange in Parowan. He had reviewed the Maverick Gas Station that would be on the south interchange, on the west side of the freeway. Terry noted that he was waiting on the annexation documentation to be cleared up. He explained that discussions between the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and Maverick regarding the interchange on and off ramps. Terry reported on the progress of the buildings at the Commerce Crossroads Logistic Park (BZI) and Thomas Harker in Lakeside Industrial Park off Hwy 56 and 6300 West. There were three permits issued for the Battery Supply System (BESS) systems at the Enterprise solar farms that had begun excavating and grading last week on one of the sites. He noted that the Iron County Courthouse had a leaky roof, and discussion continued regarding what had to be done to repair it as well as the elevator.

Terry reported on maintenance. Thayne Hainsworth had been working with Landon Wall, a new part-time employee. Terry expressed his appreciation for Thayne for being a tremendous asset to the department. He explained the highlights on the spreadsheet he presented to the commissioners. Terry reported that he had visited with Drake Howell at BZI, regarding the Fabian Project. Iron County was 90% plus to be awarded the contract for the project. The building alone was 600,000 square feet. He and Reed Erickson met with a company last week that was looking to build a data center in Iron County. The company was gathering definitions and zoning ordinance information from different jurisdictions where they had previously worked

to help Iron County. There was an issue with the Iron County Zoning Ordinance because it did not define where to build a data center and the requirements for one. Discussion continued regarding the Data Center project. Terry reported that he was waiting on plans from BZI for review regarding their new office building with an expected groundbreaking in mid-summer. Terry expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Wood and that he enjoyed working with her.

Richard Wilson, Iron County Engineer, expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Wood and he had enjoyed working with her. Richard reported that Iron County had been approved for the Iron Springs Road Project last April. He submitted a funding request for \$9,925,000 and received a little over \$7M for that project. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) assigned a project manager and as a result of that project manager, Richard could begin the design phase. Work on Iron Springs Road and Hwy 56 was discussed. He spoke with the Regional Engineer in Richfield that the High-T was going in and asked how that was going to work together on Hwy 56 and Iron Springs Road. Richard reported that there was increased interest in the belt route with the increase of activity on Iron Springs Road. There were discussions regarding a roundabout by Industrial Park, Sage Hill Road, the Ashdown gravel pit, a turn lane by Bowman's Kitchen, and culverts. Richard would begin, in January, to come up with a plan for Iron Springs Road and a construction schedule. Clean out for the ditches would begin within the next couple weeks before the spring runoff. He had a conversation with George Colson, Iron County Emergency Manager, on Friday and asked him to buy another 50,000 sandbags. It was good to have them on hand, and to buy them when demand was low. Commissioner Wood asked if Richard would report on the "Safe Streets for All" program. Richard explained that the "Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program was a federally funded program in which congress had committed \$5B over 5 years for regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Iron County had been awarded \$600,000 for a study and the Federal Government required that a plan be in place before anything could be fixed. The study was to find out what was happening and where it was happening, and then come up with the next phase which was solutions and implementations. We looked at it geographically and created focus areas in Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, Newcastle, and Eastern Iron County. We would like the public to go online, www.ironcountyut.gov. We want to hear about the near misses and where you constantly had to be cautious. Law enforcement collects crash data and the areas where there were near misses do not show up on crash data. There was a discussion regarding areas of near misses, and issues with climbing lanes going west. Richard reported that once the study was completed then he could apply to the Federal Highway Administration for an implementation funding and grants.

Bruce Anderson, Iron County Public Works Director, began by reporting about the Iron County Landfill. The water samples were completed and was contracted with a company to help finalize that report. Bruce reported that the state visited the Iron County Landfill and separated the waste into paper, plastic, etc. They did find many electronics with batteries in them. The state had a five gallon bucket of vapes and e-cigarettes, which were one of the largest culprits to fires in the landfills. The state was working effectively with landfill managers to figure out a statewide recycling program for vapes and e-cigarettes. There was a discussion regarding recycling and issues with lithium-ion batteries. Bruce reported that the three new employees were catching on well. One of them had partially tested for a CDL license and was close to finishing. The equipment was good, and the budget was on track. He was still working with the DEQ on rural landfills and tires. Fires continue to be a problem in landfills throughout the state. The Ranch Jordan Landfill in Salt Lake County had four fires a week because of the lithium-ion batteries. Jeremy Truman and the crew were doing a great job keeping the landfill clean.

