

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**TO THE RESIDENTS OF UTAH COUNTY, VERNAL CITY AND NAPLES CITY:**  
Notice is hereby given that the Vernal City Council, Naples City Council and the Uintah County Commission will hold a special joint meeting on *Monday, April 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.* in the *Uintah County Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor* - 147 East Main St, Vernal, Utah.

## A G E N D A

**4:00 p.m.**

### STANDING BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2016

### SCHEDULED PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. STORM WATER PLAN & FINANCING – COUNTY COMMISSION

### ADJOURN

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**M**INUTES OF THE JOINT VERNAL CITY AND UINTAH COUNTY  
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2016 AT 3:30 p.m.  
in the Uintah County Conference room, 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah

4 **PRESENT:**

5 **UINTAH COUNTY:** Commissioners Mark Raymond, Mike McKee and Bill Stringer.

6 **VERNAL CITY:** Councilmembers Ted Munford, Dave Everett, Samantha Scott, Travis  
7 Allan, and Mayor Sonja Norton.

8 **GUESTS:** Josh Bake, Steve Evans, Jordan Mathis, Joel Brown, Matt Cazier, Mark  
9 Watson, Troy Ostler, Annie Smith and Jordan Merrill, Aaron Averett.

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11 **WELCOME:** Commissioner Raymond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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13 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING:** Councilmember Ted  
14 Munford moved to approve and acknowledge this meeting. Commission Mike McKee seconded  
15 the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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17 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2015:** Councilmember Dave Everett  
18 moved to approve the minutes of November 30, 2015. Commissioner Bill Stringer seconded the  
19 motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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21 **TRAIL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION:** Mr. Jordan Mathis, representing the Ashley Valley  
22 Trails Committee, explained that he would like to present why it is important to have an active  
23 community. Mr. Mathis displayed specific research for active transportation, showing the  
24 benefits to the community including health, economics, business and social impacts. A lot of  
25 money is spent on health care and the treatment of chronic diseases that could be managed or  
26 adjusted with a more active lifestyle behavior. The highest factor affecting health is tobacco use  
27 with the next highest being poor diet and inadequate exercise. Further, research shows this  
28 upcoming generation will be the first generation that will not live as long a life span as their  
29 parents. There has been a huge increase in gyms in communities, yet the obesity rate continues  
30 to climb, proving they have not affected individual behavior. Councilmember Everett noted that  
31 the cold prevent people from being active. Ken Bassett stated that technology also affects kids  
32 getting out. Jordan Mathis stated that there is the potential for people to have opportunities to  
33 use other modes of transportation with most trips being under two miles from their homes. This  
34 is a very walkable or bikable distance. Statistics show cyclists are six times healthier than other  
35 commuters, and have better mental health. Further, Mr. Mathis stated that people are more  
36 motivated to walk or bike if the infrastructure is available to them such as bike lanes along the  
37 roadways and connect to important things such as schools. Some areas use traffic calming  
38 measures to help with safety. Ken Bassett stated that in Vernal most bikers would rather take  
39 another road besides Main Street. Jordan Mathis displayed several examples of areas where  
40 roadways were narrowed or had traffic calming measures installed. He suggested that a study  
41 be completed first to see what potentially could be done County-wide to increase the health of  
42 the community. Examples include a pedestrian plaza, wider sidewalks, landscaped area, traffic  
43 calming and trails. One factor that must be considered is safety and how to overcome the

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44 perception that everyone must use an automobile. Mr. Mathis asked if the elected officials  
45 would consider the Chamber's Trails Committee as an advisory board for trails and work toward  
46 an integrated master plan for the entire Ashley Valley. Councilmember Ted Munford thanked  
47 Mr. Mathis for the presentation and asked for examples of what can be done locally. Jordan  
48 Mathis stated they have been working on mapping the area to see what resources are needed to  
49 move forward. Troy Ostler noted that the Uintah Transportation District just applied for funding  
50 to build a trails master plan through the UDOT TAP program. Ken Bassett expressed concern  
51 that there may be a conflict with the City's application for the same type of plan. Commissioner  
52 McKee stated there should be a City plan that coordinates with an Ashley Valley plan. The  
53 Uintah County Public Lands Committee should also be involved. There was some discussion  
54 regarding the TAP program and applications for funding. Troy Ostler explained the  
55 Transportation District applied for non-urban funding. Ken Bassett noted that the City applied  
56 for small urban funding. Commissioner McKee noted that it would be a stronger application if  
57 the requests were combined. Annie Smith asked if any matching funds will be required for this  
58 study. She stated that with the community loving their trucks, it will be hard to get support.  
59 Also, local businesses need help revitalizing downtown and suggested there be a second part to  
60 the advisory group to integrate the type of community the residents want. Commissioner  
61 Raymond asked the local agencies to work together so there is no conflict with applications.  
62 Councilmember Ted Munford stated he would like to see the Committee bring ideas and  
63 suggestions to the elected officials. The elected officials thanked Mr. Mathis for his presentation.  
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65 **FLOODING CONCERNS – COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Mike McKee  
66 reminded the elected officials of the flood control plan that was discussed approximately a month  
67 ago. There has not been a lot of update since that time. Another meeting has been scheduled to  
68 contemplate the flooding issues for the entire community. Commissioner Raymond invited the  
69 Mayor and Council to that meeting at 8:30 am the next day. Troy Ostler stated that Glade Allred  
70 and Allen Parker will also be attending from the City. Commissioner McKee stated that initially  
71 the flood control plan had a cost of \$189 million dollars. Some work has been completed on the  
72 bridges and experts have re-evaluated the costs. The hope is to go to the Community Impact  
73 Board for funding. Mayor Norton noted that if the canals are piped, that will cause an issue with  
74 the storm water and she was glad to see that being addressed.  
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76 **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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78 Air Service:

79 Councilmember Dave Everett asked if there were any updates on air service. Commissioner  
80 Mark Raymond replied that the proposal from Boutique Air was accepted by the FAA, and they  
81 are working on becoming certified. Once that process is completed, Boutique Air will begin  
82 providing service within 60 days.  
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84 **ADJOURN:**

85 There being no further business, Councilmember Ted Munford moved to adjourn.  
86 Commissioner Mike McKee seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote  
87 and the meeting was declared adjourned.