

**SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 6, 2011, 1:00 P.M.**

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.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AUDIT FROM 2010**

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the financial audit from 2010. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. The audit is available in the auditor's office for review.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor Ilene Roth is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the payment of claims #326673 through #326784. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**SHERIFF NIELSON: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SANPETE COUNTY JAIL COMPLEX; APPROVAL TO HIRE CASEY K. MICKELSEN AS A PART-TIME PATROL OFFICER; APPROVAL TO PROMOTE CHAD MOORE FROM CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TO CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT**

Sheriff Nielson, Captain Robert Braithwaite, Mike Kozart and Bill Nolan are present. Currently Airmark has the contract with Sanpete County for food service for the jail. We are the last county in the state to have a contract with Airmark. There are 8 years left on this contract. This new business (Canteen) has 2 proposals to pick up the remaining contract. The regional office is in Phoenix. The current and proposed contracts will be reviewed.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve hiring Casey Mickelsen as a part-time patrol officer at the rate of \$12.87 effective immediately. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve promoting Chad Moore from a Correctional Officer to a Correctional sergeant with a 90 cent per hour increase in salary effective today. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**KIM PICKETT: REQUEST TO LOWER ASSESSED VALUES OF POLLUTED PROPERTY IN GUNNISON**

Kim Pickett, Carissa Kuhni Wood, David Brent Wood, Jeremy Taylor, Marlo Taylor, Randy Larson, Tami Hansen, Adrie Ashton, and Jill White of Gunnison are present. Joel Chidester and Keith Larsen from the Assessors Office are also present. Kim Pickett is requesting to lower the assessed values of property that was polluted by the gas leak in Gunnison. He purchased some property at 25% lower than the assessed value. He appealed the taxes on his home because it is near the plume. The state granted his appeal because there is a stigma associated with the gas leak. He asks if the taxable value can be lowered until the property gets a clean bill of health. Carissa Wood states that the Department of Environmental Quality have denied the current plan for clean up. The process will need to be started over. The gas was covered up, not cleaned. David Wood states that his lawn went yellow while the system to clean up the gas had problems. After the transformer blew, his lawn recovered. The property owners state that the gas has not been cleaned

up. They state that mortgage companies won't loan on these properties, and realtors won't list the properties. The property values were lowered at the request of the attorneys who asked that it be lowered until a settlement was reached. After the settlement was reached, the assessed values went up again. Kim Pickett was the only property owner in this area that appealed to the board of adjustment. Joel Chidester states that they use sales to compute property value, and they treat everyone as equal as they can. Mr. Pickett asks if they will be required to sue the County so they don't have to keep coming back each year to reduce their taxes. Randy Larson asks if the board of equalization (BOE) can be opened for the rest of the people here. The BOE is open until Sept 15. The Commissioners are not assessors. They will review the options for handling this.

**INDIANOLA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO PAY ELIASON DIESEL FOR WORK TO COMPLETE WATER TENDER**

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the payment of \$29,761.00 to Eliason Diesel for work and parts to complete the water tender. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes. The funds are to come from the reserve account.

**APPROVAL TO PAY ECO LIFE FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL IN SANPETE COUNTY**

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the payment of \$10,520.52 to EcoLife for mosquito control in Sanpete County. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**KEVIN CHRISTENSEN: APPROVAL TO PAY UTAH.COM AND GO-UTAH.COM FOR ANNUAL ADVERTISEMENT COSTS**

Kevin Christensen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the payments of \$2,112.00 to Utah.com, and \$1,795.00 to go-utah.com for annual advertisement costs. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**MATT PALMER: OVERVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CO-OP AGREEMENT BETWEEN USU EXTENSION AND SANPETE COUNTY**

Matt Palmer is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the Co-op agreement between USU and Sanpete County for 2011. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

**JOHN LAMMONT: APPROVAL OF A 1 LOT MINOR SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON S 27634 ON THE PIGEON HOLLOW ROAD 3 MILES SOUTH OF SPRING CITY**

Warren Davidson is present in behalf of John Lammont. Scott Olsen is also present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the 1 lot minor subdivision on S 27634 located on the Pigeon Hollow Road 3 miles south of Spring City. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**ROGER COOK: REQUEST TO PURCHASE S 18815X FROM SANPETE COUNTY**

Roger Cook is present. He said that this small parcel of land went to the county after the previous owner stopped paying the taxes on it. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox that we put up for purchase S18815x to the highest bidder. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. The County will place a notice in the paper, and bids will be taken. Bids will be opened the first meeting in October.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AGREEMENT WITH NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS); APPROVAL OF FREE USE PERMIT WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) FOR RIP RAP**  
Bill Mikkelson, Steve Buchanan, Garrick Willden, Greg Peterson, and Norm Evenstad are present. A contract will be signed with NRCS, and then the County will sign contracts with each of the involved cities. If the costs go beyond the original contract, the municipalities will be responsible for those costs. Once everything is signed, the work should be completed within 60 days if possible. The engineering costs can be included in the construction costs, and Jones and DeMille will work with the cities. The County needs to keep track of administrative costs, and may be reimbursed for their time. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to adopt the agreement with NRCS. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve a free use permit with BLM for rip rap if the rock is hard enough. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**FRANK CROWTHER IN BEHALF OF CAROLYN SHINN: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR TAXES ON 2 PARCELS OF LAND: S 179, AND S 22585**

Frank Crowther is present. He is asking for help in behalf of his sister Carolyn Shinn (fka Crowther) because she is behind in her taxes. She has mental health issues, and stopped paying her taxes. Penalties and interest have accrued for 4 years. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to remove penalty and interest for the past 4 years on S 179 and S 22585, subject to a payment plan. The proposed payment plan is to pay \$164.00 per month for 24 months, and to pay the taxes for 2011 when they become due. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. The amount of back taxes is a total of \$3,937.66 for both properties. Mr. Crowther will check with the family to see if they can make the payments as arranged.

**APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT FOR TWIN OAKS LOCAL DISTRICT TO INSTALL A 4" CONDUIT FOR POWER NEAR 10,000 NORTH PINE CREEK ROAD**

David Asay is present. Motion is made by Cox to approve the right of way agreement for Twin Oaks Local District to install a 4 inch conduit for power near 10,000 north Pine Creek Road. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF COURTHOUSE HOURS**

No action is taken. The Commission make no changes to the Courthouse hours.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes from August 16, 2011 with no corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was needed.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 3:06 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*  
Sandy Neill  
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*  
Claudia Jarrett  
Commission Chair