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

MAY 19, 2020

Due to restrictions in place during the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held electronically.

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 # 254933 through and including #255028 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
43-20	Locking Mailbox Courthouse	$1,039.45
44-20	Panasonic Toughbook SO/Command Post	$2,425.00

There were no dispositions.

2)
APPROVAL OF THE MAY 05, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

3)
APPROVAL TO HIRE DEEGAN MINCHEY, KAEJHA JOHNSON, KYLER MINCHEY, KEAGLEY TERRY, AND SIDNEY STILSON AS SEASONAL LIFEGUARDS, WORKING UP TO 29 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE $8.16 PER HOUR.

4)
APPROVAL TO GIVE BROCK WINN A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AND 3% COLA. EFFECTIVE 6-1-20

5)
APPROVAL TO PROMOTE TY GORDON TO A FULL TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I WITH FULL BENEFITS. NO CHANGE IN WAGE,

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 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

2)
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

3)
SAFETY MINUTE PRESENTATION BY JUSTICE COURT

Cheryl Cox talked about Heads Up, Eyes Up and being aware of our surroundings at all times.

4)
AWARDING OF SAFETY VISA CARDS.

Safety Visa Gift Cards were presented to the following:
Full Time Employee: Brenda Lemon
Part Time Employee: Emilyn Oliverson
Safety Sensitive Employees: Terry Seager and Clive Gordon

5)
RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT L15pX01482 BETWEEN BLM AND EMERY COUNTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to ratify the signing of an Amendment of Solicitation/Modification Contract between BLM and Emery County for Law Enforcement

Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

6)
RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND SUB RECIPIENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND SEUALG REGARDING THE AGING ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM.

Because SEUALG received federal and state funds to aid the efforts of the Aging Administration during COVID-19 their budget has increased. The inter-agency contract agreement between Emery County and SEUALG needed to be amended to reflect the increase in funds. Supportive services increased by $11,344.00 and Nutrition Services increased by $43,363.00. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve of amendment to the Inter-Agency Coordination and Subrecipient Contract Agreement between Emery County and SEUALG regarding the Aging Administration Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

7)
RATIFICATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE COVID-19 GRANT APPLICATION.

A letter was prepared and signed by the EC Commission Chairman in support of Southeastern Utah Economic Development District's proposal to the Economic Development Administration for a grant to fund the Revolving Loan Fund Program. The letter further states that EC strongly supports the grant application and its focus on providing loans to businesses in Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties to alleviate the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to ratify the signing of a letter of support regarding the COVID-19 application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

8)
APPROVAL OF 2020 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE PROPERTIES.

Section 59-2-1101 (3) (a) of the Utah Code requires that tax exempt properties file an affidavit certifying the use to which the property has been placed during the past year. The following religious, charitable and non-profit properties have filed an affidavit with the EC Clerk/Auditor's Office stating the continued use of the property.

American Legion Post 42	Castle Dale Independent Baptist Church
#1-130-18	#1-002C-13

Daughters of Utah Pioneers- Huntington	Daughters of Utah Pioneers-Orangeville

#1-196-22 #253-18

Daughters of Utah Pioneers-Elmo #1-72-16

Daughters of Utah Pioneers- Castle Dale #1-15-20

Alpine Community Church #1-179-1

Ferron Cattleman's Association #5-87-27

First Baptist Church of Emery County #1-126-45

Four Corners Mental Health #1-13-46

Green River Bible Church #1-151G-36 #1-151F-18 & 19

LDS Church Various #'s

Mountain View Baptist Church
Castle Country Cowboy Church #1-177A-20

Orangeville City- Housekeeper-City Park #1-239-52

Rural Utah Child Development #1-180-20

Roman Catholic Church #3-50-16 #1-151H-25

Stuart B. Wilson Orient Lodge #1-151G-54

Rocky Mountain West Baptist Mission #5-94-6 #5-93-7 #5-94-3 #5-94-5

United Mine Workers of America #4-16-14

Utah Museum of Natural History/University of Utah #5-56-2 #3-130-3 # 3-130-1 #3-130-1 #3-127-1

Friends of Green River-PACT #1-162-7

Motion to approve the 2020 Property Tax Exemption list was made by Commissioner Kent Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover, and the motion passed.

9)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY PLANS TO POSTPONE MISS EMERY COUNTY 2020.

Miss Emery Coordinator, Danielle Tuttle came before the EC Commissioners to discuss the Miss Emery board's proposal for Miss Emery 2020-2021. The board proposes postponing until July 2021. The current title holders will continue their title duties and sign new contracts. All the current title holders are willing to stay another year except our Mini Miss Ivy Sherman (3 years old) the board would like to have the current title holders receive their money for the 2020 year and propose that, if they fulfill their 2020-21 contract, they will receive 65% of the scholarship

money they would have been awarded. Commissioner Wilson thanked Danielle for running an A Class organization and made a motion to accept the Miss Emery Board's proposal/plan to postpone the 2020 Miss Emery County as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

10)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY APPROVAL OF YEARLY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF UTAH, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF FOR BAILIFF SECURITY AND PERIMETER SECURITY FOR SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT & JUVENILE COURT.

Sheriff Greg Funk explained that the contract is a yearly contract to provide Bailiff and Perimeter security for Seventh District Court and Juvenile Court. The amount of reimbursement remains the same as last year. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve of the yearly contract between the State of Utah, Administrative Office of the Courts, and Emery County Sheriff for Bailiff Security and Perimeter Security for Seventh District Court & Juvenile Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY APPROVAL OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNTY JAIL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCARCERATION OF OFFENDERS SPECIFIED BY, AND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF UDC AT THE EMERY COUNTY JAIL.

Sheriff Funk explained that this has been in the works for a few years. They had to get approval from the Legislature. They have received approval to house up to ten inmates from the Utah State Prison. This will provide much needed revenue for our Jail. It will be minimal risk on the Emery County side. He indicated he was originally concerned with the medical risk for the county. He has been assured that the State has their own doctor that visits the inmates on a weekly basis. Emery County Jail has the space to house the inmates. If any inmate becomes unruly or difficult they can be returned to the prison. Sheriff Funk recommended approval of the agreement. Attorney Mike Olsen commented that the rewards outweigh the risk and ask for support of the agreement. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve of Utah Department of Corrections Intergovernmental County Jail Agreement to provide for the incarceration of offenders specified by, and under the jurisdiction of UDC at theEmery County Jail. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

12)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/.DENY CHANGE ORDER #17 ON THE MILLSITE DAM GRANT.

Change Order #17 on the Millsite Dam Project is for multiple small items totaling $21,017.98. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve CO#17 on the Millsite Dam Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

13)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020 NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL GRANT.

Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve an Agreement for the 2020 Noxious Weed Control Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

14)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ACCEPTANCE OF THE CARES ACT FUND FROM THE IMLS GRANT FOR THE EMERY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.

Commissioner Conover explained that this contract will extend the Cares Act Fund from IMLS Grant for the Emery County Library for a year. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to accept the Cares Act Fund from the IMLS Grant for the Emery County Library System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

15)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AWARDING OF THE SWELL UTAH TRAILS GRANT TO ORANGEVILLE CITY, BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN, GREEN RIVER CITY AND HUNTINGTON CITY.

Tourism Director Adriana Chimaras explained that the Trails/Tourism committee has set aside $75,000.00 to offer grants to communities, groups or individuals to expand trails in the county. The trail has to be within Emery County to qualify. They will have two years to complete the project. They can request up to $12,500.00. They will receive half up front and half at the completion of the project. They have received applications from four groups. Orangeville City is developing a walking trail from the Orangeville Bridge along Cottonwood Creek to the Orangeville Ball Park. Orangeville City applied for and received a State grant for $100,000.00 for this project. They have met all the requirements to receive the Swell Utah Trails Grant and have requested $12,500.00. Huntington City has applied for $12,500.00 to extend their trail east of the ballfields by the rodeo grounds. They have met the requirements of the Grant. Green River City has a restoration project behind the John Wesley Powell Museum. They have met the requirements of the grant and have requested $12,500.00. Back Country Horseman is partnering with the Forest Service on a bridge restoration project at Josephite Point. They have met the requirements of the grant and have requested $3,750.00. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to accept the projects and approve funding the projects. Commissioner Gil Conover seconded the motion. The motion passed.

16)
COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Sheriff Funk reported on the tragic incident in Little Wildhorse Canyon. He reported that there were many volunteers involved in the search for the missing 3 year old girl. Several agencies and volunteer Search and Rescue from other counties stepped in to assist. He indicated that Emery County Search and Rescue and many of his deputies were affected and will be affected for some time by this tragedy. He reminded everyone to be vigilant in keeping children and adults away from swift waterways especially at this time of the year. Be aware of the weather when visiting slot canyons on the desert.

Commissioner Wilson commented that we ask our Search and Rescue to see things that affect them for the rest of their lives. At one time we discussed paying S/R but were told by the volunteers that they want to remain volunteers. They have a love and passion for serving. They and the citizens of this county rise to the occasion when faced with a disaster.

Commissioner Sitterud and Commissioner Conover added their admiration for S/R volunteers. The EC Commissioners expressed their condolences to the family for their loss.

17)
ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:_____ COMMISSIONER:_____