

Minutes of the Daggett County Commission Workshop held on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** in the Commissioner Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse. Commissioners Jack Lytle and Randy Asay were present. Attorney Niel Lund, Auditor /Recorder Keri Pallesen (by phone), and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond were also present. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 am by Commissioner Lytle.

Also present: Thompson Davis, David Orr, David McDonald of Dutch John Town Council, plus Chuck Bennington came in at 8:40 am

Discussion And Consideration Of Utility Rates For Dutch John Hearing on October 2nd: Commissioner Slaugh asked to be excused from today's meeting. The first discussion took place on water rates. Some research was done and it appears the final version Commissioner Lytle sent out included the expenses that were more accurate. Commissioner Lytle shared some of his concerns regarding uses of the services, and David Orr said he thinks if you have the costs based on usage it's more equitable. David McDonald shared some history of past rate changes and the process gone through to determine the rates. Keri Pallesen explained the program prepared by Terry Smith and the variables that can be changed to everyone present and how they were sent to them by PDF. She also explained how the figures were put together. Thompson Davis shared his thoughts about usage and discussion ensued about the use of rooms for figuring the bill and how this negatively affects his business. Mr. Davis feels that since water can be metered the bill should be based on usage. There was a lot of discussion between Mr. Davis and Mr. McDonald. Mr. McDonald explained that the fixed costs need to be covered with the base fees and not through usage alone and that is why the system is set up the way it is currently.

A separate, but similar, program was prepared by Terry Smith to look at the Sewer rate structures. The sewer expenses and program variables were discussed. Discussion continued between the Commissioners and those present. Mr. McDonald said the units need to be charged per the rooms as written in the ordinance and it would be a big help. There was some discussion that the proposed rates for residential sewer rates may need to be adjusted down from what was originally presented at the beginning of the discussion and commercial rates for sewer need to go higher.

Commissioner Asay made the motion at 9:05 am to recess the workshop until after the regular Commission Meeting is completed.

/s/ Jack Lytle

/s/ Brian Raymond

/s/ Clyde Slaugh

/s/ Randy Asay