

MINUTES of the public meeting of the Uintah County Commission **July 8, 2019** in the Commission Chambers of the County Building at 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah. Meeting commenced at 11:02 am.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners Bill Stringer, Brad Horrocks, and Bart Haslem.

ATTENDANCE: Michael Wilkins, Brenda McDonald, Sylvia Wilkins, Pam Clinch, Doug Brown, Cheryl Meier, Derek Hopper, Robin O'Driscoll, Gayle Whitmire, Jeremy Raymond, Wendi Long, Sonja Norton

Minutes Recorded by Karina Valencia

PRAYER offered by Monica Hill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chery Bolton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 1, 2019

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: Michael Wilkins dated July 3, 2019 in the amount of \$404,102.47

CEMETERY CERTIFICATES: Michael Wilkins

Till Adams Block P39 Lot 1 Spaces 5 & 6 located in the Vernal Memorial Park Cemetery.

Randy and Rick Jenkins Block 103 Lot A Spaces 6, 7 & 8 located in the Lapoint Cemetery.

Jared Timothy Block 138 Lot D Spaces 5-7 located in the Lapoint Cemetery.

Commissioner Horrocks made a motion to approve the cemetery certificates as presented. Commissioner Haslem seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TAX MATTERS: None

BUSINESS LICENSES: Tammy Mckee

Candlestick Academy is a home based business owned by Resha Bartlett located at 250 E 4000 S in Vernal. This is a business for personal development classes. They will have horse drawn carriage rides. Resha Bartlett stated that her business is to help strengthen families by educating the heart and mind with a holistic approach. She uses horses and academic education to do this. The office will be in the home, everything else will take place outside of the home.

Commissioner Haslem made a motion to approve the business license as presented. Commissioner Horrocks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTT LAND GRANT AGREEMENT:

Doug Brown presented the Mott land grant agreement and stated that this has been in process for approximately 9 months. The property has been deeded over to the county. He stated that once this agreement is signed by all parties, it will be taken to T.O engineers and then filed FAA to receive our funding back. This grant will pay for 95% of the Mott land acquisition.

Commissioner Horrocks made a motion to approve signatures on the Mott land agreement as presented. Commissioner Haslem seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT:

Doug Brown presented the airport master plan agreement and stated that this project is still in process. This agreement will allow us to pay the engineers and then receive the money back from the grant. The amount we receive from the grant will not be paid in one lump sum, but over time. Doug stated that there will be a meeting tonight at Vernal City community room at 6pm regarding the airport master plan and invited anyone to come and give their input.

Commissioner Haslem made a motion to approve signatures on airport master plan agreement as presented. Commissioner Horrocks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

RECESS FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Commissioner Horrocks made a motion to recess for Board of Equalization and upon completion reconvene back into regular meeting. Commissioner Haslem seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSOR STIPULATIONS: Michael Wilkins

Two properties were found by the assessor that she wanted to make an adjustment to before valuation notices are sent out. The first property is serial number 05:054:0153 increasing the lot value from 15K to 30K to equalize it with like properties. The second property is 13:015:0027 changing the property type from 110 to 127, this just tells the computer how to tax the property. This is a net change of 15K of market value. This is the recommendation of the assessor to give the land owners a chance to appeal the correct value.

Commissioner Horrocks made a motion to approve the stipulated numbers according to the assessors as presented. Commissioner Haslem seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN B OF E AND RECONVENE COMMISSION MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kam Hope with Vernal youth baseball came with Rossten Reynolds, Zack Watkins, and Ryken Hacking. He stated that they will be holding the Pacific baseball tournament this weekend in Vernal. They invited the Commissioners to the Sunday barbeque and asked that they do the first pitch. The Commissioners accepted the invitation and expressed their appreciation toward Kam and all those involved to make this possible for the kids.

Pam Clinch encouraged anyone interested to attend the Republican meeting at the Uintah County Library this Wednesday at 6pm. She stated this will have an impact as we vote for candidates; she invited anyone to come learn, and get informed.

Commissioner Horrocks reminded everyone of the rodeo this weekend and encouraged everyone to attend and support it. Commissioner Haslem gave an update on Balance Utah; he stated there have been a lot of calls from the video Sylvia Wilkins put out. Balance Utah would allow people to commute by plane to Salt Lake City for work, while still living in the Uintah Basin. They are looking into what airline could provide this service. SkyWest had some interest in this but their planes are committed for the rest of the year. They wanted to get the video out and get people talking and see if this is a viable option. He also gave an update of the Jordan Cove pipeline and there has been less opposition than expected.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 11:39am


WILLIAM STRINGER, CHAIR


MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

