Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Larry Jensen, Commission Chair
Tony Martines, Commissioner
Casey Hopes, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Christian Bryner, Attorney
Jeff Wood, Sheriff
Rose Barnes, Human Resources

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Jensen welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Jensen addressed the public saying if you are here for the public hearing, it will begin at 6:00 p.m. Christian said we do have a public hearing on the Amendments to the 2019 Budget during this meeting but the public hearing for the tax increase will be at 6:00 p.m.

1) ***Convene as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency***

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to convene as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

2) ***Ratification of Graphite Solar (rPlus Energies) cost reimbursement agreement***

Christian said during the last meeting we went through the details of this agreement and it was approved as the Carbon County Board of Commissioners. This is to ratify that agreement as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency.

This agreement says we will hire outside counsel to help us develop the community redevelopment area and this outside council will be reimbursed by Graphite Solar for their work. We will retain all client authority as the work proceeds. Graphite Solar wants to make sure the process is done precisely and correctly. The firm who specializes in this is Smith Hartvisgen from Salt Lake City. The Commissioners reviewed the terms of the agreement in the last meeting and approved. It now needs to be ratified by the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to ratify the Graphite Solar rPlus Energies cost reimbursement agreement. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

3) ***Adjourn as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency and Convene as the Carbon County Commission***

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Carbon County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

4) ***Presentation of retirement plaque for Ray Peterson – Rose Barnes***

Rose said this is an exciting day for Ray Peterson and perhaps a little bitter sweet. Ray is the Assistant Road Shop supervisor and has been with Carbon County for nineteen years. He is an amazing man and has put in a lot of time. He is happy to be retiring but also a little sad. He has done a wonderful job for the County.

players between the ages of 6 and 18. Tonight is there first team meeting. The club will be operated by volunteers. Clayton Broadhead will be the head coach along with Joshua Clark who will be the assistant coach along with Jason Marshall and others.

This year they are a club but they are in communication with the Utah Youth Hockey Association and their goal is to become a full fledge team and be able to travel throughout the State and compete with other teams. They have decided to be called the Mammoths, which is appropriate for our area. They are asking for support and the use of the pond.

Commissioner Martines asked if they will be having nightly practices? Megan said they are working on a practice schedule which will be held in the evenings. They are looking at using an indoor rink and shuttling players to it. They are looking at the cost of used equipment that they can loan to the players. There is no charge to participate.

Commissioner Hopes asked if they need to coordinate with Carbon County Rec for the use of the rink? It is a public rink and others use it. Megan said they do not want to impede on anything that is already scheduled. They are flexible and are willing to work with any department.

Megan said they are very excited and are always looking for more volunteers and players. She gave the Commissioners her contact information. They have a Facebook page at "Carbon County Mammoths" and are also using Snapchat and Instagram.

9) ***Consideration and possible approval of applicants to Carbon County boards***

Commissioner Jensen said we have received several more applications for Carbon County boards with vacancies.

Planning and Zoning Board – There is one vacancy and two applications were received from Jeff Peters and Scott Bruno. Commissioner Hopes said both of these men would serve well. Jeff has spent some time on the board as an alternate. Commissioner Martines said he knows Scott, who is the CEO of Bodec where Commissioner Martines also works. His work ethic would be good on the board. Commissioner Martines does not know Jeff Peters. Commissioner Jensen said Todd Thorne, the Planning and Zoning director's preference is Scott. Jeff could continue to serve as the alternate.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to appoint Scott Bruno to fill the Planning Commission Board and have Jeff Peters remain as the alternate. Commissioner Jensen stepped down and seconded. Motion carried.

Tourism Tax Advisory Board – Since the last meeting more applications have been received for this board. Cindy Lund and Bobbi Sandoval were appointed at the last meeting. The new applications were received from Lenise Peterman, Angelo Kiahtipes, and Deserae Stevenson. Mark Jespersen, Jana Olsen, Athena Robison, who are currently serving on this board, also submitted applications. Commissioner Hopes said this board can have up to ten voting members. The majority of this board has to be from industry, either restaurant or hotel, and the rest can be from related businesses or community members.

Commissioner Hopes recommends and motioned to appoint all of these applicants, Jeff Nielson is also on the board but is not up for appointment, with him the total on the board would be nine. There is a lot of tourism projects currently being worked on and more board members would be good. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen said there are still other vacancies on other boards if anyone is interested in serving.

us to change the date of when payments were due. It had to do with their contract with Waste Logistics. Commissioner Hopes said this is a substantial increase.

Commissioner Martines said he does not see any dollar amounts in the request and feels that he does not have enough information to approve this. He suggested that it be tabled until we have more information.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

13) ***Consideration and possible approval of 10-year extension to West Tavaputs Programmatic Agreement***

Commissioner Hopes said this is an amendment to the West Tavaputs Programmatic Agreement. It deals with the cultural aspects of Nine Mile Canyon. The BLM said they have not been able to finish the recreational area study which identifies how people can recreate in the canyon. With the new public lands bill in Emery County, all of the resources went to them and they were unable to finish the SRMA (Special Recreation Management Area). The other part of this, is that for several years we have been asking that cultural sites be developed in Nine Mile for tourist to stop and visit. This agreement changes the order so that the County can put up signs and the BLM will develop parking lots and walking trails to those cultural sites. Later they will complete the SRMA plan for recreation. It extends the programmatic agreement for ten more years to allow this to happen. Changing the order is of value to us so we can start effectively marketing Nine Mile Canyon and the sites that are there.

Commissioner Martines said Nine Mile is a priority to tourism and the rebranding of the area. Commissioner Hopes made the recommendation to approve the ten-year extension with the changes to the West Tavaputs Programmatic Agreement.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the ten-year extension to the West Tavaputs Programmatic Agreement. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

14) ***Discussion of proposed amendments to 2019 budget - Seth Marsing***

Seth said each year we generally have a few amendments that we need to add to our budget at the end of the year. Many times when preparing the previous year's budget, we will have a few expenses that were unforeseen or estimates that were too low causing a department to go over budget. We need to adjust these expense accounts and be able to show what happened for the auditors.

The main changes in Fund 10 deal with the Sheriff's Department and Jail. There was an increase of $140,000 for permanent employee salaries and expenses between the Sheriff's Department and Jail. There was an increase for inmate health care and inmate food costs of $15,000 for each account. The jail has been busier this year than previous years. We are near capacity each month which equates to more medical and food costs. Seth said we have a limited number of deputies to police the County so we have overtime to cover what incidents occur.

We have reduced the budgeted cost of insurance by $140,000. A lot of the increase previously mentioned will be covered by this decrease in insurance costs.

Another change in Fund 10 is for utilities and maintenance in the administration building. These have to do with the expense of mounting the second tier of cases for the Veterans Memorial Wall.

In Fund 20 the major change was an increase of $20,000 for street lighting. We have had several instances where a street light was hit by a vehicle or shot by rifles and we had to do significant repairs. We generally budget for $20,000 but this year that cost has doubled.