

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 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 July 19, 2016, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, 197 East Tabernacle St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Brian Graf, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

INVOCATION BY: Pastor Greg Wright, Westside Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Dan Greathouse, United States Army 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 June 22, 2016, through July 19, 2016
- Consideration of Washington County Commission Public Hearing Minutes of June 15, 2016
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Reta “Kaye” Corbett, S/N SG-VVH-3-305; Thomas Goduto, A/N 722440; Preston Merrell, A/N 614209
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes: Sebastian Opal Zane Glasgow, A/N 107048
- Consideration of Ratification of Bus Use Indemnity Agreement between Washington County and Washington County School District for the Tour of Utah on August 1, 2016
- Consideration of Approval of Predator Control for FY 2016-2017 between the State of Utah, Department of Agriculture and Washington County
- Consideration for Ratification of the Saddle Fire Evacuation Order that was Lifted, Monday, July 11, 2016
- Acknowledgment of Renewal of Lease of the Utah Highway Patrol Office Located at the Hurricane Sheriff's Office Building for a Ten Year Term with the State of Utah, Lease #071237
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-1067-O and Ordinance No. 2016-1068-O

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda, with the Exception of the Application for Property Tax Abatement Serial Number SG-VVH-3-305, Which Shall be Considered on the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT SERIAL NUMBER SG-VVH-3-305

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Deny the Application for Property Tax Abatement Serial Number SG-VVH-3-305 Until Further Information is Received from the Clerk Auditor's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

PRESENTATION: RURAL UTAH ALLIANCE: JEFF BRAMBLE

Jeff Bramble, representing Rural Utah Alliance, explained that several County Commissioners from Southern Utah expressed concerns regarding public land use and ownership. Rural Utah Alliance has been established with the objective to help defend and protect rural counties' interests in lands by offering legal advice on public land use while working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and federal government. Rural Utah Alliance is a non-profit 501c3 and has secured state funds at the most recent legislative session. Mr. Bramble extended an invitation for Washington County to join the Rural Utah Alliance and explained the membership fees. Mr. Bramble continued by stating that each county participating has the opportunity to designate a member to sit on the board of directors.

Chairman Gardner thanked Mr. Bramble for the presentation and stated that the proposal will be taken under consideration.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: SHERIFF CORY PULSIPHER

Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher reported on Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts from May 18, 2016 through July 18, 2016, stating that there were thirteen (13) call outs for a total of 508.5 man hours.

Commissioner Renstrom thanked the Sheriff's Office for the efforts put towards the Saddle Fire in Pine Valley and explained that the Forest Service was appreciative as well.

(See attached SAR report for additional details)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS AND RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH

Road Department, Oil for chip seal in New Harmony	(\$24,209.80)
Convention & Tourism, Springdale branding project	(\$22,000.00)
Convention & Tourism, Germany marketing co-op	(\$30,000.00)
Convention & Tourism, Score Golf Television advertising	(\$13,750.00)
Convention & Tourism, Score Golf Television internet campaign	(\$20,000.00)

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1069-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES

Washington County Community Development Director Scott Messel stated that a public hearing was held at the last Planning Commission meeting in regards to amending the Washington County Subdivision Ordinances and the Planning Commission is recommending approval. Among the many modifications, includes the following: new terms to be defined, revisions of existing definitions of certain terms for clarity purposes, permitting single family dwellings in all zones, campgrounds and rural recreation grounds modified to a conditional use within certain zones and square footage requirements for single family dwellings to be removed.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-1069-O, an Ordinance Amending the Washington County Subdivision Ordinances. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2053, A RESOLUTION MODIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ST. GEORGE CITY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND/OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT RECOVERY MEASURES TO WATERSHEDS

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead explained that this agreement was considered and approved in the June 21, 2016 meeting. However, the figures in the

agreement were not accurate and should have been less than what was originally approved. This has since been corrected with the involvement of the City of St. George and the modified agreement is now before the Commission for approval.

Mr. Whitehead reiterated that under the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Washington County is serving as a local sponsor for the City of St. George to relieve hazards that have been created by storm events that require watershed improvements.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2053, a Resolution Modifying an Agreement between Washington County and St. George City to Provide Financial and/or Technical Assistance to Implement Recovery Measures to Watersheds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2054, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IVINS CITY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND/OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT RECOVERY MEASURES TO WATERSHEDS

Mr. Whitehead stated that this agreement with Ivins City works similarly to the previously mentioned agreement, wherein; under NRCS, Washington County will serve as the local sponsor for Ivins City to relieve hazards that have been created by storm events that require watershed improvements.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2054, a Resolution Approving an Agreement between Washington County and Ivins City to Provide Financial and/or Technical Assistance to Implement Recovery Measures to Watersheds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2055, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE LEASE AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PLAZA OFFICE BUILDING

Washington County Administrator Dean Cox explained that Washington County leases the Washington County Courthouse Plaza to the Utah Division of Child and Family Services. This is a small amendment for needed leasehold improvements that are being paid for by the State of Utah.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2055, a Resolution Ratifying the Lease Amendment No. 2 for

Improvements to the Washington County Courthouse Plaza Office Building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2056, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND HIGH DESERT ACCESS, LLC REGARDING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO HIGH DESERT ACCESS, LLC

Washington County Clerk-Auditor Kim Hafen stated that there is a forty (40) acre parcel in Kolob that is subdivided into twenty (20) parcels, equaling two (2) acres each. In 1998, Washington County was given 1/20th interest within the forty (40) acre parcel.

Mr. Hafen went on to explain that Washington County determined that it was in the best interest of the public to sell the property in a public sale. Following proper advertisement, a public auction was held on July 6, 2016, wherein, Eric Draper, representing High Desert Access, LLC was the highest bidder and the 1/20th interest was sold for \$12,200.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2056, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement between Washington County and High Desert Access, LLC regarding the Sale of Real Property to High Desert Access, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2057, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATEMENT OF WORK FOR CDW CLOUD COLLABORATION VIDEO REGISTRATION SUBSCRIPTION FROM DCW GOVERNMENT LLC

Mr. Cox explained that CDW Government LLC specializes in providing endpoint-to-endpoint video calling functionality services and is a sole source provider, thus, a public bid was not necessary. This service will be utilized as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) efforts.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2057, a Resolution Approving a Statement of Work for CDW Cloud Collaboration Video Registration Subscription from DCW Government LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2058, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MRW DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC. TO COMPLETE ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR A NEW EXTENSION OFFICE BUILDING AND EXHIBIT HALL LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Mr. Cox stated that two and a half (2 ½) years ago, in January, the Extension Office Building was lost to a fire. In the interim, the City of St. George provided space at the old airport to the Extension Office until such time that the County could construct a new building. Washington County has worked with the Fairgrounds Committee as well as MRW Design Associates to establish the needs and design for a new Extension Office Building as well as an Exhibit Hall located at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2058, a Resolution Approving an Agreement with MRW Design Associates, Inc. to Complete Engineering and Architectural Design Services for a new Extension Office Building and Exhibit Hall Located at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2059, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PROJECT AREA)

St. George City Manager Gary Esplin briefly explained that the purpose of the Central Business District Community Development Project is to revitalize downtown St. George and the purpose of the Millcreek Industrial Park Project is to generate new businesses and jobs (see succeeding resolution). These projects involve Washington County, along with other taxing entities, entering into an interlocal agreement with the Neighborhood Redevelopment Agency of the City of St. George in regards to the distribution of certain property taxes. Washington County has agreed to freeze the amount of property taxes collected in these areas at the current 2016 rate for a period of fifteen (15) years. The taxes above the 2016 year base value will then be given to the Neighborhood Redevelopment Agency who will then use the taxes to fund the Project Area.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2059, a Resolution Approving the Interlocal Agreement between the Neighborhood Redevelopment Agency of the City of St. George and Washington County for the Distribution of Certain Property Taxes

(Central Business District Project Area) and Resolution No. 2016-2060, a Resolution Approving the Interlocal Agreement between the Neighborhood Redevelopment Agency of the City of St. George and Washington County for the Distribution of Certain Property Taxes (Millcreek Project Area). Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

Mayor Pike thanked the Commissioners for their support and explained that the incremental steps being taken all make a difference.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2060, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES (MILLCREEK PROJECT AREA)

See previous resolution and motion.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2061, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH AND USDA FOREST TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PINE VALLEY IMPLEMENTATION AREA DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT

Mr. Whitehead explained that this road agreement between Washington County and the Forest Service will provide funding for the replacement of a bridge in Pinto that has sustained structural damage.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. 2016-2061, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement between Washington County, Utah and USDA Forest to Provide Funding for the Pine Valley Implementation Area Decommissioning Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chairman Gardner explained that Washington County Administrator Dean Cox, Washington County Deputy Attorney Celeste Maloy, along with himself went to Bluff, Utah on Saturday, July 16, 2016 in an effort to support San Juan County in opposing the proposed Bears Ears National Monument.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Mr. Whitehead stated that the road crew is currently completing the chip seal project in New Harmony and advised the public to use caution when driving due to the loose chips.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

HCP BUSINESS

Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Administrator Lynn Chamberlain explained that this morning, the HCP released a rehabilitated Golden Eagle that was taken in approximately one (1) month ago due to its emaciated state; with difficulty holding its head up and struggling to survive.

Mr. Chamberlain further explained that the approval process for the Long Valley Land Exchange is currently with the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Washington D.C. and this stage is anticipated to take several months. A decision on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the archeological clearance process will be determined closer to the time that the U.S. DOI BLM finishes and approves the exchange.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

NICHOLLE M. FELSHAW
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN