

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board held on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018** in the Commissioner Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse. Commissioners Jack Lytle, Randy Asay and Clyde Slaugh were present. Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen, Sheriff Erik Bailey and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond were also present. Attorney Niel Lund was excused, as he was at training for the military. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Commissioner Lytle.

Also present: Chuck Bennington, Matt Tippets, Ned Brady and Becky Bindl of the Weed Department, Bryan Smith representing the Conservation District, Allan Wood and Kym Slagowski of the IT Department.

Old Business: Commissioner Lytle said that he had sent out the email from Mayor Rogers that they might be able to meet this Friday and Commissioner Slaugh said that he didn't think he could meet on Friday as he had a schedule conflict. Mr. Slaugh said he would let them know when he could meet.

Auditor/Recorder said that she had some items of old business. She needs questions answered regarding the phone and internet at the Maintenance Shop, and Commissioner Lytle said to go ahead and disconnect them. Mrs. Pallesen also asked about the jail and where things are at on that and there was additional discussion. Mrs. Pallesen asked about the utilities. Commissioner Lytle said they need to make the Fire Chief official instead of acting Chief and the phone at the Fire Department can be disconnected.

Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond said he had spoken with James Dixon of GOED yesterday and he is still waiting for the County to justify and prepare a resolution to help out County businesses that are applying for the Rural Fast Track program.

Citizen Comments: No citizen comments

Approve Minutes: No minutes were available for review.

The Open Invoice Register was presented for review and approval: The open invoice register of \$2,490.42 was available from the Auditor Recorder's Office. Commissioner Asay made the motion to approve the invoice register of April 17, 2018 in the amount of \$2,490.42 and Commissioner Slaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence: Commissioner Asay said that there was a meeting with Mitt Romney last week that lasted about 45 minutes. Mr. Romney was very interested in how things were going for the county and was disappointed with how things went with the jail. He had the idea of turning it into a weight loss center. He had several other counties to meet with that day and Commissioner Asay said it seemed like it was a good meeting.

Commission Calendar Review: Commissioner Lytle said the Flaming Gorge Working Group meeting is Thursday the 19th at 11 am in Vernal. This afternoon the Forest Service is planning to come over and do a table top exercise.

Weekly Budget Review: There were no additional documents available, and this is an Agenda item for further discussion today.

Policy and Legislation Items from the Posted Agenda:

Discussion And Consideration Of Business License Applications: There was discussion that Slime Dog and Modular Space Corp. have not turned in their paperwork yet, and the others are ready to be approved. Commissioner Slaugh read through the names of all the business licenses for 1a-11 and 1n. for approval and motioned to approve licenses a. through e. Commissioner Asay seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion and Consideration Of Chamber/TRT Expenditures and Invoice 18-01: Commissioner Lytle turned the time over to Chamber President Mark Wilson and he displayed the 2018 Marketing Action Plan, which has budgeted to spend \$143,900.00 this year and it is over the budgeted revenues cause the Chamber is trying to build the momentum. Mr. Wilson went through the various line items and explained them and why they are important. He mentioned in the Co-Op Program that the small counties can't keep up with the larger areas and should have a different ratio. Video is a big thing that we are trying to develop and use to promote the area. The videos tend to go viral and promote our area to lots of people. The Brochure is a big promotion for 2018 that Mark Wilson and Ryan Kelly have worked on for the past two months and it is getting ready to go to the printer. The events category brought up questions from Commissioner Slaugh and Mr. Wilson said that Daggett Daze comes out of the General Event Funding amount and is not a specific line item. The last set of items was the TRCC or Restaurant Fund that has \$16,500.00 towards tourism promotion, including \$10,000 towards the Marketing Director. Social media is a good market for us there has been over 200,000 views and many shares getting the articles, photos and video to remind people that we are a destination for peoples' vacation expenditures. Mr. Wilson also mentioned that there is a Chamber meeting this Thursday at the Flaming Gorge Resort.

Discussion And Consideration Of Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TTAB) & Chamber Comments Regarding Budget Request From Sheriff's Department for Use of TRT Funds: Mr. Wilson said that the budget was started last July and there has since been a request for funds and he would like to suggest how that might be done. In the past we didn't always spend everything that came in, and so there is approximately \$145,000 in the budget, and some of that was hoped to be spent on supporting infrastructure development. His proposal was to allow \$25,000 per year for the next four years and keep the rest for tourism development and start building greater funds.

Erik Bailey addressed the Commission regarding his needs and feels that the amount could be workable. The Sheriff said both law enforcement calls and ambulance calls are up this year already over all of last year, and he needs help at least on the weekends when we start getting busier. The Sheriff said that he feels that the \$25,000 is workable for him. Last summer was slow, but we can't expect that to continue especially with the trend we are already seeing. The Sheriff asked if this could be tracked separately and Keri Pallesen said that that it will be a line item that comes directly out of TRT instead of transferring from fund to fund. An EMT class started last Friday with 5 students from Manila and another 5 students from Dutch John.

Discussion and Consideration Of New Weed Department Manager – Becky Bindl: Commissioner Lytle turned the time over to Ned Brady and he notified everyone that he is tendering his two week notice of retirement and there has been a lot of momentum to get the Weed Department going. Mr. Brady said that Becky has been here for almost a year, and she is his recommendation for taking his place as the Weed Department Manager. Commissioner Slaugh said that he had received a letter of support from the Conservation District and also a letter from Mrs. Pallesen regarding the wages. Commissioner Asay felt that he had a problem with the wages requested as there are others who are not getting that amount of money. This could be a problem, as we may not be being fair to our other employees even though this wage is coming from grant funds.

Bryan Smith of the Conservation District addressed the Commission and said we had a Weed Department that was not really working for many years and now it is bringing in lots of grant money. He feels that the wage is low based on her responsibilities, and she is the only one who has all the qualifications and we don't want to lose this great program. Mr. Smith said the Conservation District supervisors hired Becky Bindl and said they should be able to set the wage. Keri Pallesen asked the question as to who pays the wages and said the County is the one that actually pays these things, not the Conservation District, but they could take it over. Mr. Smith said that they are not really in a position to do that. There was further discussion as to what this means and clarification and eventually Commissioner Slaugh made a motion to table this for further discussion and clarification. Matt Tippetts asked for clarifications if the money was able to be used for anything else and Mr. Brady replied it could not, so Mr. Tippetts asked said why would we want to penalize someone who has gone out and gotten funding to do their job. Mr. Smith apologized for not understanding how all this worked and said we'll leave it in the Commissions hands. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion to table this discussion further. Jerry Steglich said that when he was on the Conservation District not much was being done, and as a Commissioner they struggled with this issue. The Conservation District stepped up and Mr. Steglich said Ned has done a great job and grown the department. Maybe it could be a Special Service District that could then call all the shots and it could be separate from the County.

Budget Hearing To Receive Input Regarding Opening Of The 2018 Daggett County

Budget: Commissioner Lytle opened this up at 10:55 am and Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen brought up the items that she had for the opened budget. One was to create the weed fund and another was to separate the SRS funding from the B Road Money. SRS and PILT were approved for this year, so we need to take a look at that as well. Also fund 28 needs to be finalized for the utilities and the Capital Improvement Budget needs amending for the purchase of the side by side that the Weed department will use. The grant will make the payment to the County for the use of that vehicle. Mrs. Pallesen said they needed three bids. The lease for the County vehicle is already in the budget for two vehicles but it has been suggested that maybe we only go with one this year and maybe do another one in two years for a four year lease. HR functions are another thing that needs to be considered and the TRT funds used for the Sheriff's department come right out of the TRT Fund and the employees would be clocking into that department and paid directly from the TRT Fund. Travis Dupaix and Commissioner Asay talked more about it and the previously approved budget adjustment and progress towards hiring a new employee. Interviews will be held next week with Mrs. Pallesen's assistance. Additional discussion took place regarding needs for additional employees in the Auditor/Recorder's office and how that might affect the Clerk/Treasurer's office and more thought will need to go into that. The pay scale was also addressed and it should be countywide and there was a lot of work and money put into that and it's based on logic, so it should be followed or the Commissioners should make the effort to justify the changes that need to be made to meet the needs of the county. No other comments were made from the public. Commissioner Asay moved to go out of the budget hearing at 11:36 pm and leave the budget open and table Resolution 18-07 until next week. Commissioner Slaugh seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion And Consideration Of Resolution 18-07; A resolution Opening And Amending The 2018 Daggett County Budget: Commissioner Lytle asked about this and Keri Pallesen said that it had not been prepared, but would be considered next week.

Discussion And Consideration Of Dutch John Issues And Agreements: Commissioner Lytle said that maybe this Friday, the 20th, was when they could meet, so we need to set a time

Friday day or evening and get the time to the Clerk to post it in a timely manner. It was also noted that a second claim was received since last week adding the RDA to the claim. Mr. Raymond said the Attorney had looked it over and said that was the big difference to add the RDA.

Sheriff's Office update: Travis Dupaix said the EMT class has started and has five students from each side of the lake and people can still sign up through this weekend to complete with the rest of the class. One Deputy interview is scheduled for Monday and trying to get the others set up also. Lexipol is almost finished, so should be up and available soon. There are still opportunities for new Ambulance Drivers and it is an eight hour training course. Swiftwater Rescue Training will be held on Memorial Day weekend again this year. Emergency Management is required to participate in or hold a full size exercise and this year it will be held in Duchesne County. It will include Summit and Wasatch Counties and possibly Carbon County for June 18-20.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Slaugh at 11:51 am.

s/ Brian Raymond
Clerk/Treasurer_Brian Raymond

/s/ Jack Lytle
Commissioner Jack Lytle

/s/ Clyde Slaugh
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