

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Daggett County Commission held on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** at the Dutch John Conference Hall. Commissioners Jack Lytle, and Randy Asay were present. Commissioner Clyde Slauch was excused. Attorney Niel Lund, Auditor /Recorder Keri Pallesen, Assesor Lesa Asay, Sheriff Erik Bailey, and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond were also present. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Commissioner Lytle.

Also present: Harriett Dickerson, Sandy Kunkel, David McDonald and Ryan Kelly of the Dutch John Town Council plus Tim Meyer, Sheena Mapps, Cody Patten, Kevin Moser, Terry Collier, Shelly Roberts, Pam & Butch Johns, Amy Williams, Matt Lucas, Steve Habovstak, Sheryl Street, Paul Pazell, Jeff Strange, Doug Burton, Lorraine McDonald, Amy McDonald, Daniel Bolton, Charles Card, Melissa Roloson, Terri Winn, Chris Curtis, Amy Williams, Pat Hedrick, Jared Marquis, Thompson Davis, David Orr, and Warren Blanchard.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said and everyone was welcomed. Commissioner Lytle gave the ground rules for the meeting and went over the Agenda and timeline.**

**Discussion And Consideration Of Utility Rates For Dutch John Hearing on October 2nd:** Commissioner Lytle went through the process and explained it is based on previous expenses. The question was asked if this was in line with previous years, and Commissioner Lytle said he would have to check on the last couple of years. It was suggested that the Commission look back on the previous 5 years.

**Public Comment:** David McDonald went first and reviewed some usage figures and calculations that he had calculated and felt that if the billing was done correctly, it would generate the needed revenue and would not be difficult to calculate. Capital improvements were figured differently in early presentations. The money stopped coming from the Federal Government to subsidize Dutch John in January Of 2013. Terry Smith did some of the rates, but did not show all of this information as this is based on usage.

Butch Johns said he couldn't support this proposal because the numbers don't show the need. The Commission hasn't made the case for the need. The data is there but the presentation doesn't sell it. The County serves the whole County and not just Dutch John. The Town should take it over and then they can vote on it. Commissioner Lytle said the town needs to get this running on their own.

Terry Collier said that he feels everyone should pay their fair share. He has concerns on the water line that has been in the ground since 1958 and one of these days it's going to fall apart or break.

Commissioner Lytle said people need to be cognizant of what they put down the pipes. He has cleaned the screens and anyone interested is welcome to participate.

Amy Williams commented and said that the residents of this town should not subsidize the commercial users.

David Orr gave comments said that the proposed units on top of the higher rate is really a big hit for the commercial users. The residential users are not subsidizing the commercial users. There are 82 residential users in Dutch John. The users on sewer are rated different because of the size of their pipe. He also spoke about the water rates being different. These are based on Tiers.

Ryan Kelly said that what has been explained shows that the execution is the problem as the ordinance is not being followed according to law. If you follow it and then you are still short then you can relook at changing the rates.

Commissioner Lytle said that this proposal is not done and no decisions have been made and the comments have given us something to work on regarding the future rates. These comments will lead to more meetings and consideration of this and enforcement will be examined. We are not sure what this will look like in the end, but there will be a conclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

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/s/ Jack Lytle

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/s/ Brian Raymond

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Excused  
Clyde Slaugh

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/s/ Randy Asay