IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
August 10, 2015

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. August 10, 2015 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Dale M. Brinkerhoff	Commission Chair
David J. Miller	Commissioner
Alma L. Adams	Commissioner
Scott Garrett	County Attorney
Jonathan T. Whittaker	County Clerk

Also present:

Cindy W. Bulloch	County Assessor
Deborah Johnson	County Recorder
Gene Adams	County Auditor
Lori Starr	Justice Court Administrator
Leslie Bishop	Human Resources Director

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Lori Starr.

INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Bret Allred.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Scott Garrett, Iron County Attorney, reported that the Attorney's Office is on budget. Felony drug offenses increased, with no additional homicides. There were nine murder or attempted murder cases pending. Officer Tyler Urask was cleared in the officer involved shooting and is back to work. The incident was deemed justified. The Critical Incident Task Force investigated, as the law now states, departments can no longer investigate Officer involved shootings within their own department. Scott said he has not heard anything from the Justice

Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) and is trying to keep apprised to ensure the grant gets written and sent in. This program is based on treating rather than incarcerating drug abusers.

Lori Starr, Justice Court Administrator, reported that overall there is an improvement in the atmosphere in the Justice Court. Lori stated she is working on clarifying office policy and procedure and adding more structure. The Justice Court judges have decided to refer outstanding collections to the Office of State Collections beginning with 2005 debts. Revenue reports have been balanced thanks to the help of Melanie Hall from the Treasures Office. Lori reported there are 7 full time clerks in the office.

Brett Allred, Corrections Captain, reported he is 50% or below on budget. Revenue is steady. Brett noted that 20 Federal inmates were housed in the jail at that time. A new counter and computer station was added in the booking station. He reported that all of his medical staff train at the Corrections Academy and are fully certified. Two deputies had just graduated from the Academy, with three beginning the 10 week course. There have been 957 hours of in-house training at the jail. Bret stated that the biggest concern in the future was that the female inmate population would increase and the facilities were not built to accommodate them. Approximately one quarter of the inmates are female.

David Miller, Iron County Commissioner, mentioned that the water line supply at Woods Ranch has a breach somewhere, and there may have to be an emergency water line replacement. There was no water in the tank currently. Brian Head had asked for some assistance with building inspection. David informed the commission that there is a Wild Horse Advisory Committee meeting in Oklahoma in September and being on that committee, he would attend.

Alma Adams, Iron County Commissioner, reported that he attended a Workforce Services workshop at the Rural Summit meeting. Alma noted that information is available on the web site: www.utah.gov.services. Alma reported attending the Scatec Solar tour with Governor Herbert, and commented that it was one of the best investments for Iron County. Gina Genovese of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been assigned to the Green Lakes realignment to move progress forward.

Dale Brinkerhoff, Iron County Commissioner, reported that he met in Tropic with the US Forest Service to discuss opening the trail from Woods Ranch to Navajo Lake to motorized travel.

Cindy Bulloch, Iron County Assessor, discussed a solar farm meeting with the State Tax Commission on August 16th. Cindy was questionable on the counties attending. Dale Brinkerhoff suggested the main five counties: Iron, Beaver, Kane, Washington, and Garfield should attend. David Miller suggested including Piute County. Cindy reported she attending a Personal Property class in Salt Lake City dealing with the transfer of large equipment and payment of personal property tax. This brought up concerns with the Solar Companies paying taxes on their equipment. During that meeting, the delinquent personal property taxes on mobile homes were also discussed. In many cases, delinquent taxes are higher than the worth of the mobile home. Cindy expressed her desire to address this issue. Board of Equalization (BOE) was scheduled and the Assessor's office had been receiving an increasing number of irate calls. David Miller expressed his concern. Dale Brinkerhoff suggested it might be appropriate for a sheriff deputy to be present at BOE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONTRACT FOR PREDATOR DAMAGE CONTROL FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.

Jon Whittaker presented the Department of Agriculture contract for predator damage control in the amount of $11,500 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the Department of Agriculture Contract for predator damage control for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of $11,500. Second by David Miller. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

PERSONNEL

Leslie Bishop, HR Director, presented the name of Jared Mitchell as a new hire in the Corrections department replacing Jeff Sorensen, effective Aug.17, 2015; Brandon Garrett, as a new hire as full time Justice Court Clerk replacing Michelle Madson, effective Aug. 31, 2015; and Ashley Stagg, as a new hire as part time Justice Court Clerk replacing Lisa Lowden, effective Aug.17, 2015. David Miller made a motion to approve Jared Mitchell as a new hire in the Corrections department replacing Jeff Sorensen, effective Aug.17, 2015; Brandon Garrett, as a new hire as full time Justice Court Clerk replacing Michelle Madson, effective Aug. 31, 2015; and Ashley Stagg, as a new hire as part time Justice Court Clerk replacing Lisa Lowden, effective Aug.17, 2015. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN UAC EMPLOYER ADVOCATE PROGRAM.

Leslie Bishop, HR Director, explained Utah Association of Counties (UAC) has an employee advocate program that helps counties throughout the state with unemployment claims. The quote to use them is around $1800.00 and is based on employment. Under the employee advocate program, UAC would handle each step in the process of filing unemployment claims. David Miller made a motion to approve participation in the UAC Employer Advocate Program with a budget adjustment of $1,000 for the remainder of 2015, as a trial run. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

David Miller explained that the Iron County juvenile public defenders work load had increased. David noted that the choice was to either work within the existing contract or to provide additional compensation through the end of 2015. He said the contract would be reviewed at the end of the year. Leslie Bishop, HR Director, explained that fair public defender compensation was difficult to determine because counties are so unique. David Miller expressed the need to provide public defense, as well as metrics for public defender workload and pay. Scott Garrett commented that the number of felony cases filed guides the district court to determine demand, and agreed that there needed to be a way to extract public defender data. Dale Brinkerhoff requested that Leslie Bishop obtain 5 comparable public defender compensation rates in other counties that would help with the decision. The subject was tabled until the next commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alma Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015. Second by David Miller. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Alma Adams made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

Signed: Dale M. Brinkerhoff, Chairman

COUNTY OF IRON COUNTY CLERK STATE OF UTAH

Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk