

**MINUTES  
OF THE KANE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
November 9, 2015  
IN THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS,  
76 NORTH MAIN, KANAB, UTAH**

The items listed under Consent Agenda will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless the Commission so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. The Commission meeting will begin at **10:00 am**

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

**Also Present:** HR Rhonda Gant, C&S Craig Hansen, LUA Shannon McBride, District Court Clerk Holly Ramsay, TC Ken Gotzen-Berg, and GIS Lou Pratt

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Commissioner Douglas K Heaton

**PRAYER:** Commissioner Jim Matson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Douglas K Heaton

**WELCOME:** Commissioner Douglas K Heaton

**CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**10:00 AM      Regular Meeting:**

Approve the Consent Agenda:

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Approval of Sept. 21, 2015 Commission Mtg. Minutes, October 26, 2015

Commission Mtg. Minutes

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Matson, and the Motion carries with all Commissioners present voting in favor.**

**10:15 AM      PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Motion to enter Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Clayson**

**Consider the Vacation or Abandonment of Kane County Roads as follows: K2860, in full, K2865, in full, and K2855 from the point of beginning in SW ¼ of the NE1/4 of T41S, R7W, sec 23 continuing to the point into the SW corner of the NE1/4 of T41S, R7W Sec 26 where abandonment will terminate. As per UCA 72-3-108.**

GIS Lou Pratt addressed the Commission with a consideration to Vacate or Abandon the following Kane County Roads: K2860, in full, K2865, in

full, and K2855 from the point of beginning in SW ¼ of the NE1/4 of T41S, R7W, sec 23 continuing to the point into the SW corner of the NE1/4 of T41S, R7W Sec 26 where abandonment will terminate. As per UCA 72-3-108. He pointed out the roads on a map. A private land owner has requested closing of roads that go across his land, and has locked gates to keep people off of these roads. This area is mostly located on the Glendale Bench area. New roads have been established and opened, and signage provided, to give access to public lands in the area.

**Motion** to exit Public Comment was made by Commissioner Clayson,

**Motion** to Vacate/Abandon roads K2860, in full, K2865, in full, and K2855 from the point of beginning in SW ¼ of the NE1/4 of T41S, R7W, sec 23 continuing to the point into the SW corner of the NE1/4 of T41S, R7W Sec 26 where abandonment will terminate. As per UCA 72-3-108, as shown on the map, was made by Commissioner Clayson. The **Motion** carries with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

Attorney VanDyke suggested that this Vacation/ Abandonment of Roads be recognized and passed as an Ordinance at the next Commission Meeting. All were in Agreement.

**10:30 AM:**

**Visitor Use /Concessions at Zion Natl. Park / Zion Superintendent  
Jeff Bradybough & Jack Burns**

Zion National Park Superintendent Jeff Bradybough & Jack Burns reported on the Visitor Use and Concessions. At a Collaboration Clinic in August they reported on visitation & growth. Waiting lines are up to 45 minutes to an hour for services. Mutual calls, fire calls, EMS & SAR calls are up over 40%. This year has the highest wilderness permits on record. Between 2010-2014, visitation at Zion National Park went up by one half million. Visitation is up almost that much this year alone, and an extended season was required to open 3 weeks earlier and stay open 2 weeks later, through Thanksgiving, to accommodate visitors' to the park. Park officials see the need for a pro-active visitor use management plan for the future. This needs to address the understanding of visitor capacity issues such as: guest parking, road congestion, heavy trail usage, trampling of vegetation and soils, the accommodation of increased guest numbers in concession areas, and other concerns. A visitor use task force will be used to identify issues & actions, and mitigate issues. One goal is to assist the visitors expectations through signage, video on website and local hotels, and trip planning ideas and advice. This study will begin in 2016. It will come at some expense, but it will be worth it for reaching the goal to promote, conserve and serve Zion National Park and it's visitors.

**District Court Retirement - Holly Ramsay Retirement & Sick Leave**

Commissioner Jim Matson presented the District Court Retirement of Holly Ramsay. Commissioner Clayson explained the court services which have been performed in the past through a contract with Kane County. Over time, it has evolved to where the services are no longer profitable for the county. District Court has been asked to take over and fulfill the court's duties in the secured south end of the building, near the 6<sup>th</sup> District Courtroom. There will be 5 offices there including the court clerk's office and a consultation room for the attorneys. Sixth District Court will continue with a contract for space, but not for labor. Holly's duties will transition into the Court Clerk Position. HR Rhonda Gant explained the acquired sick leave and retirement benefits which Ms Ramsay has accrued over her years of employment with Kane County. To receive these benefits, she is required to retire with the county. December 1, 2015 will be the Court Primary date. Holly has already been hired by the Sixth District Court.

**Motion** to Approve the District Court Retirement of Holly Ramsay was made by Commissioner Matson. A one-time benefit payout to Ms Ramsay will be given, as she is only retiring from the county. She will receive a payout of 25% of her accrued sick leave. HR will process the payout on her last paycheck for the county. She will receive a payout of her retirement, with her choice for type of distribution. The Motion carries with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

**Legislative Action**

**Approve Rural Unimproved Subdivision Lazy J Ranch: Ken Hardison, Parcel #3-4.5-31-1**

LUA Shannon McBride presented the RUSD of the Lazy J Ranch: Ken Hardison, Parcel #3-4.5-31-1 for Commission Approval. He got an easement from the /BLM for access on his property. Everything has been cleared for the project.

**Motion** to Approve the Rural Unimproved Subdivision Lazy J Ranch: Ken Hardison, Parcel #3-4.5-31-1 was made by Commissioner Heaton, and the Motion carries with Commissioners Matson and Heaton voting in favor. Commissioner Clayson abstaining due to possible conflict of interest.

**Legislative Action**

**Approve Rural Unimproved Subdivision: Verla Troy, Eugene Hepworth, & Laurel Gourdin, Parcel #8-6-35-4**

LUA Shannon McBride presented the RUSD: Verla Troy, Eugene Hepworth, & Laurel Gourdin, Parcel #8-6-35-4 for Approval. This is a family property, desiring separation.

**Motion** to Approve the Rural Unimproved Subdivision: Verla Troy, Eugene Hepworth, & Laurel Gourdin, Parcel #8-6-35-4 was made by Commissioner Clayson, and the Motion carries with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

**Other Business:**

\* Commissioner Heaton reported on a UACD presentation he made last Thursday, and the Freedom Festival recently in Cedar City. The Freedom Festival was attended by approx 150 for seminars, and the concert had a couple of thousand attendees. Both were successful. Commissioner Clayson is working on a letter of support to Garkane for updating transmission lines.

Commissioner Matson announced a requested meeting for Bryce Canyon water rights control with James Greer.

Commissioner Heaton reported on the Forest Service plans for multiple use on forest lands.

\* Schedules and assignments were coordinated.

**12:00 PM Closed Session**

**Motion to enter Closed Session was made by Commissioner Clayson.**

- a. Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, or the purchase, exchange lease or sale of real property.

WHEREUPON MEETING ADJOURNED

  
Commission Chairman Douglas K Heaton

  
Clerk/Auditor Karla Johnson