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

MARCH 17, 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 # through and including # was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
21-20	Bulletproof vest-Hardware Armor Pkg Sheriff	$ 822.50
22-20	Body Armor for SERT Tactical Team (12) Sheriff	6,959.64
23-20	75" Samsung LED Screen (2) Capital Replacement	2,089.98

Dispositions were presented for # 4684, Steam Cleaner, #1072, Shredder

(2)
APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 3, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

(3)
APPROVAL TO PROMOTE JOEL MICHAEL HOWES TO PATROL DEPUTY I AS HE GRADUATED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY MAY 23, 2019. MOVE FROM GRADE 15 TO GRADE 16. EFFECTIVE 3-22-20.

(4)
APPROVAL TO GIVE ADDISON WEIHING A 3% WAGE INCREASE(AND 3% COLA GIVEN AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR) FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN IN GREEN RIVER. EFFECTIVE 3-22-20.

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APPROVAL RO GIVE KIP ALLRED A 3% WAGE INCREASE (AND 3% COLA GIVEN AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR) FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD. EFFECTIVE 3-22-20.

(6)
APPROVAL TO PROMOTE MICHAEL GRANGE TO PATROL DEPUTY II. MOVE FROM GRADE 16 TO GRADE 17. EFFECTIVE 3-22-20.

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)
ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(2)
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT).

(3)
SAFETY MINUTE PRESENTATION BY CLINTON OLSEN REPRESENTING EMS.

Clinton Olsen talked about electric cord safety.

(4)
AWARDING OF THE SAFETY VISA GIFT CARDS.

Full time employee: Adriana Chimaras
Part time employee: Shellee Cologie
Safety Sensitive: Travis Winn and Mitchel Horton

(5)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.

Captain Kyle Ekker requested adopting a Resolution declaring a State of Local Emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. The Resolution reads: On January 21, 2020 the Utah Department of Health activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVD-19 global outbreak. The Utah Department of Health recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the health and safety of the residents of Utah. The Utah Division of Emergency Management and the Utah Department of Health activated a Joint Information System for public information and on March 11, 2020 raised its activation level to Level 2-Partial Activation. The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high” and has advised that person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 will

continue to occur globally, including within the United States. The Utah Department of Health recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the State of Utah's general public and creates an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly. Due to the identification of COVD-19 cases in utah, which could likely spread to Emery County, which could create conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivision to combat; and I-70 is a main corridor through Emery County and borders the city of Green River, bringing a large national and international tourist population into Green River for food, fuel and lodging, by bus, train and private vehicles, thereby increasing the risk of a local COVID-19 outbreak: and the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use of mutual aid will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and these conditions do create a "Local State of Emergency" within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act found in Title 53, Chapter 2a of the Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended; and necessitate that Emery County proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and declare a "Local State of Emergency" in Emery County due to the aforesaid circumstances requiring aid, assistance, and relief available from State resources, to remain in effect for no longer than 30 days unless ratified by the Emery County Commission and continues for up to an additional 30 days for each subsequent ratification, and hereby orders:

The request of financial and other resources made available and specified in utah Statute 53-2a-204 through 207 and as authorized by Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus issued by utah Governor Gary herbert on March 6, 2020; and

The utilization of all necessary authority granted to the Emery County Commission as specified in Utah Statute 53-2a-205;

The outreach and assistance to the populations most vulnerable to COVID-19; and coordination with local authorities and the private sector to maximize access to appropriate medical care while preserving critical services for those most in need.

The appointment of Emery County Emergency Management as coordinator during this emergency declaration.

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to adopt Resolution 3-17-20 a resolution declaring a state of local emergency due to infectious disease COVD-19 Novel Coronavirus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed. Captain Ekker will have the resolution posted on the Emery County website.

(6)

RATIFICATION OF COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE PLAN 2020 BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER.

Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to ratify the approval of Community Performance Plan 2020 between Emery County and Rocky Mountain Power. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(7)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY PRIORITIZED CIB LIST FOR FY 2021.

The Emery County Commissioners recently met as the Local Council of Governments to talk about applications to CIB for funding of projects for the year 2021. They have prioritized the list of projects submitted by the county, cities and districts. EMS SSD has been prioritized as number one on the list and SSD#1 number two and subsequent city requests thereafter. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve the prioritized CIB list for FY 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(8)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY EMERY COUNTY ASSISTING MATHEW PODOLINSKY IN APPLYING FOR A CLG GRANT TO ASSIST WITH HIS RESEARCH IN THE SAN RAFAEL SWELL.

Commissioner Conover explained that if approved, on behalf of Mathew Podolinsky, Emery County will apply for a CLG Grant to help assist Mathew with his research in the San Rafael Swell. The research will consist of researching vandalism and depreciative behavior at rock are sites in the San Rafael Swell. The funding for the project, as stipulated in the CLG Grant, will come from Mathew Podolinsky and other donors. Emery County will not be responsible for any funds. The CLG Grant form shows that Mathew Podolinsky is responsible for the project and upwards to $14,000.00. It is estimated that the project would be $14,000.00 or the total project budget ($7,000.00 grant request plus $7,000.00). The project will be completed and paid for by Mathew Podolinsky and other donors. Not Emery County. At the end of the project, Mathew will show that the entire project cost $14,000.00 (mix of cash expenditures and in kind). After approval from the state office, Matthew will be reimbursed $7,000.00. The $7,000.00 will be written to Emery County who will then pay the $7,000.00 to Mathew Podalinsky. Emery County is a path for the pass through grant. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve assisting Mathew Podolinsky in applying for a CLG Grant to assist with his research in the San Rafael Swell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(9)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND U.S.BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE FOR ZOLL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES.

Clinton Olsen explained that the EMS board has approved equipment purchase, monitors, autopulses, etc. from Zoll. The payment for the equipment is spread out to monthly lease payments over five years. After the five years they can purchase the equipment for $1.00. Clinton requested approval for the lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for Zoll Equipment and accessories. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve a lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for Zoll Equipment and Accessories. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(10)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE WEED CONTROL AGREEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND BLM UTAH, PRICE

FIELD OFFICE.

Cory Worwood, Emery County Weed/Mosquito Supervisor explained that the contract is the same as in previous years. The contract amount is $13,000.00 to control weeds on BLM ground. He explained that BLM is flexible in what they allow them(ECWM) to do. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve the annual renewal of the Weed Control Agreement Contract between Emery County and BLM Utah Price Field Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilso. The motion passed.

(11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND PACIFICORP FOR THE RILDA CANYON ROAD -TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve the request for termination of the agreement contract between Emery County and Pacificorp for the Rilda Canyon Road-Temporary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(12)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY PAY INCREASE FOR BASIC AND ADVANCED EMTS.

Commissioner Kent Wilson discussed EMT's in Emery County and the need for pay raíces for basic and advanced EMT's. He commented that Emery County is in a crisis with respect to providing emergency medical services in certain portions of Emery County. In the past EMT's were volunteers. This model for EMT's is not working for America any longer. He proposed raising advanced EMT's by $5.00 per hour, taking them from $17.60 per hour to $22.60 per hour. He proposed raising basic EMT's by $1.00 per hour, taking the pay from $12.77 per hour to $13.77 per hour. He proposed raising drivers pay by $.50 per hour, taking the pay from $12.27 to $12.77 per hour. He indicated that the hope is that this raise in pay may entice basic EMT's to go back to school to become an advanced EMT for the higher pay. He indicated that it is going to take a year or more to get us where we want to be with respect to getting additional quality EMT's in the county. Captain Kyle Ekker relayed a recent experience with his father with respect to the Ambulance/EMT service in the County. The ambulance responded quickly and he was pleased with the service his father received from the EMT's. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve raising Advanced EMT pay by $5.00 per hour($17.60ph), Basic EMT pay by $1.00 per hour($13.77ph) and drivers by $.50 per hour ($12.77ph) starting the first payday in April allowing the change to take place by the first payday in May. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(13)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND

JOHANSEN AND TUTTLE ENGINEERING REGARDING THE LOWER SEDIMENT BASIN, UPPER DEBRIS BASIN, NIELSEN LOOP BRIDGE AND FERRON BRIDGE ON HWY 10.

