

**SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**August 2, 2011, 1:00 PM**

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Room 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett, Commissioners Spencer Cox and Steve Frischknecht, County Attorney Brody Keisel, and County Clerk Sandy Neill.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor Ilene Roth is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve payment of claims #326482 through #326559. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**APPROVAL TO PAY ECOLIFE FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT**

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the payment of \$8,741.24 to EcoLife for mosquito control. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. This has been a bad year for mosquitos due to all the water.

**APPROVAL TO PAY CDW GOVERNMENT FOR LAPTOP WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM FED RAC WEED GRANT**

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the payment of \$1,654.38 to CDW Government for a laptop with the funds to come from the Federal RAC weed grant. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**SHANNON CROMWELL: APPROVAL OF CELL PHONE STIPEND**

Matt Palmer is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve a cell phone stipend for Shannon Cromwell in the amount of \$38.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**SHERIFF BRIAN NIELSON: APPROVAL TO ADD TYLER DONALDSON AS A PART-TIME DEPUTY; REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFFING**

Sheriff Brian Nielson is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve moving Tyler Donaldson from a full-time deputy to a part-time deputy effective immediately at the rate of \$12.87 per hour. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Sheriff Nielson informs the Commission that overall he has reduced his staff by 1 full time employee. He still needs 1 more controller, and 1 more enforcement officer. They also need an additional sergeant in the jail and 1 in the enforcement side. The Commissioners want to be sure that if these 2 positions are filled, we will be able to pay for them next year on the same budget that we had this year. This matter is tabled while the Sheriff meets with the Auditor's office. After reviewing the budget, it appears that funds will be available. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve hiring 1 additional control room employee and 1 additional enforcement officer, and authorize 2 promotions to sergeant. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**KEN BENCH: APPRAISER TRAINEE LICENSE WAGE INCREASE FOR KEITH LARSEN; LICENSED APPRAISER STATUS WAGE INCREASE FOR JOEL CHIDESTER AND LISA BLACK**

Ken Bench is present. The Commission ask how these increases will affect next year's budget. Mr. Bench states that there is money in his budget for this change. Their budget should be okay for next year, too. They'll cut non-essential items to make this fit the budget. Mr. Bench hopes that the Multi County Appraisal Trust (MCAT) fees would not increase, or that they could even decrease. We have many properties on Greenbelt, and Mr. Bench is trying to get the state to adjust the MCAT fee system to take into account the Greenbelt properties. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve increases to salaries as follows based on training and certifications received: Keith Larsen to \$15.21 per hour, Joel Chidester and Lisa Black to \$17.29 per hour effective August 8, 2011. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**ADOPTION OF GENERAL PLAN**

Kevin Christensen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to adopt the new general plan. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**ADOPTION OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**

This matter is stricken from the agenda. Amendments to the ordinance will be placed on a future agenda for approval.

**CONSIDER AND ADOPT CONTRACT FOR PEHP LONG-TERM DISABILITY PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS**

This matter is tabled, and will be heard on the next agenda.

**LARRY FRANCIS: REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT ON PROPERTY THAT WAS SPLIT DUE TO BACK TAXES YEARS AGO**

No one is present for this matter. This is stricken from the agenda.

**JASON GIBBENS: APPROVAL OF MASS GATHERING PERMIT FOR A GATHERING IN MORONI IN AUGUST**

No one is present for this matter. Mr Gibbens stopped by the clerk's office and asked that this be stricken from the agenda today. He is looking for another location for this gathering. He may make an appointment to come to a future Commission meeting.

**APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) CONTRACTS**

The contracts were awarded during the last Commission meeting, so they do not need to be approved today. The contracts are signed in open Commission meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF JOE C. NIELSEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to appoint Joe C. Nielsen to serve on the Planning Commission effective today, to replace Bart Nelson and to serve 3 years or until replaced. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF LETTER TO BLM REQUESTING NO WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS FOR SANPETE COUNTY**

The County currently has no wilderness areas, and the Commissioners oppose having any wilderness areas designated. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve sending a letter to the BLM requesting NO wilderness designations for Sanpete County. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes from July 19, 2011 with no corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Garrick Willden from Jones and Demille, and Bryan Kimball, Ephraim City Engineer/Planner are present. There is a possibility of receiving up to a half million (\$500,000.00) dollars in grant money from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) under the Emergency Watershed Program (EWP). The funding is 75% grant, and requires a 25% match. The match can be taken care with in-kind work or supplying the rock for rip rap. We need to list our needs along with estimated costs. NRCS projects must be approved before they are started. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can help by reimbursing for projects that were done in preparing for and during the emergency. Mr. Willden is asking the County to sponsor the request for funding in behalf of Sanpete County and the cities. Ephraim City has repairs that need to be done to one of their inlet structures to the hydroplant, which also goes to irrigation. They have 2 other gate structures, for a total of about \$100,000.00 with \$20,000.00 in technical assistance. Funds for technical assistance are fully funded, and don't count toward the \$500,000.00 grant money. Ephraim City also has non-emergency high priority projects to add to the list. Gunnison was hit the hardest with the flooding this year from the Sanpitch after the Gunnison Reservoir filled. The short list is a repair on sewer and culinary lines that are exposed, sediment deposited under the state road bridge, and the crossing at 200 East needs to be repaired because it is currently impassible, and is the access route for the east side of Gunnison for the schools. Total is \$220,000 plus \$61,000 in technical assistance. Long term projects would be to bolster the dike around the subdivision that was flooded. The sewer lagoons had some erosion of the bank. Manti City projects include the culinary water line at the mouth of the canyon that has had some erosion. There is a home on 500 South up the Canyon Road where grouted rip rap needs to be added for protection. There is a debris basin above town and the water that ran over the spillway caused erosion. They want to add rip rap and grout it to protect it. Seven more sites through town need to be worked on . Total is \$124,000 and \$45,000 in technical assistance. The total is \$445,000 for the first priorities of these 3 cities out of the half million dollars. Commissioner Frischknecht will send a letter from the County requesting these funds.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to go into executive session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to go out of executive session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. No action was necessary due to this executive session.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 2:31 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*  
Sandy Neill  
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*  
Claudia Jarrett  
Commission Chair