Bruce reported on the Road Department. The Road Department was currently working on paving two roads in the Little Eden subdivision, which was Iron County's part of the CJC Agreement. Issues had come up because Enoch City had a significant amount of storm drainage accumulation in the area. Richard Wilson came up with a plan to pipe the water underneath the road. He explained there was an irrigation line, a gas line, and a culinary water line that would have to be moved, which might require hiring some extra help. Bruce reported that the BLM

trails at Hamblin Valley and State Line were completed with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which they approved, but the whole amount had not been received. He reported that he had rented six bulldozers and used them in Hamblin Valley by the state line for approximately a month to repair the roads. FEMA funds would be used on the Gold Springs as well. Bruce reported that there was a proposed mine site in Modena Canyon. Bruce, Richard Wilson, and Sam Woodall worked on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which had been emailed to PCI on Friday for review. There were discussions regarding a gravel pit, a designated wilderness area, using potash as a concrete additive, and maintenance of the road to the mine. Bruce reported that the Road Department would be down six employees by the following week. It remained difficult to retain staff in the Road Department and in the Landfill. He noted that the department had been working with the BLM on the Schurtz Canyon Road where they plan on putting in a campground. Residents were complaining about the increase of road usage. Bruce reported that they were doing clean up with gravel on the road in Fife Town. Jones Road, between Newcastle and Beryl, from the Bench Road to Hwy 56 had been completed. He noted that there was a new ruling from the state that required any paved road that that was 35 miles per hour (MPH), or faster, had to have striping. Striping only lasts maybe two years, and it would cause an increase in the budget of another twenty to thirty thousand dollars every other year. Bruce expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Wood, and noted that she would be missed. He thanked her for her service, and her attitude about freedom.

Dr. David Blodgett, Director of Southwest Utah Public Health Department (SWUPHD), David reported that the SWUPHD was a five-county organization that served Washington, Iron, Beaver, Kane, and Garfield counties. As the area continued to boom and grow, it was creating a real infrastructure issue. He expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Cozzens for his leadership on the board and all that he had accomplished. He also expressed his gratitude to have known Commissioner Wood and appreciated what she had accomplished for SWUPHD and the community. David reported that most of the staffing had been pulled out of the smaller counties, but those communities were covered from the Cedar City office. There was a benefit for maintaining the structure of their services while covering services out of Beaver and Garfield County from Iron County. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) numbers were up by about 20% and life expectancy was up 45%. Some of the rhetoric around COVID helped the public forget what exactly public health was all about. Discussions continued regarding a COVID Select Committee in Congress, conclusions of what happened during COVID, and looking at what people were really dying from. He noted that approximately 10% of the country gets the flu every year and many might end up in the ER very sick. There were approximately 60 to 100,000 deaths every year from the flu and we do not pay attention to it. Cancer was the second highest rate of deaths and it was not improving. As everything else was coming down cancer still keeps increasing. We need to continue to deal with the growth issues and recognize where we need to be paying attention and making sure that happens. David reported that the Health Magazine continued to be the best venue for getting information out to people and was well received in the community. The SWUPHD Health Magazine won Best of State recently.

Paul Cozzens, Iron County Commissioner, reported that he had been working with Layton Construction on an issue regarding a railroad crossing for a 10-inch sewer line underneath the spur that was owned by Cedar City, but Cedar City had an MOU with Union Pacific. During the discussions, Horrocks Engineers were suggested to help with the crossing easement. Horrocks would be sending a proposal. Platt and Platt Engineering was the civil engineer on the project. Paul reported that he had attended the Iron County Planning Commission (ICPC) meeting on December 7th. He expressed his appreciation to the members of the ICPC who serve and volunteer their time as it could be a thankless job. He also expressed his appreciation to Reed Erickson for his leadership with the ICPC. Commissioner Cozzens reported that he would be attending the Five County meeting which would be held in St. George this Wednesday to wrap up the year. He also attended the Cedar/Beaver Watershed meetings the last couple of weeks.