Captain Ekker explained that the Commission put some money in a fund to finish up projects in Huntington Canyon and Ferron/Millsite. This agreement is for engineering services to perform engineering for design, design surveys, construction drawings & specifications, contract administration, inspection and testing required to excavate the Lower Sediment Basin, repair the grouted rip rap on the Upper Debris Basin, provide rock rip rap below Nielson Loop Bridge, and below Ferron Bridge on Highway 10. If approved J&T will begin designing for the project. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve an agreement between Emery County and Johansen & Tuttle Engineering regarding the Lower Sediment Basin, Upper Debris Basin, Nielsen Loop Bridge and Ferron Bridge on Highway 10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(14)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AWARDING OF THE CONTRACT FOR RFP/RFQ REGARDING THE SAN RAFAEL ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER CONTRACTOR.

Commissioner Sitterud explained that the EC Commission advertised for an RFQ for a San Rafael Energy Research Center Contractor. They received one bid. They way this was advertised was to be able to negotiate the bid to a number that the County could live with. He indicated that they were able to negotiate a better contract at $10,000.00 per month for two employees to work at the Research Center to perform operation and maintenance of the Coal Combustion Unit. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to accept the proposal for the Research Center as negotiated and instruct the County Attorney to draft the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(15)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY NOTICE OF AWARD FOR THE TRAIL MOUNTAIN EWP PROJECT/MEETINGHOUSE CANYON.

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to award the bid for the Trail Mountain EWP Project/Meetinghouse Canyon to Perco Rock in the amount of $1,748,862.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(16)
ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson talked about the Eastern Utah Health Department directive that was posted today regarding the Coronavirus. There is a lot of mis- information out there. Some of his concerns were regarding how to manage our tourism and how to manage the outbreak without destroying our economy. Attorney Mike Olsen talked about what Emery County has planned for this courthouse for the next fourteen days to comply with the health department's order regarding the Coronavirus. He stated that we, as a County, are depending on the experts to

know what to do. The public health order limits gatherings of more than 10 people for fourteen days and introduces protocol for thirty days for different sectors of the community. There are a number of people who think we are over the top and panicking. There are also a number of people who think we are not doing enough. We will figure out what to do over the next fourteen days. It is not the intent to scare people or destroy the economy. We will do the best we can for fourteen days and then re-evaluate the situation. For general business protocol, implement social distancing, 6 feet apart. If you take cash, be careful. Management should ensure that no employee shows up to work sick, send them home. Patrons/guests should be asked to leave if they are sick. Clean up after if a sick person has been there. Post signs approved by the CDC to address protocols for business. We are going to keep our county employees working. We are going to make common sense decisions and be responsible with the county's time and the public's money. Leadership in each department will decide how each office will function and wait it out for the next fourteen days. Commissioner Sitterud continued that Emery County will follow the direction of the White House and Governor Herbert. This building, starting tomorrow, will be closed to the public. There will be signs on the door with phone numbers for each department that the public can call to get help. We will try to work things through on the phone or computer and if there is a reason to bring the public in it will be through a case by case basis. This will be in effect for fourteen days. Commissioner Wilson reiterated that this is not a time to panic. It is a time stay in our homes, practice 6 feet distancing and then see where we are at in fourteen days. We will do this in an organized manner rather than in a panic mode. Commissioner Conover added his approval to this protocol.

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