

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 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 August 2, 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 Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Nicholle M. Felshaw.

INVOCATION BY: Reverend Michael Chamness, Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist 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 July 20, 2016, through August 2, 2016
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2016
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Maria Sotelo, A/N B005503; Elizabeth Ross, A/N B9088; Tammy Farrimond, A/N 370182; Finauga Amosa, A/N 492986; Riikka Jacobsen, A/N 604408
- Consideration of FY 2016 Five County Association of Governments Contract Amendment with Washington County Council on Aging for Aging & Nutrition Services
- Consideration of Agreement to Initiate an Exchange - Amendment 1 - Red Cliffs/Long Valley Land Exchange
- Consideration of Ratification of Contract #160502 between the State of Utah, Administrative Office of the Courts and Washington County Sheriff's Office for Bailiff and Perimeter Security
- Consideration of FY 2016 Utah Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-1069-O on Saturday, July 23, 2016

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:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adjust the Regular Agenda to Allow Item Number 13, Presentation: National Park Visitor Use / Jeff Bradybaugh, to be Moved to the Second Item on the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH

Council on Aging, mini bus	(\$52,350.00)
Sports & Outdoor Rec, lights for horseshoe courts	(\$20,000.00)
Sports & Outdoor Rec, high school state mtn bike championship sponsorship	(\$12,000.00)
Road Department, oil for Dammeron Valley roads	(\$82,390.13)
Road Department, oil for New Harmony/Mtn Springs roads	(\$51,988.35)
Library, 10 Defibtech machines	(\$14,739.00)

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

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

PRESENTATION: NATIONAL PARK VISITOR USE: JEFF BRADYBAUGH

Zion National Park Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh and National Park Service Chief of Commercial Services Jack Burns gave a National Park Visitor Use Management presentation. The presentation focused on the mission of the National Park Service, how the visitation has increased by forty-two percent (42%) over the past ten (10) years, and steps that are being taken to be proactive with the concerns and issues that arise due to the increase in visitation. A Visitor Use Management Plan will be developed over the next few years that will propose alternative management strategies. A collaboration clinic, resulting in a summary report, as well as public listening sessions were held to aid the Visitor Use Management Plan process.

To be part of the visitor use planning process please visit: zion_visitor_use@nps.gov or for additional information and planning process updates visit: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/zion>.

(See attached presentation for additional details)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2062, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE LOCAL 'STATE OF EMERGENCY' DECLARATION

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke stated that at the June 21, 2016 Commission Meeting, Chairman Gardner was absent due to the Saddle Fire in Pine Valley. Although the Local 'State of Emergency' was not on the agenda, due to the emergency situation with the Saddle Fire, Commissioners Iverson and Renstrom voted and passed the Declaration.

The Local "State of Emergency" Declaration is formally before the Commission for ratification.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2016-2062, a Resolution Ratifying the Local 'State of Emergency' Declaration. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2063, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County Administrator Dean Cox explained that the Five County Association of Governments receives grant money each year for the purpose of providing services to the senior citizens in Washington County. This agreement allows the County to receive the grant money to provide nutrition services for senior citizens.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2016-2063, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement between Five County Association of Governments and Washington County to Provide Services to senior Citizens in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2064, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC DEFENDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN LARRY MEYERS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN THE UTAH FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Cox stated that this is the second (2nd) of two (2) additional Washington County General Public Defender contracts that the County is adding to its indigent defense team. Applicants were interviewed by Mr. Cox, Lead Public Defender Doug Terry and Commissioner Renstrom. From those interviews, the recommendation was to extend an offer to Larry Meyers for Public Defender services for the remainder of 2016.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2016-2064, a Resolution Approving a Public Defender Agreement between Larry Meyers and Washington County to Provide Public Defense Services for Indigent Defendants in the Utah Fifth Judicial District Court 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-2016-2065, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ASH CREEK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO INSTALL AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR THE CONFLUENCE PARK

Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Administrator Lynn Chamberlain explained that this resolution along with the following two (2) resolutions coincide with one another and allows an interim operation for watering and maintaining the Confluence Park, uniquely located within the boundaries of Hurricane and LaVerkin, until a Waste Water Treatment Plant is installed by the Ash Creek Waste Water Special Service District.

Resolution No. R-2016-2065 is an interlocal cooperation agreement with Washington County and Ash Creek Special Service District to install an irrigation system for the Confluence Park to fulfill part of Washington County's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) by preserving farming history.

Resolution No. R-2016-2066 is an interlocal cooperation agreement between Washington County and the City of LaVerkin to provide water to the Confluence Park until such time that a Waste Water Treatment Plant is built by the Ash Creek Waste Water Special Service District.

Resolution No. R-2016-2067 is a six (6) month interlocal cooperation agreement between Washington County and the City of LaVerkin under which the county will provide LaVerkin funding for a part-time employee to assist in the Maintenance of the Confluence Park.

Ash Creek Special Service District (SSD) Superintendent Mike Chandler stated that Ash Creek SSD will be working with the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, Washington County, and LaVerkin City to install an irrigation line into the Confluence Park area from the River Woods subdivision. Ash Creek SSD will be working to also extend sewer service to the Confluence Park, where a future Confluence Park Waste Water Treatment Plant will be built. In the interim, Washington County will enter into an agreement with LaVerkin City to provide water to the Confluence Park until such time that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is built, at which point Confluence Park will then utilize reuse water from the non-discharging facility. In addition, LaVerkin City has agreed to maintain the irrigation pipe until Ash Creek SSD has full operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant as well as assist in the maintenance of the Confluence Park.

The Confluence Park Waste Water Treatment Plant will be built within a few years.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2016-2065, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Washington County and Ash Creek Special Service District to Install an Irrigation System for the Confluence Park; Resolution No. R-2016-2066, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Washington County and the City of LaVerkin, Utah to Provide Water to the Confluence Park; and Resolution No. R-2016-2067, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Washington County and the City of LaVerkin, Utah to Provide an Employee to Assist in the Maintenance of the Confluence Park – with the Acceptance of Minor Changes From the County Attorney’s Office that Will Not Have Significant Impact on the Interlocal Agreements. Motion seconded by Commissioner Renstrom and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2066, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAVERKIN, UTAH TO PROVIDE WATER TO THE CONFLUENCE PARK

See preceding resolution

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2067, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LAVERKIN, UTAH TO PROVIDE AN EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CONFLUENCE PARK

See preceding resolution.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-2068, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT REGARDING A NEW HEAVY DUTY LADDER FIRE TRUCK

Mr. Cox explained that the Community Impact Board (CIB) granted a low interest loan to the Washington County Municipal Building Authority (MBA) for a Ladder Truck for the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District (SSD). The bonds have since been sold. The county is subleasing the fire truck that will be purchased using the funds to the fire district

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Renstrom to Adopt Resolution No. R-2016-2068, a Resolution Approving a Sublease Agreement with the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District Regarding a New Heavy Duty Ladder Fire Truck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Iverson and Renstrom voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chairman Gardner and Commissioner Iverson attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference. It was a good opportunity to discuss pressing challenges and issues amongst county leaders.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No items were presented today as Public Works Director Ron Whitehead was out of town on County business.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Washington County Community Development Director Scott Messel explained that Conditional Use Permits were reviewed at the recent Land Use Staff meeting that included a permit request for a medical waste sterilization facility in an existing building located in Veyo as well as a zone change request to rezone the same parcel from RA-1 (Residential

Agricultural 1 acre minimum lot size) zone to M-1 (Manufacturing) zone. All proposed changes will be reviewed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Messel further explained that there is an Agricultural Protection Area Renewal request that has been reviewed by the Agricultural Advisory Board. It will shortly be reviewed at a Planning Commission meeting and will then be presented at the September 6, 2016 Commission meeting.

HCP BUSINESS

Mr. Chamberlain stated that an archeological Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently being advertised for the Long Valley Land Exchange with the U.S. Department of the interior (DOI) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Washington D.C.

Research projects are taking place on the Reserve at the old turkey farm property that the Division of Wildlife purchased. Agricultural research services from Logan, Utah as well as the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) expressed interest and are currently doing research to explore different optimal plant growth for revegetation in fire areas within the Reserve. In addition, the HCP has a high school intern assisting the research project by helping with weed control and watering.

PRESENTATION: NATIONAL PARK VISITOR USE: JEFF BRADYBAUGH

See item number two (2) on the Regular Agenda.

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