Marilyn Wood, Iron County Commissioner, reported that she had continued attending the jail meetings and was able to watch the process of putting the cells together. Marilyn noted that she attended a Diamond Z Arena addition planning meeting. Marilyn was on the board while she was a commissioner and Maria Twitchell, Tourism, was able to help them out with funding, along with outside funding from individuals. They would be able to offer larger events at the arena with this addition. In closing, Marilyn commented that “this was a bittersweet day for her. It has been the pleasure of my life to serve here. Some of it had not been fun and it was probably the hardest job she had ever had, but the privilege of her life. If you were thinking about running for commissioner, you really get your hands in the muck and you get to see what was going on in your community. A lot of times when people complain about the commissioners, we would tell them to run for a commission seat. This will be my third time retiring and hopefully the last. My husband does not think I'll ever retire from our ranch. It had been a privilege to serve Iron County and all of the Elected Officials, and the Sheriff. Marilyn expressed her appreciation to Bruce Anderson and that he had been one of her favorite people to serve with. He called her all the time. She did talk daily with other department heads, and she was going to miss that a lot. It was a bittersweet day today and she appreciated everyone and thank you for allowing me this time to serve my community.”

Paul Cozzens, Iron County Commissioner, expressed his appreciation and on behalf of everyone, he presented Marilyn with a plaque that said, “Marilyn Wood, in appreciation of your leadership as an Iron County Commissioner from 2020-2024.”

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ADOPTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS FOR 2025

Candace Reid, Iron County Defense Attorney (Public Defender), reported that there were some changes in the Public Defender contracts. Two Public Defenders, Shain Manuele and Franklin Katschke had stepped down and Mark Barlow and Cliff Gravett were offered contracts, and accepted, to replace them. Cliff would be under the IDC grant funded contract. Jeff Slack and Ryan Nielson would continue and their contracts had been renewed.

Marilyn Wood made a motion to approve the adoption of the Public Defender Contracts for year 2025 as presented by Candace Reid. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

PUBLIC HEARING, REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE IRON COUNTY 2024 BUDGET

Carrie Christiansen, Iron County Deputy Auditor, explained that most of the adjustments were grant changes, vehicle transfers from department to department, solar rebates and incentive payments. Jon Whittaker explained that the additional expenses for overtime and elections would be reimbursed. Carrie reported the grant adjustments was a result of receiving more money for grants than was originally projected.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declare a Public Hearing open regarding Amendments to the 2024 Budget.

No comments were offered.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the Amendments to the Iron County 2024 Budget. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE FROM INDUSTRIAL (I) TO AGRICULTURE 20 ACRES (A-20) FOR APPROXIMATELY 50.63 ACRES WITHIN THE S½ S½ OF SECTION 27 AND THE N½ N½ OF SECTION 34, T36W, R13W, SLB&M, IRON COUNTY, UTAH, LOCATED NEAR 11100 W HWY 56, CEDAR CITY (APN: E-682-6) Applicant: Zaphiropoulos Foundation

Reed Erickson, Iron County Planner, reported that the property was located west of Cedar City on the north side of Hwy 56 and was currently zoned Industrial (I). It was adjacent to R-5, Industrial (I), A-20 on the very north east corner, west corner, and along the south side across Hwy. 56, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. Currently, there were no dwellings or structures of any kind other than a little pump house, and it was used as open grazing land. Reed explained that the Zaphiropoulos Foundation was interested in selling the property. The prospective buyers were interested in residential development and want to be able to put a home there. The property was within Tier IV – outside of Cedar City’s Annexation Plan. Services available were: Water – existing well for pivot/agriculture/stock; Sewer- septic required; other utility services in the area (power, gas, communications, etc.) and Drainage/Flood provisions with natural drainage. And so the Planning Commission recommended approval. Because of a zone change there had to be a public hearing.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared a Public Hearing open regarding a proposed zone change from Industrial (I) to Agriculture 20 acres (A-20).

No public comments were offered.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Reed Erickson, Iron County Planning & Zoning Special Services, reported that the Iron County Planning Commission (ICPC) had reviewed the Evaluation Considerations for Re-zoning and recommended approval of the zone change.

Marilyn Wood made a motion to approve the proposal zone change from Industrial (I) to Agriculture 20 acres (A-20), approximately 50.63 acres located near 11100 W Hwy 56, Cedar City, UT (APN: E-682-6) as presented by Reed Erickson. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE FROM RURAL AGRICULTURE 20 ACRES (RA-20) TO RESIDENTIAL 1 ACRES (R-1) FOR APPROXIMATELY 40.93 ACRES WITHIN THE SE ¼ SE ¼ SECTION 18, T35S, R11W, SLB&M, IRON COUNTY, UT LOCATED NEAR 3750 W 4000 N, CEDAR CITY (APNs: D-601-2 & D-601-4) Applicant: Valley Stratton Family Trust

Reed Erickson, Iron County Planner, reported that the property was located on the North side of 4000 N at approximately 2750 W, which was close to the Master Plan Belt Route just south of Mid Valley Road. The property was currently zoned RA-20, and 40.93 acres adjacent to R-½ and RA-20 and was within Tier II-outside of Cedar City’s or Enoch City Annexation This property has a sewer line that runs along the south side of the property on 4000 and runs up the east side of the property going north and water was in that area with the Water Conservancy District as well. The reason for the zone change to R-1 was for higher density residential. Services available were: Water-CICWCD, Sewer-Cedar City Central Sewer, other utility services in the area (power, gas, communications, etc.) and Drainage/Flood provisions with natural drainage and retention.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared a Public Hearing open regarding a proposed zone change.

No Public Comments were offered.

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the public hearing closed.

Reed Erickson, Iron County Planner, reported that the Iron County Planning Commission (ICPC) had reviewed the Evaluation Considerations for Re-zoning and recommended approval of the zone change.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve of a proposed zone change from Rural Agriculture 20 acres (RA-20) to Residential one acre (R-1) as presented by Reed Erickson. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Barker, a citizen of Iron County, reported that she came with a statement regarding Karsten Reed's comment in October about the negative perception that the citizens had towards government. She had been attending commissions meetings for 15 months and had seen that Iron County was run pretty well, excluding a communication problem. Citizens want to feel that their voices were heard, that they could make a difference. Not all of us can serve, but we could help in other ways in community involvement and community councils. Carol wished Marilyn Wood well in her future endeavors. She noted that she hoped the new Commissioner was open to building communication, building trust, and moving Iron County forward in a way that the public felt involved.

RESOLUTION 2024-12 ADOPTING THE IRON COUNTY 2025 FINAL BUDGET

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commissioner, read Iron County Resolution 2024-12, a Resolution of the Iron County Commission adopting and approving the Iron County 2025 Final Budget.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12, adopting the Iron County 2025 final budget. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

IRON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2024-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE 2025 BUDGET.

Whereas, Iron County is required by UCA §17-36-15 to adopt a budget on or before the last day of each fiscal period, the governing body by resolution shall adopt the budget which, subject to further amendment, shall thereafter be in effect for the next fiscal period. A copy of the final budget, and of any subsequent amendment thereof, shall be certified by the budget officer and filed with the state auditor not later than 30 days after its adoption. A copy, similarly certified, shall be filed in the office of the budget officer for inspection by the public during business hours; and

Whereas, a tentative budget has been adopted and has been made available for inspection at the office of the County Auditor for at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing; and

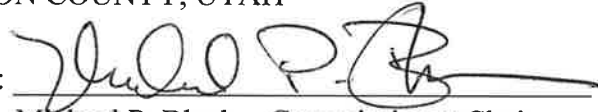
Whereas, December 9, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse 68 South 100 East, Parowan City, was the time and place of a public hearing where all interested persons had an opportunity to be heard for or against the estimates of revenue and expenditures and performance data on any item in any fund; and

Whereas, notice of the public hearing was been published at least seven days before the hearing in one newspaper, Daily Spectrum, a newspaper of general circulation within the County;

Now Therefore, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Iron County Commissioners that the budget as presented and filed in the Iron County Auditor's Office is hereby adopted for calendar year 2025.

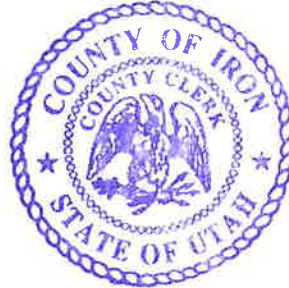
RESOLVED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED this 9th day of December, 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IRON COUNTY, UTAH

By: 
Michael P. Bleak – Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:


Jonathan T. Whittaker – Iron County Clerk



Michael P. Bleak _ Aye _
Paul Cozzens _ Aye _
Marilyn Wood _ Aye _

RESOLUTION 2024-11 ADOPTING THE IRON COUNTY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commissioner, read Iron County Resolution 2024-11, a Resolution of the Iron County Commission authorizing adjustments to the Iron County 2024 Departmental budgets.

Marilyn Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11, adopting the Iron County 2024 budget amendments. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye

IRON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2024-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2024 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS.

Whereas, Iron County Departments have requested adjustments to their budgets for 2024 to cover expenses incurred over time, increases in under budgeted areas, purchases of unbudgeted but approved equipment, and

Whereas, adjustments must be made to authorize unexpected or approved expenditures above those appropriated in the original budget,

Now Therefore, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Iron County Commissioners that the 2024 budget of Iron County is hereby amended to reflect changes in the adopted and approved 2024 budget to actual expenditures as calculated and filed in the Iron County Auditor’s Office.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED this 9th day of December, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IRON COUNTY, UTAH

By: Michael P. Bleak
Michael P. Bleak – Commissioner

ATTEST:

Jonathan T. Whittaker
Jonathan T. Whittaker – Iron County Clerk



Michael P. Bleak Aye
Paul Cozzens Aye
Marilyn Wood Aye

CONVENE AS THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE)

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the adjournment of the Iron County Commission and to convene as the Board of Equalization (BOE)

REQUESTING APPROVAL OF HEARING OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY APPEAL FILED BY APPALOOSA SOLAR, LLC ACCOUNT P999263

Carrie Christiansen, Iron County Deputy Auditor, reported that Greenbacker Renewable Energy/Appaloosa Solar filed a personal property appeal for their valuation for 2024. A BOE hearing was held with Dan Johnson as the hearing officer. The appellant suggested a taxable value of \$150,402,194. The appellant applied a 30% discount for the intangible (Federal Tax Credit) portion. The BOE took the appeal under advisement. The BOE never had an appeal of this nature because a new federal law had become effective. The law was only applied to Wind Farms but now it included Solar Farms. Appaloosa Solar was the first in the state to take advantage of the tax incentive. Dan Johnson, Hearing Officer, recommended reducing the personal property value to \$150,402,194. There was further discussion regarding the appeal.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the BOE Hearing Officer's recommendations for personal property appeal filed by Appaloosa Solar LLC, account number P999 263 as presented by Carrie Christiansen. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye

RECONVENE AS THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commissioner, declared the reconvening of the Iron County Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW IRON COUNTY FIRE WARDEN AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATE OF UTAH’S COOPERATIVE WILDFIRE SYSTEM AND IRON COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT THEREUNTO

Spencer Rollo, Iron County Fire Warden, reported that he was born and raised in Cedar City. He graduated from Canyon View High School in 2006, started working for the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in 2006 right after high school and had worked with the division ever since. He began on the fuels crew running chainsaws and throwing sticks. Spencer reported that he worked with Ryan Riddle helping him build the Iron County program. Throughout his career he moved over to Kane County as an Assistant Fire Warden and then the Kane County Fire Warden for just shy of nine years. He grew up in Enoch and it was great waking up, coming outside again and seeing the Summit Mountain. Spencer shared his phone number and email with the commissioners.

Danon Hulet, Cooperative Wildfire System (CWS), reported that there had been an increase to the Participation Cooperative Agreement (PAC) because the cost of fires were being calculated incorrectly. The state covered costs for private, unincorporated county, municipality when it came to wildfire, excluding federal lands. When they were calculating, they were calculating it all as one of burnt acres. Danon explained the calculating process as it was divided into percentages of coverage and the reason for the increase. Spencer Rollo had a good plan to spread the participation commitment (PC) out to where Iron County could account for the work that was being done and help lessen the blow on that PC increase through "In Kind." Spencer Rollo noted that he had been doing this for the last nine years in Kane County and he does have a pretty good plan. Even though it was budgeting for the hard dollars, we would get with these other departments that were already doing work and get their in-kind hours and those in-kind matches. That works towards our PC without spending that actual hard dollars because we were already doing the work in other departments. We were reducing fuels and so we could use those in-kind hours.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE IRON COUNTY 2025 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye, Marilyn Wood, Aye.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CEDAR CITY AND IRON COUNTY AGREEMENT RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW IRON COUNTY JAIL

Sam Woodall, Iron County Deputy Attorney, (via-telephone) reported that he just wanted to touch base with the commissioners about this particular agenda item that was submitted. After speaking with Commissioner Cozzens, we decided to propose some revisions to the amendment regarding the sewer system. Those were still being processed, and it would be appropriate for the commission to vote to table this issue until the next commission meeting.

Paul Cozzens made a motion to table this agenda item until the next commission meeting. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Aye; Paul Cozzens, Aye, Marilyn Wood, Aye.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS

No Non-Delegated items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Bleak, Iron County Commission Chair, declared adjournment.


Signed: Michael Bleak, Commission Chair


Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk

