

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN THE EMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

JUNE 16, 2015

Present at the meeting was Commission Chairman Ethan Migliori, Commissioner Keith Brady, Commissioner Paul Cowley, Attorney Michael Olsen, Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)
APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List # 236439 through and including # 236567 were presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

<u>REQUISITION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
30-15	Truck Shell for 2014 Dodge Sheriff	\$1,473.00
31-15	Refrigerator, 18 cf upright w/ice maker Courthouse	\$ 599.00
32-15	280 DX Miller Welder Class B Roads/Highway	\$6,140.60

One disposition was presented for #210-9367 fax machine.

(2)
APPROVAL OF EMERY TOWN'S APPOINTMENT OF NEWT VAN TUSSENBROOK TO THE EMERY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

(3)
APPROVAL TO PROMOTE MICHAEL GRANGE TO A CORRECTION OFFICER I FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE POST CERTIFICATION. EFFECTIVE 6-21-15 MOVE FROM GRADE 14 @ \$15.49 PER HOUR TO GRADE 15 @ \$16.41 PER HOUR.

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APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DATED JUNE 2, 2015.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Paul Cowley, seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

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ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Nothing was pulled for discussion.

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PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH.

Commissioner Migliori presented employee of the month to Chyanne Carter. Chyanne is the 18 year old daughter of Chris and Tina Carter of Huntington. She has worked at Emery County Aquatic Center for three years where she has been not only a great lifeguard but excelled in everything she does. CC (as they call her at the Aquatic Center) graduated from Emery High School with honors this May. During her high school career she was a 4 year member and captain of the 2A State Champion Swim Team. Chyanne is a hard worker and has an excellent attitude. She is loved by coworkers and pool patrons. Chyanne was presented with a plaque and Emery County Business Chamber Bucks.

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KAREN DOLEN, FCCBH, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. FY 2016 AREA PLAN.

Karen Dolen, Director of Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, Inc. and Jennifer Thomas local Director of FCCBH came before the Board of Commissioners to present the FY 2016 Area Plan. The plan has been reviewed and approved through their board of directors. Commissioner Brady is a member of that board. The area plan is required to be presented to and approved by the local Board of Commissioners by state statute. Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to approve of Four Corners Community Behavioral Health FY 2016 Area Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed.

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RALPH OKERLUND, SIX COUNTY COALITION, UPDATE ON COALITION ACTIVITIES
AND INPUT FROM EMERY COUNTY.

Table until July 7, 2015 meeting.

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JEFF KELSEY, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE
RENEWAL FOR PLAN YEAR JULY 1, 2015-JUNE 30, 2016.

Jeff Kelsey, Intermountain Insurance Services presented a summary of expenses and a cost analysis of claims that were processed during the July 2014- June 2015 period. He presented proposals from insurance carriers to provide insurance for Emery County employees. Mr. Kelsey recommended staying with the current carrier Meritain Health. He added that the current carrier Meritain Health meets all the compliance requirements for Affordable Health Care Plan. Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve of health insurance renewal with Meritain Health for the term of July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CORY WORWOOD, W&M SUPERVISOR, PRESENTATION OF WEED BOARD OF THE
YEAR AWARD TO EMERY COUNTY WEED/MOSQUITO BOARD.

Cory Worwood, W&M Supervisor presented the Board of Commissioners with a trophy the department received for Weed Board of the Year. The Board was acknowledged for their project to eradicate Tamarisk, Russian Olive other intrusive weeds. The Commissioners acknowledged the trophy and praised the board for their efforts.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SPONSORING AN ACTIVITY AT 5TH ANNUAL
ENERGY DAYS SPONSORED BY SOUTHEASTERN UTAH ENERGY PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATION.

Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to sponsor an activity with \$250.00 for the 5th Annual Energy Days sponsored by Southeastern Utah Energy Producers Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed. The event is held in Carbon County and is becoming quite popular. Many businesses are engaged with SEUEPA. Commissioner Brady was curious how many Emery County people attend the event. Commissioner Migliori indicated he has attended the event and has seen Emery County people attending the event.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND JOHANSEN AND TUTTLE ENGINEERING ON THE HUNTINGTON STATE PARK TRAILS SYSTEM PHASE II DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING.

This contract is for Phase II of the Huntington State Park Trails System, design and construction engineering. The project had to be moved into two phases for tracking purposes. Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve of a contract between Emery County and Johansen & Tuttle Engineering on the Huntington State Park Trails System Phase II design and construction engineering. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION #2 BETWEEN STATE OF UTAH AND EMERY COUNTY FOR HUNTINGTON STATE PARK TRAILS SYSTEM PHASE II.

Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve Modification #2 between State of Utah and Emery County for Huntington State Park Trails System Phase II pending the correction of wording in the document as it returns from the state. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROCEDURE OF MAINTENANCE AND USAGE OF THE ROKON TRAIL MACHINE.

Tabled to allow time to meet with BLM and USFS to come up with a plan for trails to be worked on and build a structured program. There is more work to be done.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CREDIT CARD FOR JORDAN LEONARD, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve a credit card for Jordan Leonard, Economic Development Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CELL PHONE STIPEND FOR JORDAN

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LEONARD, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to approve of a cell phone stipend for Jordan Leonard, Economic Development Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES ON FEDERAL LANDS (RIGHT-OF-WAY RENEWALS) FOR HADDEN WASH UTU-54690 CR 401, BUCKHORN BRIDGE UTU-54731 CR 332, AND LAST CHANCE UTU-54689 CR 920.

Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve of applications for transportation and utility systems and facilities on federal lands (ROW renewals) for Hadden Wash UTU-54690 CR 401. Buckhorn Bridge UTU-54731 CR 332. and Last chance UTU-54689 CR 920. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2015 CERTIFIED TAX RATES FOR EMERY COUNTY AND CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

Clerk/Auditor Brenda Tuttle presented the 2015 Certified Tax Rates for Emery County. She explained that Emery County is highly dependent on centrally assessed values. There have been several appeals filed already. Emery County is above the maximum limit for taxing so we cannot raise taxes.

General Operations rate is 0.003529 generating a budgeted revenue of \$7,184,576.00.
Library rate is 0.000407 generating a budgeted revenue of \$828,598.00.
Recreation rate is 0.000063 generating a budgeted revenue of \$128,260.00.
Assessing and Collecting rate is 0.000455 generating a budgeted revenue of \$926,320.00.
Total Budgeted Revenue is \$9,067,753.00

Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve the Certified Tax Rates for Emery County as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

Castle Valley Special Service District Director Jacob Sharp presented the 2015 Certified Tax Rates for CVSSD. He explained that CVSSD is also highly dependent upon Centrally Assessed values.

General Operations rate is 0.000987 generating a budgeted revenue of \$1,560,502.00.
Interest and sinking fund/bond rate is 0.000919 generating a budgeted revenue of \$1,452,575.00.
Total Budgeted Revenue is \$3,013,077.00

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Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to approve the Certified Tax Rates for Castle Valley Special Service District as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BEAR PROGRAM.

Commissioner Migliori discussed the BEAR program (Business Expansion and Retention Program). Carbon County is thinking of submitting their own application to apply for BEAR funds. The program reaches out to businesses to see what they need to help them succeed. They help businesses find available grants to help their businesses expand and be more efficient. The amount of funds available to an area is based on population. Currently the Carbon/Emery area takes a regional approach with the BEAR program. Emery County has representation of the executive board.. Commissioner Migliori indicated that he is on the board and the new Economic Director Jordan Leonard will join the board. They host monthly meetings with different topics that around thirty to fifty people attend. Commissioner Migliori indicated that this letter of support will be for the program as it exists now. Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve a letter of support for the BEAR Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF UTAH STATE BEAR GRANT APPLICATION.

The Board of Commissioners recommended making application to the BEAR Grant Program just in case applying regionally falls through. Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve a Utah State BEAR Grant Application if needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMERY COUNTY LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

Library Director, Carole Larsen explained that the library system has used the Dewey Decimal System for more than a hundred years. They will now be using a category system to catalog books and media in the libraries. Language in the library policy states using the Dewey Decimal System so the policy needs to be amended. The new system called BISAC has been approved by the State Library. Attorney Mike Olsen has reviewed the amendment and recommended approval. Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to approve a resolution to amend the Library Collection Management/Development Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed.

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DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERY COUNTY TO MAKE AN IRREVOCABLE ELECTION WITH UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS TO ALLOW DISPATCH POSITIONS AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO BE PLACED IN PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT.

Personnel Director Mary Huntington discussed a resolution authorizing Emery County to make an irrevocable election with Utah Retirement Systems to allow dispatch positions at the Sheriff's Office to be placed in Public Safety. The dispatchers will have to become certified and will have 12 months to complete the certification and pass a test. If the current dispatcher fails to complete the course and pass the test they will no longer have a job as a dispatcher. The course is a week long course. The Sheriff's Department will pay for the course and testing. The effective date will be July 1, 2015 and the effective rate will be the next pay period. Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve of Resolution 6-16-15 authorizing Emery County to make and irrevocable election with Utah Retirement Systems to allow dispatch positions at the Sheriff's Office to be place in Public Safety. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF HUNTINGTON AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT.

Commissioner Cowley talked about the Huntington Airport Management Contract. Attorney Mike Olsen has reviewed the contract and has no concerns. Commissioner Cowley indicated that Mr. DeFriez is managing the airport very well. Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to approve a four year contract with Mr. DeFriez for the Huntington Airport Management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR HUNTINGTON CREEK DEBRIS BASINS AND MITIGATION PROJECT SITE.

Commissioner Migliori explained that the County is required by the NRCS and Army Corp of Engineers to have plans in place for the operations and maintenance of the Huntington Creek Debris Basins and Mitigation Project Site. The Road Department keep the basin clean of debris. The county has funds set aside for the maintenance and operation. Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to approve of Operations and Maintenance Plans for Huntington Creek Debris Basins and Mitigation Project site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Sheriff Funk

Sheriff Funk indicated that he has met with BLM staff regarding contracting with them to cover drownings in the county.

Commissioner Brady

Commissioner Brady reported on discussions with the Travel Board to get ideas on how to get visitors to spend money in Emery County. He said, encouraging people to shop local is good, but we need to bring money into the county from outside of the county also. There was a ribbon cutting at the new Conductive Composites building in Cleveland. Lt. Governor Cox attended. Goblin Valley Trail had its ribbon cutting also. He informed everyone of the upcoming Rocket Launching Contest in Green River. The event is growing bigger every year. They anticipate over 400 people attending. It is held at the White Sands Missile Base.

Commissioner Cowley

There was a Back County Flyers fly-in at the Huntington Airport last week. The weather wasn't great but they still seemed to enjoy the parachute gliders. Commissioner Cowley toured the Green River area with Colby Hunt. Colby talked with Commissioner Cowley about the challenges the area faces with wet conditions. Commissioner Cowley talked about the damage the Pioneer Museum sustained during the recent rains. They will probably be relocating those items. He reported on attending a meeting in Goblin Valley regarding the fencing project for the grazers in the area. There will a group of geologist from Wisconsin working at the Cleveland/Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry.

Commissioner Migliori

Commissioner Migliori asked if anyone knows anyone who has beehives to contact the Weed/Mosquito Department. They have began spraying for mosquitoes and the spray will kill the bees so they want to know where they are located to avoid that possibility. July 13-14 will be the USU Extension Archeology Camp. Libraries in the county are engaged in story hour to encourage the kids to read this summer. The GOED site visit went well. Local businesses were visited by state people.

Commissioner Paul Cowley made a motion to leave the regular meeting and move into a closed/ executive session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and at the conclusion of the closed session to return to the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Brady. The motion passed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION.

Present at the closed/executive session was Commissioner Ethan Migliori, Commissioner Keith Brady, Commissioner Paul Cowley, Attorney Mike Olsen, Sheriff Greg Funk, Personnel Director Mary Huntington, and Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox.

Upon returning to the regular Commission Meeting Commissioner Keith Brady made a motion to accept a drafted MOU that follows the personnel policy and historical practices of Emery County regarding family leave and sick/vacation time between Emery County and Dusty Butler and make the same offer to Mitch Vetere. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Cowley. The motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____ COMMISSIONER: _____