

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, 197 East Tabernacle St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

Commissioner Zachary Renstrom participated via conference call.

INVOCATION BY: Tim Martin, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Bill Toole, United States Marine Corps Veteran

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 February 17, 2016, through March 1, 2016
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016 and February 2, 2016
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Terrie B McIntosh, A/N 0451016; Brent Phillips, A/N 0454093; Thu B Derouin, A/N 0481559

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PURCHASE REQUESTS: TREVOR COOMBS

Regional Park, Breezair cooler	(\$70,259.60)
Regional Park, fixtures & bulbs	(\$15,631.92)

Sheriff's Office, 10 tasers with extra batteries	(\$12,177.96)
Sheriff's Office, 8 Motorola hand held radios	(\$24,982.80)
Convention & Tourism, Utah.com marketing	(\$13,000.00)
Convention & Tourism, Inside Out Media marketing	(\$45,000.00)
Convention & Tourism, Trip Advisor marketing	(\$35,000.00)
Convention & Tourism, 2015 Chevy Impala	(\$20,871.00)

Washington County Internal Auditor Trevor Coombs stated that the two (2) purchase requests from the Regional Park are not budgeted items but are a necessary upgrade to the building and arenas at the Regional Park and will be allocated to the Contingency Fund (Fund 26). Chairman Gardner stated that although those items were not budgeted it is important to upgrade the facilities in order to make it more comfortable during the fair and other activities that occur throughout the summer months. Washington County Administrator Dean Cox mentioned that the purchase requests are for materials only and one additional purchase request will come before the Commission for the installation.

Mr. Coombs also expressed that the 2015 Chevy Impala purchase request from the Convention & Tourism is a replacement for the car that the Convention and Tourism Office provided to the newly created Sports and Outdoor Recreation Department.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2005, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND REGARDING GRANT MONEY FOR BUILDING A NEW CORAL CANYON / WEST FIRE STATION

Mr. Cox explained that a new fire station is being built in the Coral Canyon area for the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District (SSD) and will cost approximately one point five million dollars (1.5 million dollars). This Resolution will approve an agreement with the Community Impact Fund (CIB) for grant funds, in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to go towards the construction of the new fire station. The vision is that this fire station, through an interlocal agreement, will provide services to: the gateway into Hurricane, Harrisburg, most of Leeds, and also the Coral Canyon area of Washington City.

In addition, a ladder truck will be required to accomplish fire services and will cost approximately one million dollars (1 million dollars). A low interest loan will be

obtained by way of the County, through the CIB for the ladder truck as well as the balance of the fire station.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2016-2005, a Resolution Approving a Contract between Washington County and the Permanent Community Impact Fund Regarding Grant Money for Building a New Coral Canyon / West Fire Station. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson, and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2006, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Cox recommended due to timing purposes and in order for IHC officials to be present for this Resolution, the resolution be tabled at this time.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Table Resolution No. 2016-2006, a Resolution Expressing Appreciation for Intermountain Healthcare on its 40th Anniversary in 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-2016-2007, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RCS APPRAISAL, INC. TO APPRAISE THE VALUE OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND ROBERT BRENNAN

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke stated that this is in relation to a land exchange that the County has been facilitating between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Robert Brennan for a portion of Mr. Brennan's private inholdings within the Red Cliffs Deseret Reserve in exchange for public lands in Long Valley. The Federal exchange policy requires an appraisal of all exchanged land. RCS Appraisal has come highly recommended by the Department of Interior Office of Valuation Services. This Resolution approves the agreement for RCS Appraisal, Inc. to appraise the value of properties proposed in the exchange.

The donation agreement between the County and Mr. Brennan is currently being negotiated, however, it was determined that although the agreement has not been finalized, the appraisal process should continue to move forward.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. 2016-2007, a Resolution Approving an Agreement with RCS Appraisal, Inc. to Appraise the Value of Properties Proposed to be Exchanged between Bureau of Land Management and Robert Brennan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Mr. Clarke and Mr. Cox discussed a future Commission meeting agenda item in regards to the County partnering with Dixie Applied Technology College (DXATC) for a bond that will cover the shortfall from the amount that was legislated, towards the construction of a new campus at the Ridgetop Complex on South Airport Road in St. George. It is unclear yet as to the amount of the bond, however, DXATC will make lease payments to cover the bond payments, so as not to burden the tax payers.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead explained that the fire crews are working on a project at the Santa Clara River to clear debris along the river from the bottom of the Shivwits Reservation to just above Gunlock. The fire crews will be clearing the channels for future flooding by cutting up dead fallen trees above four (4) inches in diameter.

Mr. Whitehead continued by mentioning that fire crews have already responded to a few wildland fires this year.

Mr. Whitehead then updated the Commissioners on a previously approved ordinance in reference to the vacating of a portion of Dry Creek Road, stating that it has now been executed and recorded.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Washington County Community Development Director Scott Messel mentioned that during the Land Use Staff meeting a request was made to rezone one hundred and sixty (160) acres, located near Castle Cliffs on Old Highway 91, from industrial to commercial. There was also a request to rezone land to commercial on Kolob Terrace Road, in order to incorporate campgrounds and a shop. Both requests have been properly noticed for a public hearing that will take place at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

HCP BUSINESS

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Biologist Cameron Rognan explained that the renewal of the incidental take permit of the Desert Tortoise expires March 16, 2016, although, the County can continue to operate under the existing permit until the renewal request has been processed.

Mr. Rognan made mention that an application was submitted through the state for the Endangered Species Mitigation Fund (ESMF), and will support the efforts for a Section Six (6) grant if approved. The Nature Conservancy has also committed to support the efforts for the Section Six (6) grant and that application will be due in approximately two (2) weeks. If both applications are approved, it will meet the match qualifications in order to apply for Section Six (6) funding.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN