

May 19, 2025

5:30 pm

Public Work Meeting

Location: Cascade Room Kanab Center  
20 N 100 E Kanab, UT 84741

## Minutes

**Attending:** Commissioner Celeste Meyeres, Commissioner Patty Kubeja, Commissioner Gwen Brown, Attorney Jeff Stott.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Meyeres

Commissioner Meyeres welcomes everyone to the meeting and thanks them for attending. She provides a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting.

Mayor Johnson agrees with comments made by Commissioner Meyeres and adds his hope that both groups can come to a solution.

Kanab City calls the meeting in and out of public comment.

### **Discussion on Fire Protection Agreement between Kanab City and Vermillion Cliffs SSD**

Commissioner Meyeres provides more details about the purpose of the meeting and the timeline of the establishment of the Vermillion Cliffs SSD. She addresses the potential gap that could occur after the creation of the SSD and the end of the contract between Kanab City and hopes that some sort of agreement can come about.

Councilman Corry addresses disagreements that he currently sees and adds concerns about fairness.

The Commission speaks to some issues that they would like to clarify including hang-ups in the current proposed contract.

Councilman Colson clarifies the fees/impact fees part of the contract as far as equity and fairness towards residents of Kanab City. He also clarifies that a metric was created to try to remedy the issue of fairness and to cover some administrative fees.

The Commission and Council take time to address concerns they each see in the contract and discuss possible terms including the length of contract, termination, and fees. Fees are discussed and clarified between the two parties. The attorneys add input and possible solutions. The Commission suggests a possible impact fee charged by the Vermillion Cliffs SSD rather than a fee from Kanab City. The proposed 6% new growth fee/expansion of service fee and the flat fee of \$2700 is addressed between both bodies. Both groups discuss a model to base the fee on, and both groups decide on a 6% fee.

A brief break is taken.

Meeting reconvened at 7:06 pm.

#### **Vehicle Emergency Response Agreement and Logistics**

Kanab City Attorney, Kurt Burggraaf and Kane County Attorney Jeff Stott give a brief presentation on the Agenda Item #2 proposed contract. They speak to the disagreement regarding negligence and gross negligence. Councilman Corry suggests third party mediation as a possible solution; Attorney Burggraaf speaks briefly to this suggestion. The Kanab City Council and Kane County Commission inquires about this issue and the attorneys speak to the questions. The two legislative bodies discuss their concerns and come to an agreement regarding wording in the proposed contract.

The discussion moves to the cost amount. Both Kanab City and Kane County express their concerns regarding costs, services, and considerations about liabilities and discuss possible solutions. Commissioner Kubeja mentions that a new grant program is available and this equipment issue may qualify to receive funding from the grant. An amount of \$7,500 from the County to help cover costs of services on Highway 89 is negotiated and agreed upon.

#### **Logistics and Timing of Agreements between Entities, as well as on Creation of New Vermillion Cliffs Special Service District**

Commissioner Meyeres provides a short history regarding the issue while expressing concerns about a gap while waiting for the establishment of the SSD and asks how Kanab City is feeling about a possible extension. City Attorney Burggraaf speaks to the services provided.

The City Council asks about the timeline and purpose of the possible extension of the contracts. The County speaks to these questions.

The overall discussion topics also include county-wide fire, fairness for both residents of Kanab City and Kane County, assessed taxes, and other contract concerns.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Celeste Meyeres

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 pm



Celeste Meyeres Chair



Chameill Lamb Clerk/Auditor

