

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 2, 2013, 1:00 P.M.

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Room 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett, Commissioners Jon Cox and Steve Frischknecht, County Attorney Brody Keisel, and County Clerk Sandy Neill. (County Attorney Brody Keisel is excused from the meeting at 2:30 P.M.)

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett.

CLAIMS

Auditor Ilene Roth is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve payment of claims #330765 through #330772. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

AUDITOR ILENE ROTH: APPROVAL TO HOLD MAY TAX SALE

The tax sale will be published in the Pyramid this year, and method of sale will be the same as last year. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve holding the tax sale on May 23, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

CENTRAL UTAH COUNSELING: PRESENTATION OF AUDIT; MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Farrel Marx and Brian Whipple are present. Farrel Marx reviews the independent audit. The Six Counties' match of \$273,000.00 leverages about \$5,400,000.00 in state and federal funds. Funding cuts will require reserve funds to be used this year. Central Utah Counseling (CUC) is negotiating to keep the needed funds. CUC is asking Medicaid to increase our rates because we take a risk when we have so many youth homes in our area with youth from other areas. The Commissioners ask what the impact to Sanpete County would be if Medicaid expansion doesn't happen. Mr. Whipple responds that patients are no longer medicaid eligible when incarcerated in County jails. They can't even use their medicaid issued medications in the jail. The costs could be left to the County to pay for treatment for these unfunded, uninsured people. Mr. Marx states another issue is the federal block grant money that may be taken away to be used for the Affordable Care Act. The block grant money currently funds about one third of the substance abuse treatments. The states will have a hard time supporting medicaid expansion. If we don't participate in the expansion, our tax dollars will go to other states that do. On a positive note for CUC, they received more funding from the legislature. On a negative note for the County, this means more of a match will be required from the Six Counties (Sanpete is the largest contributor). This will be addressed in the next budget cycle.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH FRONTIER ADJUSTERS FOR 4 INDIAN RIDGE LOTS

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve a settlement with Frontier Adjusters in the amount of \$14,000.00 for damage from the Wood Hollow fire to 4 lots owned by the County in Indian Ridge subdivision, and a release of all claims. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

SHERIFF BRIAN NIELSON: APPROVAL TO ADVANCE DISPATCHER LISA ROBERTS TO A DEPUTY 1, NON CERTIFIED; APPROVAL TO ADVANCE DEPUTY KEITH NUNLEY TO A DEPUTY 2, CERTIFIED; APPROVAL TO HIRE JARED BUCHANAN AS A FULL TIME PATROL DEPUTY

Deputy Jeff Nielsen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the advancement of Lisa Roberts to a deputy 1 dispatcher, non certified, with a pay increase to \$14.52 per hour, effective April 2, 2013. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the advancement of Deputy Keith Nunley to a certified deputy 2 officer, with a pay increase to \$17.40 per hour, effective April 9, 2013. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the hiring of Jared Buchanan as a full time patrol deputy at a rate of \$16.45 per hour, effective May 1, 2013. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY: APPROVAL OF A RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION LICENSE

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve a right of way license for Manti Telephone Company beginning at the Keller Road Airport Road intersection to install phone line to the new NOAA weather station at the Manti/Ephraim airport. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

BARBARA WOOD: DISCUSSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR REBUILDING A CABIN

Barbara Wood, Scott Olson, and Tracy Christensen are present. Ms. Wood owned a cabin on Lot 16 in Elk Ridge Subdivision. The cabin was recently destroyed by fire, and Ms. Wood would like to rebuild it. In 1979 the Commission determined that a plat amendment would be required in order to subdivide lots in subdivisions. The property was divided in 1983. The subdivision was created in 1978, and required 1 acre of water per cabin, although the state only required 1/4 acre foot of water. Ms. Wood shows the Commission the building permit that was issued in 1979 for this cabin. This was one of 4 Building permits that were issued by the County in March of 1979. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to allow Ms. Wood to rebuild the cabin on Lot 16 in Elk Ridge Subdivision, based on significant documentation of the prior building permit for the original cabin that was issued allowing the use of 1/4 acre foot of water. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

GARRICK WILLDEN: RE-AUTHORIZATION OF BLM FREE USE PERMIT NEAR GUNNISON; UPDATE ON SANPETE EWP 2012 PROJECTS; UPDATE ON SANPETE WOOD HOLLOW EWP PROJECTS

Garrick Willden is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the signature of the chair on the BLM free use permit re-authorization. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Mr. Willden states that we are outside the existing boundary on the BLM property. The property is now flagged, so we don't disturb the property any further. This permit was extended to use for the Wood Hollow fire property. Final inspection for Schedule 1 (Rock Quarry) and Schedule 3 (near Gunnison) was held on Friday, and for the most part they are complete. Schedule 2 (Ephraim and Manti work) should be finished this month. Mr. Willden will meet with the Wales Town Counsel tomorrow night about the Wales project. All the sites have been visited for the Wood Hollow fire. NRCS will go around tomorrow to clear the discussed sites so they can put together a bid package.

MICHAEL B OLSEN: REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX ON S 17371X AND REMOVAL FROM MAY TAX SALE

Michael Olsen is present with his son and grandson. The Commissioners suggest that they check with the Auditor when the forms are available in a few weeks to see if they qualify for a tax relief on their 2013 taxes. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to accept payment today of \$400.00 for the administrative fee, and \$1,830.00 towards the back taxes. A payment schedule is set at \$125.00 per month for 24 months starting in May, 2013. The 2013 taxes need to be paid when due in November. This property, S17371x, is removed from the tax sale this year. The Commissioners suggest that if more could be paid each month, it would be better to get this paid off sooner. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

SAM KOGIANES: REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX ON S 21791X AND S 21811 AND REMOVAL FROM MAY TAX SALE

Sam Kogianes is present. The application for deferral is reviewed. One of the concerns that the Commissioners have is that an agreement was made in 2007, and was not completely followed as scheduled. Mr. Kogianes also has producible assets, although they aren't really producing at this time. Mr. Kogianes intends to use his tax refund and also other part time jobs that should be coming soon, and he will obtain a signature loan if needed. Mr. Kogianes paid the administrative fees of \$800.00 today. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to remove S 21791x and S 21811 from the May Tax Sale based on the \$800.00 administrative fee that was paid today, a promise to pay the back taxes, penalty and interest in full by July 30, 2013, and to pay 2013 taxes in full when due. If this agreement isn't followed, these properties will go on the tax sale in 2014. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

CHRIS MORGAN: JUVENILE COURT PRESENTATION

Chris Morgan, Chief Probation Officer for Sixth District Juvenile Court, Janet Busk, Clerk of Court, and Wendell Roberts, Trial Court Executive are present. Mr. Morgan states that the Utah Juvenile Court System is one of the best, if not the best in the nation. A slide presentation is shown that explains the juvenile court's approach to delinquency. Treatment programs are determined based on the specific risk factors of the youth. Low risk offenders are provided with consequences with little intervention. Juvenile deferrals have gone down over the last several years, even though we do have many youth homes in Sanpete County. The Commissioners asked Wendall Roberts about the status of a new court building. Mr. Roberts states that Sanpete County has been moved to the top of the county owned building list. (State owned buildings are on a separate list.)

OTHER

Carl and Gwen Sedlak are present, and introduce themselves to the Commission. They purchased Windwalker Ranch near Spring City, and the Auto Meter building in Ephraim. They renovated the Auto Meter building to use as a medical treatment clinic that uses hyperbaric oxygen therapy. They are looking for a licensed practitioner (physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, naturopathic doctor, or doctor of osteopathy) to run the clinic. They are considering making other investments such as a women's shelter, or youth homes. They would like to host a medieval festival, and set up the dude ranch again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the minutes from March 19, 2013 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the minutes from March 25, 2013 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

DISCUSSION OF INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY

This matter is tabled.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET TO ADDRESS SEQUESTRATION

After reviewing ways to cut the budget due to the sequestration, the following action is taken. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to accept the following budget changes due to the sequestration. The Sheriff has been directed to hold off on hiring a replacement for Eric Zeeman until May 1, 2013. The Road Department has been directed to hold off on hiring replacements for Parry Johnson and Kim Larson until May 1, 2013. The County received a settlement for the fire damage on properties owned in Indian Ridge in the amount of \$14,000.00. Hours for the following four part time employees will be reduced to no more than 29 hours per week effective April 2013: Calvin Peterson, Suzaun Richardson, Cheryl Bartholomew, and Boston Bown. The mosquito abatement budget is reduced by \$2,000.00. The bookmobile budget is reduced by \$2,000.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. It is okay for the Sheriff to replace Robert Henningson at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*
Sandy Neill
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*
Claudia Jarrett
Commission Chair