

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION JANUARY 12, 2015 IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 152 EAST 100 NORTH, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:01 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSIONERS MARK RAYMOND, BILL STRINGER, AND MICHAEL MCKEE.

**ATTENDANCE:** MICHAEL WILKINS, JORDAN MERRELL, JC BREWER, JAMIE EARL, ERIC KLEMENT, MICHAEL COOK, STEVEN SROKA, DAVID LYMAN, KRISTEN BAUMGARTEN, MARY BERNARD, WAYNE DUNBAR, ED ZURBUCHEN, KELLY HAYS, BARBARA SIMPER, RYAN MATTSON, BOYDE BLACKWELL, JEREMY RAYMOND, JOE MCKEA, BRYAN MEIER, WENDI LONG, TAMMIE LUCERO, BRENDA MCDONALD, GREG JENSEN, ADAM MASSEY, TOM RAMSEY, LINDA WILSON AND JON STEARMER.

**PRAYER GIVEN BY ROBERT BARNHILL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY BARBARA SIMPER**

**APPOINTMENT OF 2015 COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND THANKED COMMISSIONER MCKEE FOR HIS WORK AS THE 2014 CHAIRMAN.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MCKEE AS CHAIR FOR 2015. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 29, 2014 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**WARRANTS:** DATED JANUARY 8, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,982,648.27 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**TAX MATTERS:** NONE

**BUSINESS LICENSES: ROBERT BARNHILL**

JASON REYNOLDS CONSULTING LOCATED AT 1301 SOUTH 2350 WEST, VERNAL IN C-1 ZONING. THIS IS A HOME BASED BUSINESS IN COMMERCIAL ZONING. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL C-1 ZONING AND HOME BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

WIMPY'S DINER OWNED BY NANCY COOK AND MELYNIE WYASKET. THE BUSINESS LOCATION IS 2571 WEST 500 NORTH, VERNAL IN C-1 ZONING. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITION TO FOLLOW ALL C-1 ZONING REGULATIONS.

SAFETY SHACK, OWNED BY RAYMOND MOON LOCATED AT 1067 NORTH 1500 EAST, VERNAL IN RA-1 ZONING. THIS IS A HOME BASED BUSINESS PROVIDING BUMPER PULL TRAILERS, EMERGENCY SHOWERS, AND EYE WASH STATIONS FOR RENT. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED WITH THE CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL RA-1 AND HOME BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSES WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES:** NONE

**UTAH WILDLIFE RESOURCES PILT PAYMENT – BOYDE BLACKWELL**

BOYDE PRESENTED A CHECK AND READ THE LETTER FROM DIRECTOR GRAY SHEEHAN. HE AGREED WITH THE LETTER. THE PAYMENT IN LOU OF TAXES, PILT, IS FOR PROPERTY IN UTAH COUNTY OWNED BY THE DIVISION. THESE PROPERTIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAXES. HUNTERS AND ANGLERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE MAKE THESE PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN A HUGE SUPPORT AND PARTNER IN MANAGING THE WILDLIFE IN UTAH COUNTY. MUCH

CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP. THE WILDLIFE UNDERPASSES ON SEEP RIDGE ROAD ARE WORKING VERY WELL. SOME THINGS CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THEM BUT THEY ARE WORKING.

JC BREWER ASKED WHAT SPECIES WERE USING THE UNDERPASSES. IN RESPONSE, DEER, ELK, AND BISON ARE USING THE PASSES. THERE ARE CAMERAS IN PLACE TO SEE WHAT IS USING THEM. THE ANIMALS ARE BECOMING MORE FAMILIAR WITH THEM. THEY WERE PLACED IN GOOD AREAS WITH STEEP BANKS AND NATURAL CORRIDORS TO FORCE WILDLIFE INTO THE PASSES. THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN WILDLIFE MORTALITY BUT THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED WITH THE INCREASED TRAFFIC AND SPEED.

THE PILT CHECK IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,667.42.

**BID AWARD: ROCK CRUSHING EQUIPMENT**

MICHAEL WILKINS RECOMMENDED THE BID BE AWARDED TO HOLLAND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MCCLOSKEY CRUSHER FOR \$1,377,275.00.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ASKED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT MANAGER, BRYAN MEIER TO SUPPLY SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

BRYAN MEIER NOTED THEY FOCUSED THE MOST ON TWO COMPANIES BASED ON THE FACT THAT THEY MET SPECIFICS IN THE RFP AND THEIR EQUIPMENT OPTIONS. HOLLAND IS A LOWER COST THAN THE OTHER THREE BIDS AND THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY AND MAKE OF EQUIPMENT. ANOTHER BID CAME IN LOWER THAN HOLLAND BUT THEY DID NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. OTHERS ALSO MET THE SPECIFICS BUT WERE MORE EXPENSIVE.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED IF THIS WAS A SMALL UNIT. IT IS, AS FAR AS CRUSHING GOES, IT IS VERY PORTABLE. THE COUNTY TRANSPORTS ABOUT 37,000 TONS OF GRAVEL A YEAR FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS. 500 HOURS OF CRUSHING CAN MAKE THAT MUCH GRAVEL WHERE THEY NEED IT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO AWARD THE BID TO HOLLAND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,377,275.00 AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE #01-12-2015 O1: ZAP TAX**

THE PUBLIC VOTED TO RENEW THE ZAP TAX AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. IT PASSED 67% IN FAVOR AND 32% AGAINST. IT PASSED BY 2000 MORE VOTES THAN AGAINST. THIS TAX HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR 20 YEARS. IT IS A SALES TAX AND NOT A PROPERTY TAX. THEREFORE, ANYONE WHO PURCHASES SOMETHING WITHIN THE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE A PORTION. THE EXISTING ORDINANCE MUST BE ADJUSTED AND ADOPTED. THE ONLY CHANGES ARE THE EFFECTIVE DATES. THIS WILL NOW EXPIRE OCTOBER 1, 2026.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #01-12-2015 O1 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN OBTAINED OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS. THE TAX GENERATES ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION PER YEAR, SO ABOUT \$12 MILLION EVERY TEN YEARS.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE #12-01-2014 O1: FEE SCHEDULE**

MICHAEL WILKINS PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE FOR APPROVAL. THE CHANGES TO THE FEE SCHEDULE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE BUDGET. OPENING AND CLOSING FEES AT THE CEMETERY HAVE INCREASED BY \$50. THE MAY TAX SALE AUDITOR FEE IS NOW \$400. THE LANDFILL FEES HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY FOR COMMERCIAL. THE HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE IS NOW \$20 A TON. THESE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED FOR MANY YEARS. THE DIFFERENT ROLL OFF SIZES HAVE SPECIFIC FEES. THERE WERE ALSO SOME FEE CHANGES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED IF THERE IS A SCALE AND IF SO WHY THE ROLL OFF FEES ARE CHARGED BY SIZE NOT WEIGHT. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND RESPONDED THAT COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES ASKED FOR A MORE EFFICIENT METHOD. WITH ONE SCALE, WAITING FOR THEIR TURN WAS TAKING A LOT OF TIME FOR THE DRIVERS. THEY CONSIDERED ADDING SCALES AND PERSONNEL BUT IT WAS DETERMINED THIS METHOD WAS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND FASTEST WAY TO GET COMMERCIAL IN AND OUT. ED THEN ASKED ABOUT CONTAMINATION. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND RESPONDED THIS IS A VOLUNTARY ADMISSION. THE LOADS ARE NOT INSPECTED. THOSE WITH CONTAMINATION ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING THEM AT THE FRONT GATE, THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT AREA TO GO TO. ED ALSO ASKED ABOUT RECYCLING. COMMISSIONER MCKEE RESPONDED THE COUNTY WOULD LOVE TO DO MORE RECYCLING, HOWEVER, THERE IS A SIZABLE CAPITAL INVESTMENT NEEDED. IT IS ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST FOR THE COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD.

JEREMY RAYMOND ASKED IF THE FEE SCHEDULE INCLUDED THE FIRE FEES AND IT DOES. WHEN THE DISTRICT AMENDED THE DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE FIRE SUPPRESSION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND THE ENTITIES, THE FEES WERE ADJUSTED. THE DISTRICT NOW CHARGES THE ENTITIES AND THE ENTITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHARGING THOSE THAT ARE REMODELING OR CONSTRUCTING FOR THEIR FIRE INSPECTIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED IF THE FIRE DISTRICT WAS BEHIND ON INSPECTIONS AND THEY ARE NOT, IT SIMPLY TAKES A DAY OR TWO TO COORDINATE WITH THE ENTITY FOR THE INSPECTION.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #12-01-2014 O1 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY MANUAL: REMOVING PUBLIC LANDS SPECIALIST FROM APPENDIX A**  
JOE MCKEA BEGAN THE DISCUSSION. THE PUBLIC LANDS SPECIALIST IS NOW A COMMISSIONER BUT WILL CONTINUE TO DO MANY OF THE DUTIES. THE PUBLIC LANDS SPECIALIST WAS AN APPOINTED POSITION BUT NEEDS TO BE MOVED TO THE CAREER SERVICE LIST. THIS WILL MAKE IT MORE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ALLOW SOMEONE TO BE HIRED. IT HAS BEEN ON THE CAREER SERVICE LIST FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS JUST RECENTLY CHANGED TO APPOINTED. THE CAREER SERVICE BOARD APPROVED THIS AMENDMENT THIS MORNING.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER RAYMOND AS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE ON THE UTAH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD AND APPOINT DUANE SHEPHERD AND ROBERT LEAKE TO FILL VACANCIES WITH TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO REAPPOINT JIM LEKAS TO A FOUR YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND MELINDA COLOVICH AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE SAME TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO REAPPOINT JENNIFER CALENTINE AND BRETT WILKINS TO THE TAX ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE TAX ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH IS THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM BOARD, HAS ONE MORE OPEN POSITION BUT IT HAS SOME SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO REAPPOINT ROBERT HALL, BOB ABERCROMBIE, AND JOANN COWAN TO THE FIRE SUPPRESSION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT WITH A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER RAYMOND TO COMPLETE THE TERM HELD BY COMMISSIONER BURNS ON THE HEALTH CARE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD AND REAPPOINT RICHARD JOLLEY AND BILL RASMUSSEN WITH TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER STRINGER TO THE RECREATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND REAPPOINT ALAN HUBER, APPOINT DENNIS STEVENS AS AN ALTERNATE AND CHERYL MEIER AS A SECOND ALTERNATE WITH TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018 COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED THE TERM EXPIRATIONS WERE NOT CLEAR FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD. THEY ARE ALL CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO CORRECT THE TERMS AS FOLLOWS: ELIZABETH HARRISON, JANIS BIGELOW AND ROSE ALLEN WILL HAVE TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2017; CLARA PRICE, BILL RASMUSSEN AND LOUISE MARTIN WILL HAVE TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2018; AND COMMISSIONER RAYMOND WILL REPLACE COMMISSIONER BURNS AS REPRESENTATIVE. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TRI COUNTY HEALTH BOARD AND THE TRI COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AUTHORITY BOARD SO IT WILL BE REVIEWED AND ADDRESSED NEXT TIME.

#### **2015 COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS**

THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE PROVIDED A LIST OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS AND BOARD DELEGATIONS. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE ONE.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2015 COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **RECESS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY**

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MADE THE MOTION TO RECESS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY AND THEN TO RECONVENE BACK IN TO COMMISSION MEETING WHEN MBA BUSINESS IS COMPLETED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MBA OFFICERS**

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER RAYMOND AS MBA CHAIR. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER STRINGER AS MBA SECRETARY. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **ADJOURN MBA AND RECONVENE COMMISSION MEETING**

#### **PRESENTATION FROM COMMISSIONERS BILL STRINGER, MARK RAYMOND, AND MIKE MCKEE CONCERNING STATE OF THE COUNTY AND VISION FOR 2015**

COMMISSIONER STRINGER BEGAN. HE IS NEW TO THIS ADVENTURE AND IS VERY HONORED TO CONTINUE IN PUBLIC SERVICE. HE ENTERED THE AIR FORCE AT 18 AND WORKED MANY YEARS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE IS JUST AS PROUD TO BE SERVING THIS COUNTY AS A COMMISSIONER. HE HOPES TO PROVIDE HIS EXPERTISE IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE BUT PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS HE HAS STRENGTHS, SUCH AS PUBLIC LANDS. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING

ABLE TO ASSIST BY LOOKING AT THINGS FROM A TECHNICAL STANDPOINT. HIS SKILLS ARE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE COUNTY. HE ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO INCREASING HIS SKILLS AND PARTICIPATING MORE SMOOTHLY IN COMMISSION MEETINGS. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS TERM OF OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE DEPARTMENTS AND SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICTS HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AND WILL MISS THOSE HE WILL NOT BE A PART OF IN THE FUTURE. HE APPRECIATES THE REWARDING OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE HIS COMMUNITY. THE RECREATION DISTRICT IS AN INCREDIBLE DISTRICT WITH A NUMBER OF ENGAGEMENTS GOING ON AT ALL TIMES THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY. THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS PROVIDED IS STAGGERING. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS ALWAYS BUSY AND CONSTANTLY HELPING THE CITIZENS. THEY DEAL WITH MANY THINGS AND DO SO WITH DIPLOMACY AND COURTESY. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO TAKE ON A LOT OF COMMISSIONER BURNS RESPONSIBILITIES, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FILL HER SHOES. SHE MAY WEAR A SIZE SIX WOMEN'S SHOE BUT HER WORK LOAD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A SIZE 13 MEN'S. SHE HAS DONE AN AMAZING JOB. HE WILL DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO MEASURE UP. HE HOPES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. HE IS ALSO A PART OF THE UAC EXECUTIVE BOARD. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT GROUP THAT REPRESENTS ALL THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE. HE WILL ALSO BE PART OF THE CDBG, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT POLICY BOARD. THIS WILL BE A CHALLENGE. HE WILL CONTINUE TO SIT ON THE TRANSPORTATION SSD BOARD. THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT DOES A GREAT JOB. THEY DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO KEEP THE CITIZENS SAFE AND THE ROADS CLEAR, ESPECIALLY IN WINTER. HE WILL BE A PART OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS. HIS GOALS ARE TO SERVE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY AND KEEP AN OPEN DOOR POLICY. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL TRY VERY HARD TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, A GOOD TEAM HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE EXPRESSED HOW MUCH HE HAS ENJOYED WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER RAYMOND AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AND HOW MUCH HE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER STRINGER. THIS IS A UNIQUE COUNTY AND THE TEAM OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IS STRONG WITH LOTS OF EXPERTISE. MANY DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS MADE IN SALT LAKE AFFECT OUR COUNTY. THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE SURE THEY ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED. OUR VOICE MUST BE HEARD. THE PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE IS STILL IN DISCUSSIONS BUT IF IT DOES HAPPEN IT WILL BE GOOD FOR THE COUNTY. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL ONLY SUPPORT THINGS GOOD FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. IT COULD ALSO SOLVE DECADE OLD CONFLICTS ON PUBLIC LANDS, PRESERVE SPECIAL PLACES, AND CREATE CERTAINTY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. THE NEWLY FORMED SIX COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES NOT JUST FOR UTAH COUNTY BUT THE ENTIRE REGION. THE GROWTH OF THE STATE COULD DOUBLE THE STATE'S POPULATION IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS. WE NEED TO ENSURE TO DEVELOP PLANS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO KEEP THESE JOBS IN UTAH. AIR QUALITY IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT TOPIC TO EVERYONE. HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT HE CAN TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. THE PENSTEMON PLAN WAS PUT INTO PLACE LAST YEAR AND CAN NOW BE IMPLEMENTED. THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX ALSO HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL JOBS. WE ARE ONLY SUCCESSFUL WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER. VARYING OPINIONS ARE EXPECTED AND ARE HEALTHY. AN AGREEMENT CAN ALWAYS BE REACHED. WORKING THROUGH THE ISSUES IS WHAT MAKES US STRONGER. HE APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

ED ZURBUCHEN APPRECIATES THE TIME THE COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR INPUT AND HOPE IT CONTINUES.

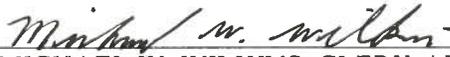
ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SAGE GROUSE ISSUE IN COLORADO. COMMISSIONER MCKEE REPLIED THE GREATER SAGE GROUSE IS WHAT WE HAVE IN UTAH COUNTY. THE GUNNISON SAGE GROUSE IS IN SAN JUAN COUNTY AND COLORADO. THE COLORADO ISSUE IS MOST LIKELY REGARDING THE GUNNISON SPECIES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ALSO NOTED THE CURRENT SPENDING BILL PASSED DEFERRED THE LISTING OF THE GUNNISON SAGE GROUSE FOR A YEAR.

ED ZURBUCHEN ALSO ASKED HOW LONG A BOARD CAN STAY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, SPECIFICALLY THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT. JON STEARMER ADDRESSED HIS QUESTION. HE CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BUT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE SESSION MUST BE NOTICED UP ACCORDING TO THE LAW. SUCH A SESSION CAN BE RECESSED AND THERE ARE NO TIME CONSTRAINTS. ANY ACTION MUST BE TAKEN IN AN OPEN MEETING.

THE COMMISSIONERS ARE ALL MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT STATE AND SOME NATIONAL BOARDS. THERE ARE A LOT OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS TO BE MADE AND THE COUNTY'S VOICE WILL BE HEARD BECAUSE OUR COMMISSIONERS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE WASATCH FRONT WOULD LIKE SOME OF THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF NEW GROWTH IN UINTAH AND DUCHESNE COUNTIES. WE, AS A COUNTY, ARE WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE BENEFITS OF THIS CENTRALLY ASSESSED GROWTH, LOCAL.

**ADJOURN:** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:14 P.M.

  
MICHAEL J. MCKEE, CHAIR

  
MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

