

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION JULY 11, 2016 IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 147 EAST MAIN, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 AM.

PARTICIPANTS: COMMISSIONERS WILLIAM STRINGER; AND MARK RAYMOND, CHAIR. MICHAEL MCKEE, EXCUSED.

ATTENDANCE: LIBERTY BEST, CAMI COOK, DYLYNN GOODRICH, PEYTON GOODRICH, ERICA PERRY, JC BREWER, STEVEN SROKA, RACHEL WALLEDA, MICHELLE JOLLEY, RACHAEL STEELE, JAKE STEELE, KARRI DAVIS, SHAYCEE DAVIS, ED ZURBUCHEN, ABIGAE HARTLE, BARBERA PINER, JOEL BROWN, BRENDA MCDONALD, KEVIN REMINGTON, JOSHUA BAKE, BARBARA SIMPER, WENDI LONG, CHERYL STOCKS, LYNDA FLYNN, JERA HASLEM, LORI HASLEM, CHERYL MEIER, WADE HORROCKS, STEVE EVANS, SUEANN DICKSON, SANDRA HOWELL, ADAM MASSEY, ROBERT BARNHILL, MATT CAZIER, JON STEARMER, AND LOREN ANDERSON.

MINUTES RECORDED BY TAI BRUCKNER

PRAYER OFFERED BY ED ZURBUCHEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY ROBERT BARNHILL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MEETING JUNE 20, 2016 AND SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 24, 2016

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS DATED JUNE 23, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,835.75 AND JUNE 30, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,623.16 AND JULY 7, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,058.83 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MISS UTAH COUNTY: ABIGAE HARTLE AND MISS OUTSTANDING TEEN: JERA HASLEM

ABIGAE HARTLE SPOKE ABOUT HER PLANS. SHE IS EXCITED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE UTAH COUNTY. HER PLATFORM IS "ADOPTION, A CHANCE FOR LIFE". AS THERE ARE NO ADOPTION AGENCIES IN UTAH COUNTY, SHE HAS PARTNERED WITH LOCAL FOSTER CARE. SHE HAS ALSO STARTED THE "CINDERELLA CLOSET" FOR TEENAGE GIRLS IN FOSTER CARE TO DONATE DRESSES AND HELP THEM ATTEND SCHOOL DANCES.

JERA HASLEM NOTED SHE IS ALSO SUPER EXCITED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS RAISING AWARENESS FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER. HER SISTER WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A FORM OF LEUKEMIA. SHE WANTS THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW THERE ARE MANY AFFECTED AND THEY CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER. SHE IS ALSO PLANNING A 5K.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND THANKED ALL THE GIRLS WHO WERE IN THE PAGEANT. THEY ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE. THEY ARE WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE ARE A BLESSED COMMUNITY TO HAVE SUCH QUALITY YOUNG PEOPLE. OUR FUTURE IS IN GOOD HANDS. THEY ARE GREAT AMBASSADORS FOR UTAH COUNTY.

TAX MATTERS: BARBARA SIMPER

BARBARA REQUESTED A REFUND OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242.79 FOR TAX YEAR 2016 ON SERIAL NUMBER 06:023:0150. THEY PREVIOUSLY PAID ROLLBACK TAXES ON A PARCEL BEFORE IT WAS SPLIT.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REFUND AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TAX MATTERS: MICHAEL WILKINS

MICHAEL REQUESTED AN ADJUSTMENT ON 2009-2014 TAXES FOR SERIAL NUMBER 50:011:3463 FOR A REFUND TO THREE RIVERS GATHERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,038.25 AS PER STATE APPEALS 14-1267, 14-45, 14-46, 14-47, 14-48, AND 14-49.

MICHAEL ALSO REQUESTED A VALUATION ADJUSTMENT OF SERIAL NUMBER 50:011:3463 BY AN INCREASE OF \$130,503 FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR RESULTING IN ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE OF \$1,312.73 FROM GREEN RIVER WATER DISPOSAL AS PER STATE APPEAL 14-1267.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX MATTERS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

BUSINESS LICENSES: NONE

CEMETERY CERTIFICATES: MICHAEL WILKINS

AARON WALLACE AND KAREN WALLACE PURCHASED BLOCK 9 LOT 9 SPACES 9-11, BLOCK 9 LOT 10 SPACES 11 AND 12 IN THE TRIDELL CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$1,250.00.

WILLIAM SCHAEFERMEYER AND SHARON SCHAEFERMEYER PURCHASED BLOCK 332 LOT D SPACES 8 AND 9 IN THE ROCK POINT CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$600.

