

MINUTES
OF THE KANE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
IN THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS,
76 NORTH MAIN, KANAB, UTAH

10:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

Welcome: Commission Chairman Douglas K. Heaton

Announcements: Commissioner Jim Matson

Public Comment:

Present: Commissioner Douglas K Heaton, Commissioner Jim Matson,
Commissioner Dirk Clayson, Attorney Rob VanDyke, Clerk/Auditor
Karla Johnson, Chief Deputy Clerk Keiren Chatterley, Deputy Clerk
Linda Millett and Sunews Reporter Carol Sullivan.

Also Present: GIS Lou Pratt, TC Ken Gotzenberg, and HR Rhonda Gant

Consent Agenda:

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**Approval of: August 24, 2015 & September 14, 2015 Commission Mtg
Minutes**

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

**Legislative
Action**

1. Approve Consent Agenda:
Minutes of August 24, 2015 & September 14, 2015
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Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Matson, and the Motion carries with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

**Legislative
Action**

2. **Approval of Kane County Support for Western Freedom Festival**

Information on the Western Freedom Festival and their request for funding was addressed by Commissioner Heaton. The Freedom Festival is a new event being held in Cedar City, and will be a yearly event.

Motion to Approve Kane County's Support of the Western Freedom Festival, in the amount of \$5,000.00 was made by Commissioner Heaton and the Motion carries with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

Administrative 3. Execution of Previously approved Oderkerken Agreement

GIS Lou Pratt presented the Oderkerken Agreement which has been previously reviewed, discussed, approved, and agreed upon by the concerned parties and reviewed by Utah State and Kane County legal parties.

Motion to Authorize the Execution of the Previously Approved Oderkerken Agreement was made by Commissioner Clayson, and the Motion carries with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Administrative 4. Coordination Meeting with BLM 3:00-5:00 PM Time Certain

Legislative Action 5. Public Hearing for the Kanab Community Center for Community Impact Funding (CIB) purpose 5:00 PM Time Certain

Other Business:

- **Commissioner Clayson presented a bid for mirrors in the North Event Center.**
- **Commissioner Clayson updated the commission on the 30 foot easement given to the Navajo Loop road. There is no obligation to Kane County on road maintenance.**

Motion to Enter Closed Session was made by Commissioner Clayson

10:30 AM Closed Session

Motion to Enter Closed Session for reasonably imminent litigation, made by Commissioner Clayson and the Motion carried with all commissioners voting in favor.

Present: Commissioners Douglas K Heaton, Dirk Clayson, and James L Matson, Clerk Auditor Karla Johnson, and GIS Lou Pratt.

WHEREUPON MEETING WAS RECESSED.

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Coordination Agenda: Kane, Garfield Counties; State of Utah; BLM; GSENM

Present: Keiren Chatterley, Linda Millett, Karla Johnson, Dirk Clayson, Gil Miller, Julie Suhr Pierce, Carol Sullivan, Cindy Staszak, Doug Heaton, LaMar Smith, Byard Kershaw, Margaret Byfield, Kent Burggraaf, Leland Pollock, Brian Bremner, Jay Garfield, Charlie Saba, Shannon McBride, Mary Reynolds, Paul Hancock, and Jim Matson

1) Welcome & Prayer: Doug Heaton, Chairman

Commissioner Heaton asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, and thanked all for attending.

2) Opening Remarks / Brief Updates

a. Kane County – Commissioner Jim Matson

Commissioner Matson expressed the need to compress and expedite the meeting, as another time certain meeting begins at 5pm.

b. Bureau of Land Management - Cindy Staszak (GSENM Manager)

Ms Staszak reviewed her materials and handed out EIS Grazing Newsletters. She came prepared with a power point presentation, which she also distributed to the attendees. She reported on a RAC meeting she recently attended. They also asked for updates on the grazing issues on the Monument. The BLM is working with advisor/solicitor John Steiger, who is giving his interpretation of the GSENM proclamation, language, and all areas of the EIS. The solicitor gives advice; he is not a decision maker. He offers to assist the BLM and also the Cooperating agencies. They have also been working with the state office. There are 43 words in the grazing clause, but it has probably 43 different interpretations. Grazing levels of 1996 are under review, as well as present levels. We need to make sure we have interpretation of all areas, and decision makers can compare the impact of all resources including objects. It comes into play with everything. It impacts the decision makers. Impacts influence the ongoing process. It is an ongoing process with the solicitor. It is a work in progress. He has not given his written interpretation at this time. He will give his interpretation to the public. The Antiquities Act does not obligate or guarantee protection of the objects. Alternatives on impacts to the objects need to be assessed, then we can move forward and decisions can be made. It is complicated. Grazing levels above 1996 bring a need to protect objects, before 1996 do not have an obligation to protect objects. How does it affect the object and how much impact does it have? Actions above 1996, we are obligated to protect those monument objects. Grazing actions in place at 1996 were not obligated to protect objects, but it is a prerogative.

Commissioner Jim Matson -How do we mix the position of objects over grazing on the grazing EIS? Why are we worried about objects over grazing when it is a grazing EIS?

Things stated by President Clinton spelled out in a way that it ought to be carried over today.

Ms Staszak -Any action against resources is a challenge, and impacts on objects are needed. There are still objects such as soil and impacts on all resources, we are set up and have to analyze them.

Commissioner Matson- Are we going to have to work this out in court, or can we come up with something workable?

Attorney Kent Burggraaf- Previously, you expressed further documents to do with Clinton's act. You are adding more into this, above 1996's 106,000 AUMs. Grazing AUMs go up and down according to existing laws, levels and etc. Regulation should be governed by existing laws.

Ms Staszak - Grazing above levels of 1996 are required to protect monument objects.

Brian Bremner-Objects referred to by William Clinton, preface to Monument, in the introductory section of the Proclamation states objects and values. Do you have a list of objects or values out of the Monument Plan?

Ms Staszak- So, we have to use the list based on each word of the language and it would be easier to lump them back together, but no they have not been lumped back together.

Commissioner Heaton- Clarity going forward, we need the definition then we know how to measure against it. We would like John Snyder to give a very clear interpretation of the proclamation. Ms Staszak was asked to modify EIS with a couple of paragraphs.

Ms Staszak- John Steiger has to clarify it.

Commissioner Clayson- It seems we have two very specific elements. 1. What froze the AUM elements in time? 2. In identifying critical objects or elements protection, is the process going to identify them in case of conflict with grazing? What about conflict with grazing? Will grazing needs take priority over these things? Grazing is not in conflict with these aesthetic things, like solitude. Can we get specific answers?

Commissioner Heaton- What is the BLMs standard?

Attorney Burggraaf -Can the BLM give clarification on these decisions, and what are their standards? The BLM is moving forward on this EIS now. BLM protects objects under the grazing EIS. It is legally inconsistent to protect objects through this grazing EIS. For the Commissioners Clarification-It is legally inconsistent to go forward on this

EIS under the assumption that we protect objects of the proclamation through this grazing EIS. This is going to color all of the alternatives.

Commissioner Matson- That was the point I was getting to earlier. If the plain interpretation of the proclamation and its elements mean one thing, and 19 years later it means something else, let's change the rest of it too.

Attorney Burggraaf- You are evaluating the protection of objects in the Grazing EIS. It is faulty analysis. If you are using misguided interpretation, including protection of objects from the get go, then you have colored the rest of EIS to make it difficult for them to make a come to a legitimate appropriate decision.

Commissioner Clayson- Grazing is not affected by the Monument, and the Monument will not close the grazing. The BLM came out very plainly and said but don't worry about grazing. Nothing is going to affect it, and it is right in the proclamation. There is no question that was the intention.

Byard Kershaw- The GSENM/Proclamation removed certain resources and operations from the monument. Any process pre-monument has been affected. Regulations were already in place to protect resources, and the language is very clear already. Any process the BLM went through before evaluating the land for the monument already has laws and regulations in force to protect paleontological, etc.

Ms Staszak - The BLM has an obligation to look at objects. You are saying it better than me. We need to look at all of the objects.

Commissioner Clayson- We are talking about newer values, not about the paleontological and such. None of us have issues protecting those. The agendas that drive a no-grazing alternative is building a big wedge between the newer values, such as the Wilderness Act, solitude, scenic vistas, and those are the areas that I am nervous about.

Julie Suhr Pierce- If you get down to the objects on the ground then there may be no issue. If you actually do the details of the analysis, more times than not, there won't be a conflict.

Commissioner Jim Matson- To clarify, will there be an interpretation of the monument language?

Ms Staszak- There will be a definition of the framework of the monument in Chapter 1 that sets the stage-levels above 1996 obligation to look at level of impact. There is no obligation in the Antiquities Act to protect grazing.

Gil Miller- In the evaluation, is the Chapter 1 language going to be put back into each alternative to reference each alternative, and how each alternative relates and deals with the language?

Ms Staszak- John Steiger will try to put language about the over 1996 levels in each alternative, and we are still working though the nuances of what that is

Commissioner Heaton -Will you nail down your decision making?

Ms Staszak- because there are so many decisions to make, we are finding more questions on interpretation.

Commissioner Clayson - Rangeland projects have been cancelled because of land management issues and treatment areas. Can we maintain projects to support grazing and animals with the EIS? What are the kinds of things that will benefit range management?

Ms Staszak- The Monument has opportunities for range improvements, but there has been some question of should we? We do have some limits on improvements, but there is more hesitating than yes or no.

- 3) **Reaffirming BLM's Interpretation of the Presidential Proclamation Language regarding Livestock Grazing for the GSENM – Cindy Staszak** “This topic was covered in the previous discussion. “
- 4) **Status of Revised “Needs and Purpose Statement” incorporating Kane County’s suggested language for the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the GSEMN Livestock Grazing Amendment.**

Margaret Byfield - Is the BLM interpretation of the monument language going to be included in the needs and purposes statement? We are already seeing alternatives before we have the interpretation of the proclamation language. It needs to be in the needs and purpose statement. The way it is coming together it is not including the language.

Ms Staszak- The purpose and needs statement is a work in progress. We have been working with staff and others, and making adjustments to it. The EIS has not changed dramatically.

Margaret Byfield -How can you write an alternative without a purpose and needs statement?

Ms Staszak- We have to meet grazing regulations with the alternatives.

Commissioner Heaton-Without a needs and purpose statement, how can you do anything?

Ms Staszak- We are going to use the old needs and purpose statement.

Margaret Byfield- Your initial needs and purposes statement was not even close to the grazing language and in fact, completely ignores it. It only includes objects and values. Have you included the languages in the new needs and purposes statement?

Ms Staszak-I am not certain why you need it.

Commissioner Heaton- Why do you set policies and then set the needs and purposes to support the policies?

Ms Staszak- Yes there is some adjusting, but there is no major change in the purposes and needs statement.

Attorney Burggraaf- There is a real problem with the old purpose and needs statement, as it came out before there was any analysis of the current situation made. The purpose and needs statement needs to drive the alternatives.

Commissioner Heaton- The purpose and needs statement needs to be made public.

Ms Staszak- The first draft didn't have all the details, that is why we are tweaking it. Hopefully when we release the alternatives at the end of the month there should be a purpose and needs statement in it.

Brian Bremner- We've been having these co-ordination meetings for about a year or so now. We have not answered the same two questions about language in the Proclamation, and needs and purpose statement. The people keep changing, and we have seen everyone replaced. How are you preventing arbitrary and capricious actions? We have basic questions that we don't have answers to and there is still no interpretation in writing, yet we are moving on with alternatives. I cannot see how you can say I am basing my decision on this, when there is nothing there that is consistent from decision to decision. It seems that you have to get to the point and give answers and not keep changing, ever changing and shifting. You need to go back to your managers and tell them that we have got to have a firm basis.

Attorney Burggraaf- Unless that is your strategy, and then that has its problems in and of itself.

Ms Staszak- I have been anxious to get moving too. When the alternatives come out, the Purpose and Needs do sometimes have to go through a process and these sometimes adjust, but not majorly. I think that what we come out with at the end of the month will be pretty solid.

Margaret Byfield- Are there going to be major changes? We presented to you so that we will know if we are on the same page. Unless they are going to be making big changes to the purpose and needs statement, then we have real issues going forward. You are right

that there can be changes made, but if it is not changed substantially then we do have issues that will create a problem going forward.

