

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 10:00 a.m. on July 7, 2015, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

INVOCATION BY: Tom Durrant, County Assessor (Major David Jones, Chaplain for the 222 Utah National Guard, was unable to attend the meeting).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Lieutenant Jared Redfearn (Dan Greathouse, Army Veteran, was unable to attend the meeting).

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for June 17, 2015, through July 7, 2015
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Stacy McMillin, A/N 0359268; Catherine Olsen, S/N W-KR-1-22; Leon Guymon S/N LV-109-A-1-A; Tamera Carlow, A/N B002960; Scott Longhurst, A/N 0857935; Thomas Farnsworth, A/N 0449127
- Consideration of Approval of Letters to the Utah Office of Tourism Committing Matching Funds for Marketing
- Consideration of Ratification of Amendment #1 to Contract #151095 Between Department of Agriculture Plant Industry and Conservation and Washington County for Noxious Weed and Plant Control for New Harmony Project
- Consideration of Approval of a Plan for Expenditure of Revenue Raised Through the Beer Tax
- Consideration of Social Services Block Grant Agreement Between Five County AOG and Washington County
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-1050-O on Saturday, June 20, 2015
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-1051-O on Saturday, June 20, 2015

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: SOUTHWEST UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. BLODGETT

Dr. Blodgett from the Southwest Utah Public Health Department stated that the mission of the Department is to prevent disease and promote health as well as protecting the health and welfare of the community. He continued with a power point presentation wherein he discussed health issues that affect the community and spoke about services that are provided in the various divisions within the health department.

The Southwest Utah Public Health Department strives to deliver information to the public through their magazine and website, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest.

(See attached for presentation)

PURCHASE REQUESTS: TREVOR COOMBS

Convention and Tourism Office, NJCAA Sponsorship	(\$20,000.00)
Convention and Tourism Office, Adventure Media Int'l Visitor Guide ad	(\$12,795.00)
Convention and Tourism Office, Trip Advisor Internet Marketing July-Dec ..	(\$20,000.00)
Regional Park, Sound system for large outdoor arena	(\$13,370.74)
Sheriff's Office, Sixty-five laptop computers w/hardware for all vehicles ...	(\$117,000.00)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve the Purchase Requests. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1914, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORRIANT, LLC AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

County Administrator Dean Cox explained that the County has re-evaluated the Orriant Wellness Program offered to County Employees. Through that process it was determined

that the program continues to be beneficial and Mr. Cox recommends the renewal of the Orriant Wellness Program for the County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1914, a Resolution Approving Agreement Between Orriant, LLC and Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1915, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT REDUCING A MEDICAL LIEN IN A PERSONAL INJURY MATTER

Commissioner Renstrom explained that because the County is self-insured the County ultimately pays the expenses when the insurance is utilized.

Some time ago there was a serious personal injury accident resulting in substantial medical bills as well as a lawsuit. To protect the County's interest, a medical lien was placed on the settlement of the lawsuit. The injured party is currently in the final stages of the lawsuit and common practice for an attorney is to negotiate with the lien holders when unfortunately, there are insufficient funds from the settlement to cover all damages.

In striving to balance the protection of the County employees along with the County's best interest, Commissioner Renstrom recommended that the County reduce the medical lien by twenty percent (20%).

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1915, a Resolution Approving an Agreement Reducing a Medical Lien in a Personal Injury Matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1916, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR OFFICE SPACE IN THE OFFICE PLAZA BUILDING

Mr. Cox stated that that the County has had a lease agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for many years. This resolution extends the term for another thirty-six (36) months with an option to lengthen to fifty-six (56) months. The Federal Government, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been a great tenant for the County and the agreement has been beneficial to both parties.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1916, a Resolution Ratifying the Execution of a Lease Agreement between Washington County and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Office Space in the Office Plaza Building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1917, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING DEAN COX TO THE HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD

Chairman Gardner stated that one of the responsibilities of the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District (SSD) is to provide fire and emergency medical service (EMS) coverage to a sizeable portion of the unincorporated area of Washington County, which encompasses Kolob. Dean Cox is a resident of Kolob and has served the last four (4) years as an appointed member on the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD Board. Chairman Gardner recommends that Dean Cox be re-appointed to that position.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1917, a Resolution Re-Appointing Dean Cox to the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District Administrative Control Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1918, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED EFFORT PLAN TRUST PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SPACE FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN HILDALE CITY

Commissioner Renstrom serves on the Library Board and has also done work for the United Effort Plan. In the City of Hildale, the vast majority of land is owned by the United Effort Plan Trust. The citizens of Hildale must travel a significant distance in order to utilize the nearest library. This proposal is a formal request to the United Effort Plan Trust to donate land to the County for the use of a public library to benefit the citizens of Hildale.

Chairman Gardner stated that the population in Hildale exceeds some of the other areas in the County where a library service is currently provided.

Commissioner Renstrom recused himself from voting on this item due to previously working with the United Effort Plan.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-

1918, a Resolution Requesting that the United Effort Plan Trust Provide Real Property to Washington County for the Purpose of Providing Space for a Public Library in Hildale City. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by majority vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Iverson voting aye and Commissioner Renstrom not voting.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1919, A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE SIX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO VISIT FEDERALLY MANAGED PUBLIC LANDS IN WESTERN STATES

Chairman Gardner explained that the Six County Association of Governments each year hosts an ATV ride for congressional delegation and other interest groups to tour public lands, looking at various situations and gaining firsthand experience of pressing issues.

In an effort to broaden knowledge and understanding of current public land issues, it was recommended that congressional staff from other states who are not familiar with public lands be given the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of our public land issues.

To seek support on this effort, a discussion was held with the National Association of Counties (NACO) requesting annual sponsorship. However, until that is established it was determined that this year each county would contribute a small portion to help sponsor this education in leveraging efforts concerning the public land issues with Congress.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1919, a Resolution Appropriating Funds to Assist the Six County Association of Governments' Educational Program That Allows Members of Congress to Visit Federally Managed Public Lands in Western States. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1920, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR CONDUCT OF A RESIDENT INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE

Mr. Cox stated that in the last twenty (20) years Washington County has been the recipient of four (4) presidentially declared disasters. Washington County has been

aggressive in its emergency management program which has served the residents and communities well.

This agreement is a training opportunity in which approximately sixty (60) individuals throughout the entire County would work together on a “real-life” scenario that statistically is likely to happen in Washington County. Prior to this training, a FEMA representative will customize the 4-day training course from the information gathered through the County’s Emergency Plan and the different disasters and types of threats that Southern Utah could potentially face. This course will help the individuals involved to better understand the role in an emergency situation and will receive training on how to respond appropriately and quickly in order to better our community and response time in the face of an emergency.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1920, a Resolution Ratifying Letter of Agreement Between Washington County and Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Conduct of a Resident Integrated Emergency Management Course. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1921, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND CIGNA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. FOR LONG AND SHORT TERM EMPLOYEE DISABILITY INSURANCE

Mr. Cox stated that Washington County periodically re-opens bidding on contracts and coverages to confirm the best rates. Through this process, better coverage was discovered for the County’s long term and short term disability which offers a significant savings to the County for long term disability as well as a cost savings for employees who chose the optional short term coverage.

County Deputy Attorney Eric Clarke clarified that Cigna had several sections crossed out of the final version of the application that Washington County received due to those sections not being applicable to the way Washington County handles its insurance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2015-1921, a Resolution Approving an Agreement Between Washington County and Cigna Behavioral Health, Inc. for Long and Short Term Employee Disability Insurance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chairman Gardner mentioned that that the Commissioners would be traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina this week to attend the NACO meetings to represent the State of Utah on various steering committees, such as public lands, transportation and environmental energy.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead explained that the road crews are completing the grading projects and transitioning to the chip seal project in New Harmony, Diamond Valley and Silver Valley Estates.

There have been no reports of any major flood damage due to the last rain fall. Any minor damage that is discovered will be repaired through routine maintenance.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (HCP) BUSINESS

Habitat Conservation Plan Administrator Robert Sandberg stated that he had the opportunity to visit with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Associate State Director on the Long Valley Exchange Proposal. It was confirmed that the proposal is in the State Director's Office for signature and once that has been approved it will be returned to the State Office.

Also, the HCP continues to work with land owners on clearances, boundaries, fence line issues and agreements. The HCP is also working with Alpha Engineering for a feasibility and cost estimate on an irrigation line to be installed for the farm land at Confluence Park.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN