

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN THE EMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

JANUARY 7, 2020

Present at the meeting was Commission Chairman Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Kent Wilson, Commissioner Gil Conover, Attorney Mike Olsen, Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)

APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS, AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List # 253913 through and including #253948 was presented for payment.

There were no Requisitions.

Dispositions were presented for the following: Furnace/Green River Library, Overhead Projector/Library, Water Heater/Cleveland Library, Furnace/ Castle Dale Library.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING.

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APPROVAL OF 2020 COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBILITIES LIST.

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APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER LYNN SITTERUD REMAINING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN FOR 2020.

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APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER GIL CONOVER SELECTED AS COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2020.

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APPROVAL TO RE-APPOINT KIM MCFARLANE TO THE PUBLIC LANDS BOARD.

(7)

APPROVAL TO PROMOTE BRENDA LEMON TO SR. DEPUTY RECORDER. SHE HAS COMPLETED HER CERTIFICATION AS A CADASTRAL MAPPER. MOVE FROM 14 TO GRADE 18. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

(8)

NOTIFICATION SELECTED LORAIN CLOWARD AS A PART TIME JANITOR FOR THE CASTLE DALE LIBRARY WORKING 7.5 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 6 @ \$10.00 PH. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

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NOTIFICATION SELECTED VALERIE CLARK AS A PART TIME JANITOR FOR THE GREEN RIVER LIBRARY WORKING 6 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 6 @ \$10.00 PH. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

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NOTIFICATION SELECTED KARI ALTON AS A PART TIME JANITOR FOR THE ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY WORKING 7.5 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 6 @ \$10.00 PH. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

(11)

APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY SHERRI JENSEN FROM AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN/JANITOR TO AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN IN THE CASTLE DALE LIBRARY WORKING 19 HOURS PER WEEK. MOVE FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 7. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

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APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY ADDISON WEIHING FROM AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN/JANITOR TO AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN IN THE GREEN RIVER LIBRARY WORKING 19 HOURS PER WEEK. MOVE FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 7. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

(13)

APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY JULIE ROLLINS FROM AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN/JANITOR TO AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN IN THE ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY WORKING 19 HOURS PER WEEK. MOVE FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 7. EFFECTIVE 1-13-20.

(14)

APPROVAL OF A \$500 STIPEND FOR MANDY BENNETT TO BE THE EMS GARAGE LEAD IN FERRON, TAKING THE PLACE OF HOLLIE SMITH.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Gil Conover, seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson, and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)

ITEMS PULLED FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(2)

PRESENTATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS.

Years of service awards were presented to the following employees:

40 years: Blake Gardner
25 years: Marian George
20 years: William Brent Langston
15 years: Michael Van Wagoner
10 years: Janetta Young
Tyson Huntington
David Ames
Kaylee Van Wagoner
5 years: Mindi Labrum
Tiffany Baker
Kip Allred
Hugh Grange
Cory Worwood
Tracy Clark
Arianna Downard
Egan Smith

(3)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

(4)

OPEN, REVIEW AND AWARD BIDS FOR TRAIL MOUNTAIN FIRE EWP-HCIC SITE.

Bids were opened and read aloud for the Trail Mountain Fire EWP-HCIC Site as follow:

1) TSJ Construction	\$400,664.45
2) Staker Parson/Nielson Construction	\$368,000.00

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to turn the bids over to Johansen & Tuttle Engineering for review and award to the low bidder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(5)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICES WITHIN EMERY COUNTY.

Christine Jensen presented the 2020 Cooperative Agreement for Utah State University Extension Services within Emery County. She indicated that the agreement is the same as in years past. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve Cooperative Agreement for Utah State University Extension Services within Emery County upon review of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY THE COMBINING OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE AND THE RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Commissioner Kent Wilson explained that current Recorder Connie Jensen has announced that she will not seek re-election in 2020. The Commissioners are considering combining the Treasurer's Office with the Recorder's Office. In other smaller counties these two offices are combined. The Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to have this discussion, keeping in mind that they desire to provide service to the citizens of Emery County in the most economical way. He indicated that the Treasurer would need to be in agreement with this option. Attorney Mike Olsen indicated that it is the Commission's responsibility to notify the State of the combining of the offices by February. It would be much cleaner if it could be done by then. It is up to the elected official over that office to run the office as they see fit. Brenda reminded the Commissioners that Josie is an Interim Treasurer who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Treasurer. Connie Jensen commented on the amount of work that the Recorder's office is responsible for. When she is not in the office the staff has to pick up the slack. Josie Stilson suggested that there are many pieces to this and would like an opportunity to meet with the Commissioners to continue discussions. Commissioner Wilson commented that with population in Emery County on the decrease they need to prepare for a possible scenario where the County can still provide the same service. Maxine Fielder commented about possible housing growth in the County due to new jobs in Carbon County. Brenda Lemon commented that Connie works full time in the office. Mike Olsen suggested the Commissioners look into it. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to table for further review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CREATING THE EMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY.

Commissioner Wilson explained that when the Emery County Community Reinvestment Agency was set up a year ago it was set up with three board members, the County Commissioners. As they have gone through the process with the solar farm, other taxing entities have voiced a desire to be a part of the discussions. The Emery County School District, Emery Water Conservancy District, and North Emery Water Special Service District are required, as taxing entities, to agree to tax incentives packages that are offered. So, as such, want to be a part of that discussion. The Commissioners would like to amend the Ordinance to make the board a six member board so that representatives from the taxing entities may be included in the decisions. Stuart Clayson from UAC and Attorney Mike Olsen will work together to create the amendment to the Ordinance to get this done. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to amend the ordinance creating the Emery County Community Reinvestment Agency include a 6 member board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY LEASE AGREEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND TRADITIONS HEALTH CARE, INC. FOR THE EMERY COUNTY CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER.

Attorney Mike Olsen explained that at some time Emery County became involved with the Care Center. Our relationship with the management of the Care Center of late, has not been good. Traditions has taken action to provide better care for the patrons of the Emery County Care and Rehabilitation Center. A new lease agreement contract with Traditions Health Care, Inc. Has been worked through with the Care Center Board of Directors. The board, through a lot of meetings have come up with an agreement contract that will best serve the citizens of Emery County. Traditions will pay 4% of gross revenue to Emery County or \$10,000.00 a month. This is better from a financial standpoint. The money can be used to provide a nice facility and good care for our citizens. Board member Dan Hunter stated he is excited about what Traditions can do and the cost savings that can be evoked. This is a good time for us to do this. Traditions has assured us we will have a top notch facility. Commissioner Gil Conover congratulated the Board of Directors who have put in a lot of time to work out the issues. John Bramall, Traditions Health Care, Inc. commented that he loves people and helping people. He desires to have the Care Center continue to be a place of pride for the people of Emery County and the State of Utah. Attorney Mike Olsen recommended moving forward with signing the lease agreement contract between Emery County and Traditions Health Care Inc. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve a lease Agreement Contract between Emery County and Traditions Heath Care, Inc. For the Emery County Care and Rehabilitation Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY 2020 MINERAL LEASE MONIES DISBURSEMENTS.

Commissioner Kent Wilson explained that the Commissioners have been trying to come up with a way to get money for the EMS program. They have discussed making an EMS a Special Service District so it can receive Mineral Lease money. Because the State does not always take money from Mineral Lease funds that should go to Carbon County off of what comes to Emery County, he suggested taking that money that should go to Carbon County off the top of what comes to Emery County and pay it out quarterly. He also suggested taking \$25,000.00 each quarter off what is left and set it aside for a EMS SSD and then disburse the remainder to the Special Service Districts as follow: Special Service District #1 45%, CVSSD 16%, Recreation SSD 16%, Fire District 16% and NEWUSSD 5%. Part of the equation is the balance (approximately \$103,000.00) still sitting in the Mineral Lease Trust account from when it was capped in 2019. He suggested holding those funds along with the \$25,000.00 held out each quarter of 2020 in the Mineral Lease Trust account until an EMS Special Service District is created. Bevan Wilson, SSD#1 gave a brief history of the Mineral Lease fund and how the State disburses the funds. Attorney Mike Olsen recommended drafting a resolution to start the process and the procedural things that are to follow. Put the resolution on the next Commission Agenda for consideration. Commissioner Kent Wilson explained that in the last budget process they raised EMS to a higher priority level. They budgeted about \$50,000.00 for EMS. TRT funds have been allocated (10% of infrastructure funds) to go to Search and Rescue and EMS. It will not be just mineral lease funds, but several pots of money, that will help solve the EMS crisis. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing that the mineral lease disbursement for 2020 include taking any mineral lease money that would be owed to Carbon County, or 'other' as deemed necessary by the County Commissioners, off the top before disbursement, in addition, at the end of each quarter take \$25,000.00 off the allocation for an EMS district for when it is in place, and the balance be allocated according to the existing 2019 Resolution, that the existing 2019 fund balance(approximately \$103,000.00) being held in the trust fund be allocated to an EMS Special Service District as soon as it is created. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

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COMMISSIONER/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT.

(11)

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Gil Conover, seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson, and the motion passed.

ATTEST:_____ COMMISSIONER:_____

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January 7, 2020