NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO THE RESIDENTS OF UINTAH COUNTY AND VERNAL CITY: Notice is hereby given that the Vernal City Council and the Uintah County Commission will hold a special joint meeting on ***Monday, August 22, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.*** in the ***Vernal City Conference Room, 2nd Floor*** - 374 East Main St, Vernal, Utah.

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3:30 p.m. **STANDING BUSINESS**

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016

SCHEDULED PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. HOUSING PROGRAM UPDATE - SUE ANN DIXON
2. ATV JAMBOREE UPDATE- COMMISSIONER STRINGER
3. BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT VERNAL CITY, NAPLES CITY AND UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2016 at 3:30 pm in the Uintah County Conference room, 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah.

PRESENT:

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

VERNAL CITY: Councilmembers Samantha Scott, Dave Everett, Bert Clark, Ted Munford and Mayor Sonja Norton. Councilmember Travis Allan was excused.

GUESTS: Josh Bake, Dean Baker, Joshua Murdock, Keith _____,
STAFF: Ken Bassett, Roxanne Behunin.

WELCOME: Commissioner Raymond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING: Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve and acknowledge this meeting. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. Commissioners McKee, Stringer and Raymond and Councilmembers, Munford, Scott and Clark and Everett voted in favor for a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016: Commissioner Bill Stringer moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2016. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. Commissioners McKee, Stringer and Raymond and Councilmembers, Munford, Scott and Clark and Everett voted in favor. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ATV JAMBOREE: Commissioner Bill Stringer explained that organizational meetings have been held and a website set up to host the ATV Jamboree next month. A trail meeting will be held this week to finalize the rides. Commissioner Mark Raymond noted that a pre-ride has been scheduled with the leaders, and maps will be prepared for each location. This event can handle up to 100 participants. Commissioner Stringer stated that most of the trails are north of Highway 40 with agreements with the Forest Service and State Parks to help. The BLM is observing this year and may participate in the future. Councilmember Clark asked if they have designated host hotels with escorts to the trails. Commissioner Stringer stated they are working on that, and it will be important to notify law enforcement and have volunteers to help if someone becomes ill. He noted that the word is getting out that this area is an undiscovered gem for ATV enthusiasts. Also, the newspaper is able to shift through viewers and get demographic information to target the right people. With this being the first year in a quite a while that a lot of energy has been devoted to tourism, this information will be invaluable. Councilmember Dave Everett mentioned that VTV also had a nice segment on this jamboree although he did not know how far reaching that broadcast goes. Commissioner Stringer stated that once outdoor enthusiasts come here, it is easier to get them to return, especially once they discover it is not crowded. Next year this group will work with Rio Blanco County in Colorado and have trails that go south. Mr. Keith ? asked if they will set up camps. Commissioner Stringer answered no, that most of the participants will be staying in hotels. One thing that will help is if they can unload their ATV's

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in the parking lot of the hotel and be escorted to the trailhead as convenience is a draw. Josh Murdock stated the committee has had conversations with the police chiefs to coordinate efforts from the hotels. Commissioner Raymond stated one trail will be to leave from the Comfort Inn to the base of U-Hill and up toward Little Mountain. The hope is that BLM will consider developing McCoy Flat, including camp grounds, for future events such as this. Commissioner Bill Stringer stated he will give a post trip report.

RADIATION VACATION / WELLNESS WAGON VAN UPDATE: Naples Mayor Dean Baker explained that with the failure of Proposition 1 during the last election, BTA funds cannot be used to help this program in Uintah County. Donations in the amount of $2093 have been received, but the program costs around $6500 a month. Commissioner Stringer stated another challenge is finding funds for a new van. Mayor Dean Baker stated that Duchesne County has two vans that are used for senior services which are being replaced, and possibly one of those vans could be acquired. Those vans have a capacity for 18 passengers. Also, there is the possibility of charging a fee to ride the van. Councilmember Bert Clark reported that he attended a meeting with the veterans, and they can get a voucher to ride on public transit. Mayor Norton stated there may be concerns with having certified drivers and being a provider to accept those vouchers. She asked who would administer this program. After discussion, the consensus was to speak with Tri-County, the Transportation District and UBAG to see who could administer the program. Mayor Baker stated there is an additional cost to provide curb to curb pick-up. There was some discussion regarding having a central location for pick-up rather than curb to curb. Commissioner Raymond stated this will have to be discussed further after it is known who the partners are and who is willing to help with this program. The projected cost for this program is $78,000 a year.

BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:
Commissioner Mark Raymond explained that after significant discussion among the Commissioners, they have decided to withdraw from the transit system. The program is costing $240,000 a year to the County. If Uintah County does withdraw, the UTA has two smaller buses that could be repurposed for the wellness wagon. He noted that with limited funds, the County has to consider which programs will serve the community the best and get to the most people. The Vernal loop bus system has limited ridership, with mostly the same people, while the wellness wagon will benefit a higher number of people. Commissioner Bill Stringer stated they wanted to make sure Naples City was aware of this issue before a final decision is made. Mayor Dean Baker stated that they were interested in having a County route to serve the entire community. He asked how they can help to make a Naples City stop materialize. He stated Naples City can install signs and benches. Commissioner Raymond stated that the wellness wagon will serve more people than transit at a quarter of the cost. Mayor Baker asked what will happen to the UDOT contributions used for the BTA if the County pulls out of that program. Commissioner Raymond stated those funds are no longer available. Mayor Baker stated he understood UDOT is still contributing. Also, the ridership is up and continues to increase. Commissioner Raymond noted that they will have to discuss this program with Duchesne County as well. There was some discussion of the possibility of taxi vouchers or other ways to provide transportation. Councilmember Ted Munford stated if one program is not working, or the cost out ways the benefit, then another program that is less expensive and provides more benefit could be funded instead. Commissioner Stringer stated they would keep the City

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informed on where they are headed with this program. Councilmember Bert Clark stated possibly the van could be used to shuttle residents to events such as the rodeo to help eliminate some traffic congestion or use it for tourists to travel along Main Street.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Commissioner Stringer moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Kenneth L. Bassett, City Recorder

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