JOHN THUNHORST IV AND LEANNA THUNHORST PURCHASED LOT 196 SPACES 2 AND 3 IN THE MAESER FAIRVIEW CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$600.

JOHN HARLEN PURCHASED BLOCK H57 ½ LOT 2 SPACE 2 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$300.

JOHN PIANTES, PAULA HENLINE, AND ANGIE SIDDOWAY PURCHASED LOT 260 SPACES 3 AND 4 IN THE VERNAL MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$600.

SHELA SWAIN AND LLOYD SWAIN PURCHASED BLOCK 334 LOT C SPACES 25 AND 26 IN THE ROCKPOINT CEMETERY IN EXCHANGE FOR BLOCK 2 LOT 40 SPACES 4 AND 5 IN THE DRY FORK CEMETERY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED ANY CHANGE IN CEMETERY LOTS MUST BE APPROVED THROUGH A COMMISSION MEETING.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY CERTIFICATES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION #07-11-2016 R: BUDGET INCREASE

MICHAEL WILKINS NOTED WE HAVE SEEN SEVERAL GRANTS THAT NEED TO BE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET. THE CHANGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

FUND 10 GENERAL FUND

EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$10,500
AIRPORT M&O	\$30,000
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$21,000
CERT GRANT	(\$7,000)
EMPG GRANT	(\$3,500)
TRANSFER FROM ROCKPOINT CEMETERY	(\$21,000)
FUND BALANCE	(\$30,000)

FUND 11 MUNICIPAL SERVICE FUND

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	\$63,600
BALLARD CITY CONTRACT	\$63,600

<i>FUND 20 LIBRARY</i>	
LIBRARY	\$37,500
AVALON BROADBAND CENTER	\$5,000
LSTA GRANT	(\$12,800)
LIBRARY FUND BALANCE	(\$29,700)
<i>FUND 60 TORT LIABILITY</i>	
TORT LIABILITY	\$10,000
TORT LIABILITY	(\$10,000)
<i>FUND 78 GUSHER CEMETERY</i>	
GUSHER CEMETERY	\$30,600
GENERAL FUND TRANSFER	(\$21,000)
GUSHER CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	(\$9,600)
<i>FUND 84 ROCKPOINT CEMETERY</i>	
ROCKPOINT CEMETERY	\$21,000
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COMMISSIONER STRINGER NOTED THIS MONEY IS COMING INTO THE COUNTY AS GRANTS OR BEING TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE COUNTY BUDGET SO IT IS NOT INCREASING THE COUNTY EXPENDITURES. CHERYL STOCKS ASKED FOR A TOTAL. MICHAEL WILKINS DID NOT HAVE ONE AS IT IS BROKEN DOWN INTO FUNDS BUT ESTIMATED IT AT \$150,000.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #07-11-2016 R AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

AIRPORT RUNWAY RELOCATION EASEMENTS: 2 FOR PAHACEK IRRIGATION GROUP AND 1 FOR ASHLEY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

LOREN ANDERSON PRESENTED THE EASEMENTS FOR APPROVAL. WHEN THE EXPANSION AND RELOCATION OF THE AIRPORT RUNWAY WERE PLANNED, IT WAS DETERMINED THEY WOULD PROVIDE EASEMENTS FOR DITCHES AND PIPES THAT WERE PLACED UNDERGROUND OR WERE ALREADY THERE. TWO ARE 20 FEET WIDE AND THE EASEMENT TO ASHLEY VALLEY WATER AND SEWER IS 30 FEET WIDE. IT IS A STANDARD AGREEMENT ALLOWING THEM ACCESS. THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE NOTICE AND NOT IMPEDE TRAFFIC. THEY MUST FOLLOW ALL FAA GUIDELINES. ADAM MASSEY ASKED IF THE FAA HAS SIGNED OFF. LOREN WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING THEY NEEDED TO SIGN BUT ASSURED ADAM THEY KNOW ABOUT THE EASEMENTS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EASEMENTS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE TO LEASE PROPERTY AT WESTERN PARK

LOREN ANDERSON PRESENTED THE AGREEMENT. T-MOBILE HAS APPROACHED DERK HATCH, WESTERN PARK DIRECTOR, TO LEASE A SMALL PIECE OF PROPERTY IN THE AREA WHERE THE CELL TOWER IS LOCATED. THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE ASSESSOR AND DETERMINED A MONTHLY LEASE PRICE OF \$700. THE CELL TOWER IS ALREADY ENCLOSED SO ANYTHING THEY DO WILL HAVE TO BE INSIDE THAT AREA. THEY CANNOT IMPEDE WHAT IS ALREADY THERE. THEY HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH STRATA, OWNER OF THE TOWER.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED SOME CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED AND WE SHOULD ENSURE EVERYTHING IS LEGAL AND APPROPRIATE AND THAT THE AMOUNT IS AGREEABLE. T-MOBILE HAD APPROACHED THEM OFFERING A SMALLER AMOUNT. FAIR MARKET VALUE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

STEVE EVANS ASKED IF THIS IS THE SAME PRICE AS THE AGREEMENT WITH STRATA. LOREN DID NOT HAVE AN EXACT AMOUNT FOR HIM BUT THIS LEASE PRICE IS LESS THAN THAT WITH STRATA. COMMISSIONER STRINGER NOTED THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN OFFICIAL PROCESS. THE LEASE PRICE IS DETERMINED WHEN THE COUNTY IS APPROACHED AND THEY APPLY THE SAME STANDARDS EVERYWHERE. WHEN STRATA'S LEASE IS UP FOR RENEWAL IT WILL BE NEGOTIATED. THE MBA SHOULD ALSO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCE #06-20-2016 01: URBAN LIVESTOCK

MATT CAZIER NOTED THIS ORDINANCE ALLOWS LIMITED ANIMALS ON PARCELS SIZED 12,000 SQUARE FEET UP TO ONE HALF AN ACRE IN RA-1, A-1, A-3 AND A-4 ZONING. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO ANIMAL PROVISIONS ALLOWED ON THESE PARCELS. THE ANIMALS MUST BE KEPT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE PROPERTY SO AS TO NOT BE A NUISANCE. A-3 AND A-4 WILL ALLOW MORE HEN CHICKENS THAN A-1 AND RA-1. A PROPERTY OWNER WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO ASK FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN SIMILAR ANIMALS OR NUMBERS.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED THIS OPENS THINGS UP AND ALLOWS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VARIETY OF ANIMALS. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED IF THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH VERNAL CITY AND IT IS. THEY USED IT AS A MODEL. A LOT OF THE AREAS ARE IN PROXIMITY TO VERNAL CITY.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #06-20-2016 01 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RATIFICATION OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNTY JAIL AGREEMENT

JON STEARMER NOTED THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT AS THE STATE IS STARTING A NEW FISCAL YEAR. JON STEARMER WAS CONCERNED WITH PARAGRAPH 19 DEALING WITH THE DOCUMENT BEING PUBLIC OR PROTECTED AS PER GRAMA (GOVERNMENT RECORDS ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT ACT). THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT CHANGE THE PARAGRAPH. THE CONTRACT IS PUBLIC BUT THE ATTACHMENTS MAY BE PROTECTED UNDER GRAMA. IT NEEDED TO BE SIGNED BY JUNE 30TH SO IT WAS SIGNED AND NOW NEEDS TO BE RATIFIED. THIS IS A STANDARD STATE CONTRACT. IT DOESN'T OBLIGATE THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE ANY FUNDS. THE STATE PAYS FOR THE HOUSING OF STATE INMATES IN OUR JAIL. THE STATE IS OBLIGATED TO PAY UP TO \$4,306,865.60 BASED ON THE NUMBER OF INMATES HOUSED. JON RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSIONERS RATIFY THE AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRACT IS PUBLIC WHILE THE ADDENDUMS ARE PROTECTED.

IN RESPONSE TO COMMISSIONER STRINGER'S QUESTION, JON READ PARAGRAPH 19. IT STATES IT IS A PUBLIC AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, JAIL STANDARDS ARE PROTECTED RECORDS. THERE IS SOME OF A CONFLICT THAT IT SAYS ONE THING BUT IS INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY DUE TO GRAMA. COMMISSIONER STRINGER AGREED IT IS MISLEADING AND THE COUNTY IS NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THE CONFLICT. ALL SECURITY PROTOCOLS TO ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS ARE PROTECTED.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER CLARIFIED THIS IS DONE AS A RATIFICATION AS IT WAS DONE SLIGHTLY OUT OF PROCESS AND THAT IS BEING CORRECTED. HE IS NOT A FAN OF DOING THIS BUT UNDERSTANDS THE TIME FRAME AND WE WOULD HAVE MORE THAN LIKELY COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. JON STEARMER ALSO NOTED IF THE COMMISSION WERE TO DECIDE NOT TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT THEY COULD CONTACT THE STATE AND INFORM THEM.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION FOR THE AGREEMENT RECOGNIZING SOME PORTIONS ARE PROTECTED UNDER GRAMA. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

MICHAEL WILKINS ASKED FOR THE DAILY RATE. THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT IN THE CONTRACT AS IT ONLY SHOWS THE TOTAL. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND THOUGHT IT WAS AROUND \$48.65 EACH INMATE EACH DAY. ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR HOUSING STATE INMATES IN OUR JAIL. THE COUNTY IS REIMBURSED BY THE STATE. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INMATES HASN'T BEEN CHANGED BUT THE DAILY RATE HAS BEEN INCREASED. THEY TRACK THE NUMBER OF STATE INMATES HERE EACH DAY. THIS NUMBER VARIES AS THEY COME AND GO FOR

DIFFERENT REASONS. THE ANNUAL AVERAGE IS 248 STATE INMATES. WE STILL NEED CERTIFICATES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROGRAMMING FOR STATE INMATES AND THAT IS IN PROGRESS.

CONSIDERATION OF QUIT CLAIM DEEDS ON PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR ASHLEY VALLEY NATURE PARK

LOREN ANDERSON INDICATED THERE ARE TWO QUIT CLAIM DEEDS. ALONG THE ROADWAY INTO THE NATURE PARK THE FENCE LINE DOES NOT COORDINATE WITH THE ACTUAL BOUNDARY. THERE ARE TWO PARCELS ALONG THIS BOUNDARY. THEY ARE OWNED BY THE SAME OWNER. THESE QUIT CLAIM DEEDS WILL DEED TO LEON CALDWELL .10 AND .09 OF AN ACRE TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY LINES. IT IS NOT A NICE SQUARE USABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY; IT IS A VERY THIN STRIP. IT IS THREE TO FOUR FEET WIDE IN SOME PLACES AND SIX IN OTHERS. AFTER A SURVEY, IT WAS DETERMINED THE LINE WAS OFF AND THERE IS LESS PROPERTY THAN WE THOUGHT. THIS WILL ADJUST THE LINES AND THE FENCE WILL BE RECORDED AND THE DEFINITIVE MARKERS FOR THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE QUIT CLAIM DEEDS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

PREDATOR CONTROL CONTRACT:

MICHAEL WILKINS NOTED THE STATE IS PROVIDING ANOTHER \$7000 AS ARE LANDOWNERS TO FLY A HELICOPTER OR FIXED WING IN PREDATOR MANAGEMENT. THE COUNTY IS A PASS THROUGH AGENCY. COMMISSIONER STRINGER NOTED THIS IS SOMETHING THE STATE DOES WITH ALL LANDOWNERS, INCLUDING FEDERAL. THERE IS A PLAN DEVELOPED TO HELP ADDRESS PREDATOR PROBLEMS, INCLUDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR PREDATOR CONTROL AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF RETIREMENT RATES

MICHAEL WILKINS NOTED THE LEGISLATURE MEETS EACH YEAR AND THE UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEM PROVIDES THE FIGURES NEEDED TO KEEP RETIREMENT GOING. THERE ARE NO CHANGES RECOMMENDED THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT RATES AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE

PUBLIC INPUT:

CHERYL STOCKS NOTED SHE MET THREE ASSESSORS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE WHILE THEY WERE HERE FOR THE CONVENTION. THEY WERE THRILLED TO BE IN VERNAL. CHERYL ASKED IF BARBARA SIMPER, ASSESSOR, HAD RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM OTHERS IN REGARDS TO THEIR TIME HERE. BARBARA NOTED SHE RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS FROM OTHER ASSESSORS THAT DID ENJOY THEMSELVES AND WANTED MORE INFORMATION TO PLAN FAMILY VACATIONS. CHERYL THEN ASKED HOW THE CONFERENCE CENTER WAS DOING. COMMISSIONER STRINGER RESPONDED WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PLAN ANYTHING IN JUNE BECAUSE IT WAS ALREADY FULL. THE FIRST YEAR IS USUALLY PRETTY GOOD AS IT IS TAKING CARE OF THE DEMAND. THE REAL TEST WILL BE HOW BUSY IT IS IN THE YEARS TO COME. WE MUST PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES WE HAVE HERE. THERE WILL BE AN ATV JAMBOREE IN A FEW WEEKS. CHERYL ALSO NOTED THE RODEO WAS GREAT. WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER HERE.

ED ZURBUCHEN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AFTER THE DALLAS SHOOTING. HE ASKED IF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND VERNAL CITY POLICE ARE COORDINATING. THERE SHOULD BE A DIALOG SO THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DRUG AWARENESS. IT IS A HUGE PROBLEM FOR A COMMUNITY OF OUR SIZE. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED WE MUST ALL BE MORE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE DALLAS AREA. LAW ENFORCEMENT

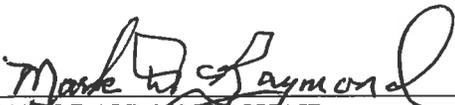
CANNOT TAKE THEIR SAFETY FOR GRANTED WHEN THEY GO TO WORK TO KEEP US SAFE. THEY MUST HAVE A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF AWARENESS. WE CANNOT BE COMPLACENT AND WE MUST LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO OPEN UP COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL AGENCIES. AS CITIZENS WE SHOULD TRY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. WE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT ALL IS WELL. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE. WE CAN IMPROVE OUR COORDINATION WITH THE TRIBE. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ADDED NO AMOUNT OF TRAINING CAN PREVENT SUCH THINGS FROM HAPPENING. HE HAS NOTICED IN PLACED WHERE SUCH TRAGEDIES HAPPEN, THE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT INVESTED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO FIND HELPING-HANDS THAN VERNAL. EVEN IN OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO CONTRIBUTE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT CARES AND LOOKS OUT FOR EACH OTHER. THAT DOESN'T MEAN COMMUNICATION CAN'T BE BETTER. THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

JERA HASLEM ASKED WHAT WE ARE DOING AS A COMMUNITY TO BRING US CLOSER TOGETHER. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED WE ARE ENGAGED WITH ACTIVITIES WEEKLY. THERE IS ALWAYS AN ACTIVITY GOING ON. SOME OF THE BIG ONES ARE TREES FOR CHARITY, RELAY FOR LIFE, AND THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT. INDIVIDUAL GROUPS ARE DOING THINGS TO HELP PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS VERY BUSY TOO. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ADDED THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE. LAST MONTH WE HAD THE PADDLEFEST AND THE FAIR AND RECENTLY THE RODEO. PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY. WHEN NO ONE ATTENDS, THEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND NOTED YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WATCH FOR WHO IS MISSING AS WELL. WHO ISN'T ABLE TO OR WILLING TO ATTEND AND REACH OUT TO THEM. THE CJC, CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER, IS AN UNSUNG HERO. THEY DO CONFIDENTIAL AND DIFFICULT WORK TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. THEY SUPPORT THOSE WITH HEART ACHE AND TRAGEDY AND ABUSE. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL. LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ALSO MORE ENGAGED IN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THIS HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE OF A PROBLEM. IT IS BETTER TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS THAN JUST TO LOCK THEM AWAY. COMMISSIONER STRINGER INCLUDED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT REACH OUT TO SPECIFIC GROUPS, SUCH AS THE SPECIAL NEEDS PAGEANT AT THE FAIR AND KING AND QUEEN OF THE RODEO.

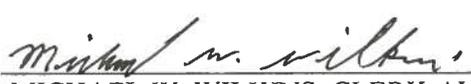
STEVE EVANS, REPRESENTING ASHLEY COMMUNICATION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING REGARDING THE T-MOBILE LEASE. HE HAS TWO LEASES FOR RADIO STATIONS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BLM, THE TOWER IS OWNED BY SYSCOM. THE LEASES FOR BOTH THE BLM AND SYSCOM ARE HALF OF THE LEASE BEING CHARGED TO T-MOBILE. HE IS CONCERNED THIS IS A PRECEDENCE THAT COULD INFLATE THE PRICE FOR ALL USERS, INCLUDING TWO WAY COMMUNICATION. OTHERS INCLUDE CELL SITES, THE COLLEGE, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. HE IS OBJECTING TO THE PRICE AS IT IS JUST TOO HIGH.

LORI HASLEM ASKED ABOUT REPAVING 500 SOUTH AND 700 EAST. ABOUT A YEAR AGO SHE WAS TOLD IT WAS IN THE WORKS BUT SHE WANTED TO CHECK ON IT. THERE ARE SEVERAL BUSINESSES THERE AND IT IS A TERRIBLE ROAD, ESPECIALLY FOR SNOW REMOVAL IN THE WINTER. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND THANKED HER FOR THE GENTLE REMINDER AND THEY WILL LOOK INTO IT.

ADJOURN: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 PM.



MARK RAYMOND, CHAIR



MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