Attorney Burggraaf- If it is not changed substantially, then it will be inconsistent with our policies going forward.

5) Updated Timeline for Completion of the GSENM Livestock Grazing Amendment

Ms Staszak- See page 5 of the power point presentation for the schedule. We will post alternatives in October 2015

Margaret Byfield- Will the cooperating agencies have an opportunity to review the purpose and needs statement before it is made public?

Ms Staszak- No. We are going on three years on grazing. We had to go back and renegotiate. 2016 was realistic, but we are adding things as we go and now 8 months behind.

Brian Bremner- The reason it takes so long is because we have no answers to the first two questions.

Ms. Staszak- We have as good of an answer as we are going to get at this point.

6) Discussion of Livestock Grazing Monitoring Standards under GSENM Livestock Grazing Amendment.

Ms Staszak- This will be looked at as individual allotments. They have all different monitoring protocols and we could have a discussion about it. Monitoring Standards are not part of EIS. We have standards and protocols in place for that. That is a discussion we can have, but it is separate from the EIS.

Julie Suhr Pierce- At a recent National Sustainable Rangeland Health Group meeting-I had the opportunity to talk with some University professors about looking at the Monument as a research/training ground with graduate students, and doing some trials on management and effects on land restoration. They would consult with ranchers, use some plots, and to do some trials to look at impacts from different types of management in a very scientific way.

Commissioner Matson- What form will the monitoring standards take?

Ms Staszak- For the EIS, we will not even address them. We will use the standards that we already have to do our monitoring. Richard will be able to attend for a more robust

discussion about monitoring standards. For EIS purposes, we are not suggesting to change those, but will be willing to discuss it.

Lamar Smith- You have stressed adaptive management for all the alternatives, and that absolutely depends on monitoring. Most of the lawsuits come from differing opinions on the monitoring ways and guidelines. We need to have some general guidelines about who is responsible, and if the data relates to the quality of monitoring. There needs to be clear guidelines about how the data is collected and reviewed, and who is responsible. The guidelines and structure should be able to define what would need to be changed, and would not provoke a lawsuit every time data is made. Range health assessment is a qualitative judgment. It is not monitoring.

Ms Staszak- Are you thinking that the guidelines could become part of an alternative?

Mr. Smith- They need to fit all of the alternatives, and affect every decision you make.

Commissioner Leland Pollock- Who collects the data is absolutely critical, but who collects data should collect science not science fiction. Recovery projects need to be done. These used to be called vegetative treatments, and they need to be recovered. You are losing your soil on the monument. Richard Madrill said they were losing soil, and one of your own BLM people refuted. They litigate because soil has been destroyed and there has been no recovery. I would like you, Jenna Whitlock, to put in writing how to recover the land. The BLM has created the perfect storm on the land as they have not cared for it, nor recovered it. How are we going to recover the land? Let's see this in writing.

Ms Staszak- Monitoring guidelines common to all alternatives, and recovery and restoration should be part of this too.

Commissioner Pollock- You have got to build recovery projects into this. Let's get qualified people and science in these documents. You can't water one area, and expect all cattle to go there to water and feed.

Commissioner Heaton- Continual encroachment of the PJ system, and grazing will go down if something is not done. Reseeding is essential.

Margaret Byfield- Were your existing monitoring standards developed state by state, or nationally determined?

Ms Staszak- Each state interprets the guidelines differently, and each office is also different.

Margaret Byfield- the County is developing what we think would work well in this area for the monitoring. It would be beneficial to get the BLM input on this, to see if we are on the same page.

Commissioner Clayson- I suggest to you that you ask your staff where guidelines are needed to help to resolve issues. Where are the areas that we have hesitancy in the restoration? That should be built into the purpose and needs statements, to include guidelines.

Ms Staszak - EIS grew beyond what it was sent out to be last time. We need to look at what the sidebars are. We don't want to expand the scope and taint the process.

Brian Bremner- Counties are moving toward adopting county plans, which will create more inconsistencies.

7) Discussion of Socioeconomic Baseline Report

Julie Suhr Pierce- explained that Gil was able to go beyond what she is able to do legally. It would have taken years to obtain the information that Gil was able to collect. He got information from individual ranchers and used the Monument as one big ranch, as opposed to Julie's study of different sizes of ranches. The intention was to look at the cultural, social and economic conditions of towns inside and outside the Monument. Natural resource studies mostly focus on the monument areas. Both came to the same basic conclusions. The baseline report shows where we came from to get to where we are, on an economic and social level. What do we think the impacts are supposed to be? We are always making our best informed guess about what might happen. No one in 2005 could have seen the 2009 conditions. As BLM socio-economic specialists, we are directed not to do prediction of future economic conditions. The baseline report helps us to establish the conditions which we will be comparing.

Gil Miller-Julie's study looks only at the monument, and cannot go beyond the area specifically looked at. Her report is a baseline of a point in time and will help form the basis of the alternatives. As BLM economists they cannot make projections or predictions of the future, but they can present an opinion of what they think would happen. She took the scoping to different sizes of ranches, and I took the entire monument as one big ranch. The important part about that is, by using the 2 different methodologies we came to basically the same place.

Julie Suhr Pierce- In the three separate analysis done by Gil, Julie, and one other person in the two county area, they showed almost exactly the same result, which was \$100 per AUM in total economic value.

Gil Miller- Ours was a little more. We included 'induced' in our values.

Commissioner Matson- Could you define induced?

Gil Miller- Induced is basically as it goes from ranchers, to suppliers of ranchers, to people who work for suppliers. It follows the consumer flow, as it goes through the economy and community. The value per AUM is the summary.

Julie Suhr Pierce-The reason it is not in their report is because it will be in each alternative

Ken Gotzenburg- 1/3 of visitation in our area is from out of the country. They love to see the cowboy doing what the cowboy does, and are not offended. Zion is 3.5 million visitors. Visitors coming to see the back country are advised about types of vehicles needed to visit the outlying back country and roads. The face of the landscape and road changes with the weather conditions.

Commissioner Clayson- The tourists love the cowboys. The people want to see cowboys.

Julie Suhr Pierce-Locally owned retail establishments that are connected with a buying power network of some type, have over 55% of money spent there that stays in the community. Chain stores have about 14% that stays in the community. I encourage you to consider using local businesses to keep more revenue in the communities.

Commissioner Pollock-Last June, the school district approached the Garfield Commissioners. Enrollment was down to 51 students in Escalante, down from 150 students. They could not close the school, as the students from Boulder would have to be bussed for 4 hours to attend classes. A state of emergency was declared.

8) Determine Next Coordination Meeting Date and Location

December 14, 2015 at 3:00 PM in Garfield County

9) Additional Topics as time permits- Ms Staszak updated on the following projects:

- a. **Projects – ROW Buckskin Ridge Communications Site EA & Other Fiber Optic Communications:** The BLM signed to increase cell phone coverage.
- b. **Film Permits & Media Efforts:** There is an increase in film, commercial, and article permits.
- c. **Special Recreation Permits:** Garfield County increased from 30 to over 100 for canyoneering.
- d. **Recreation Use on GSENM:** Has had a jump in visitation.
- e. **Facilities Upgrade Deer Creek, Calf Creek, White House & State Line:** Money has been scheduled for vault toilets, campgrounds, scoping, trail head upgrades, and etc. Projects are in various stages of progress.
- f. **Restoration Forum-** no discussion or update was made.

- g. **Youth Programs & Outreach:** Partnering with Escalante, park service, and schools for free admission.
- h. **Programmatic Weed & Invasive Species EA:** New chemicals have been approved for better management and timely control.

Commissioner Heaton called time on the Coordination portion the Kane County Commission meeting, and Commission meeting resumed with the Public Hearing for the new Community Center project.

**PUBLIC Hearing for Community Center for Community Impact Funding (CIB) purpose
5:00 PM Time Certain**

Attendees: Carol Gilberg, Andrea Gilberg Mark Gilberg, Daniel Gilberg, Mary Ellen Craven, Charlie Saba, Fred Allen, Lilian DuVolt, Alfred Hall, Robert Kaczowka, Linda Osborn, Darla Cook, Ken Gotzenberg, Kevin Glazier, Patty Hegwood, Erin Robinson, Mark Foley, Neal Brown, Brent Chamberlain, Cary Reese, Carol Sullivan, Cheryl Brown, Robert Houston, Rhonda Gant, Chris Penney, Robert Dyeus, Robert Brissette, Lori McGraw, Camille Johnson, Mike O, Greg Metcalf, Tony Schoenfeld, Joe Decker, Scott Gilberg, Sky Cheney, Cyrus Mejia, Marcia Meier, Arlon Chamberlain, Gil Miller, Karla Johnson, Linda Millett, Keiren Chatterly, Jim Matson, Dirk Clayson, Doug Heaton, and Matt Brown.

Matt Brown discussed the process that the Commission had reviewed as part of the Community Center evaluation: There was a public process through surveys, and then the County hired CRSA to develop a conception plan.

The School District needs the Gymnasium, and training areas for specialized School District Training. Matt Brown also met with Deanna Glover, and reviewed cosmetic improvements to the current Historical Library.

Options and suggestions for use of the Kanab Civic Center are: Western Legends Venues, Art Gallery Hall, Kanab City Offices, Senior Center and Care & Share Centers, new restrooms, a plaza, basement technology offices, Symphony of the Canyons, a Museum and gymnasium, a Conference Center including office space, meeting rooms, and catering kitchen. Cleanup of the old library would blend the buildings together. An event center would serve for a large lobby and 2 full sized gymnasiums with removable floors and storage rooms for equipment and etc. This building would also hold concerts. An amphitheater with a north east view would be located behind the buildings with adequate parking and a walking trail, plus 2 full size tennis courts. Total Value of project is \$10500000. Total from all funding sources \$8000000, including a loan, a grant, and county funding currently on hand. Monthly payment for 30 years would be \$5,545. County funds committed to purchase furnishing and equipment: \$250,000

A power point presentation by Matt Brown showed drawings of the center plans. This is still 100% concept at this point. Expenses were shown and explained. Revenue Estimates are \$44,300 in fees and admission costs for rentals, receptions and events.

Total Maintenance & Operation Costs is estimated to be between \$170000 and \$210000, annually. TRT and TRCC are perpetual funding sources, with a projected 2 million plus revenue for 2016.

Public Input:

Commissioner Clayson stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to collect comments that will be used as part of the documentation process that will be used in the CIB Grant and Loan process. Even if there is no question, and if you want to make a statement that is just fine.

Motion to enter public hearing was made by Commissioner Matson, and the Motion carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

Robert Brissette- there is no mention of the lease on the city office and how much the City will have to pay. What will the lease be?

Matt Bown- \$1 year. They will up front the repair and set up cost then \$ 1 year.

Kortney Stirland; I have a business and have helped the arts and orchestra in the community. We would love to have a home. Thank you, and I am totally in favor of the project. We have cultural and historical tourism, and we need a place to express and continue to grow those types of events. It will keep people here in town longer as they come to see the parks.

Mayor Robert Houston- The School District said they would like to use the building, and the city is happy with the involvement and is part of the project.

Fred Allen- experienced in Soil and Water. Being born and raised here, I am thrilled about what is happening here but there are a few basic problems that need to be addressed. Look at the alkali and clay soils to ensure that the building structure would be secure. There is a leach field there by the football field. The alkali in the foundation is eating the foundation away. We had to replace the piping throughout the city because the pipes are being eaten by the alkali. Keep the water away from the buildings. Keep the water on the lower side of the buildings so it doesn't push the building up. Also pre-treat the construction to keep the bugs out. Let's fix it before it starts.

Commissioner Heaton -do you have a fee for your advice?

CRSA Representative- the amphitheater is the only thing that is in the blue clay, the rest of the buildings are quite far away from the blue clay. It is our impression that the foundations that are still here are in good conditions.

Brent Chamberlain -about 3 years ago we started and he would like to have input about the rooms and storage space and storage for western legends.

Johnny Shonefield, Arts Council- I am glad there is space for art, and want to know if there is a provision to rotate the art.

Matt Brown- There is a whole bunch of details that will be given later.

Carol Gilberg- take a second look at the gymnastics room. I have 60 students and there are over 120 students total. There is no room for all equipment, and their students are going to St. George to be able to compete.

Mary Craven- If and when it is approved, how long will the construction take?

CRSA- It depends on funding and could be 2-3 years to have everything completed. It could take up to a year in the design stage.

Erin Robinson- It is hard to give the opinion of the business owners, but the businesses support this type of facility. We appreciate all the time and effort to get it to this point.

Andrea Gilberg- Women's Forum right now is at the max. We can only host 275 people and it is exciting to see this type of building, but we need more breakout sections. We use 8-9 breakout sessions for the women's forum. Fees for the non-profit organizations are a problem, although they do use hotels for the 2 days.

Commissioner Clayson- There are five rooms. There are 2 in the Seniors, band room, 2 rooms in the city office so there will be 8 rooms. We are looking at partition division which will give us as many as 11-12. The school has a lot of conflicts for school property and they are the go to place for events. It is a directive from the school to use the facilities more than they use the schools. Hopefully there will be flexibility in the room structure. It will take another year to develop the best plan for the space.

Kevin Glazier -it creates excitement and is an asset for the community.

Ken Gotzen-berg -we have revamped it and this is inspired at this point. This is going to be paid for by tourism dollars and will not affect our tax dollars, and it solves more questions. The cyclical year causes Kanab to die in the winter because we do not have the facilities to bring in other types of tourism. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 365 days a year of work, and this will generate more work and investments in the community? You could not ask for a better location or plan for this.

Camille Johnson- we are thrilled about potentially having more space in the winter. Will the floor be able to accommodate a dirt floor for horse shows? And in the festival space outside we need power and different power sources inside the big meeting rooms. And it will add to the quality of life here in Kanab

Patty Hedgewood- I remember the early meetings, and I am thrilled to see the work that has been put into this. Let's start consulting with those who will use it. The Senior Center is a fabulous idea, we all need more activity. If we are making the Care and

Share warehouse there as well, we need ADA compliance with the building. We have 8 workshops every year and we all fight over the cafeteria at Best Friends. We would like to use the space as well. And let's think about revenue generators such as concessions.

Sky Channey- this looks like a Cadillac and I am concerned about the cost to the taxpayers, the cost to construct and to maintain it, and there is a lot of movement in the finances. The county did a feasibility report for the PSF and he recommends that we get a financial analysis before doing the project. Please inform the taxpayers about the costs.

Greg Metcalf - I am thrilled about the work the county has done. I am seeing no relationship between the buildings art or otherwise, and no relation to our heritage. But please build them.

Robert Houston- I am excited that the county is taking the ball and running with this. I don't know if people understand that we have a recreation director but no recreation facilities. Also, shoring up the heritage museum is a great idea. We will be forced to build a building in the next 5 years or we can move into it tomorrow and it will not cost anywhere near the cost of constructing it.

Cary Reese- the School Board is very much in favor, and it was tax payer's money who paid for the building years ago. We are hopeful that this will benefit the community and we feel strongly about donating the property.

Bob Kozaki- this is a beautiful asset, and the library is set in about 20% alignment and tying the library into the conference center. Tie in to the K on the K-Hill and then tie in the museum right next to the road. Let's address it prominently. Let's do a proactive museum. Lets address the elevations of the whole property and buildings and use outdoor art. Architecturally tie it all together. Great project!

Motion to exit Public Hearing at the call of the Chair.

Commissioner Clayson stated that as a Commission, one of the things we have been trying to do with the TRT money is to direct it to the bricks and mortar, invest in our community. We have to be able to deliver on our promises to the people who come to our community. We are doing marketing, and are strategically putting more money into things that will still be here in 10-20-30 years from now. We do not have adequate meeting space, and our seniors are in a water tank now. We appreciate the nurturing attitude of our partners and all of the event leaders that work with us, and I recommend it to the commission to make application for this funding to the CIB.

Motion to have the Commission pursue CIB funding on this project made by Commissioner Clayson, and the Motion carried with all Commissioner present voting in favor.

Matt Brown-There will be a metal building for Care & Share.

Whereupon Meeting Adjourned .


Commission Chairman Douglas K Heaton


Clerk/Auditor Karla Johnson