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

JULY 21-2020

Due to restrictions in place during the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was offered 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 # 255372 through and including #255489 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
51-20	Projector Travel/Events	 $279.99

There were no dispositions.

(2)
APPROVAL OF THE JULY 7, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

(3)
APPROVAL TO REASSIGN DUTIES OF THE GREEN RIVER DMV, JUSTICE COURT, AND THE PAYING OF PROPERTY TAX TO THE GREEN RIVER BRANCH LIBRARIAN, CINDY BOWERMAN, AND ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, ADDISON WEIHING. THEY WILL BOTH RECEIVE A $1.00 PER HOUR INCREASE TO PERFORM THESE DUTIES EFFECTIVE 7-27-2020.

(4)
APPROVAL TO HIRE JIM JENNINGS AS THE EXECUTIVE PUBLIC LANDS AND PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR WITH FULL BENEFITS. WAGE GRADE 22.

(5)
APPROVAL TO GIVE BRENDA LEMON A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS THE SR. DEPUTY RECORDER. EFFECTIVE 7-27-20.

(6)
APPROVAL TO GIVE KARI ALTON A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS THE JANITOR IN THE ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY. EFFECTIVE 7-27-20.

(7)
APPROVAL TO GIVE VALERIE CLARK A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS THE JANITOR IN THE GREEN RIVER LIBRARY. EFFECTIVE 7-27-20.

(8)
APPROVAL TO PROMOTE DAVID LUKE TO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/DRIVER II. MOVE FROM GRADE 16 TO GRADE 17. EFFECTIVE 7-27-20.

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 KRIS BELL, COUNTY ASSESSOR.

Kris Bell presented tips on avoiding eye strain.

(4)
AWARDING OF 4 SAFETY VISA GIFT CARDS.

Safety VISA Gift Cards were awarded to:
Full time employee: Tammy Tucker
Part time employee: Jennifer Funk
Safety Sensitive employees: Dustin Deto and Brent Ward

(5)
RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE UTAH HUMANITIES CARES ACT GRANT FOR THE EMERY COUNTY LIBRARIES.

Library Director, Desiree Malley requested ratification of approval for a $5,000.00 Cares Act Grant from the Utah Humanities. The application needed to be signed prior to this meeting. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to ratify the signing of an application of the Utah Humanities Cares Act Grant for Emery County Libraries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(6)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY MOVING FORWARD WITH PLANS FOR A SMALLER SCALE LOCAL CELEBRATION IN PLACE OF THE EMERY COUNTY FAIR.

Commissioner Kent Wilson talked about moving forward with plans for a smaller scale local celebration in place of the Emery County Fair. Emery County has been granted Green Status by the state of Utah and SEUHD. Fair Director Sandra Huntington and Event Coordinator Amands Leonard have suggested holding a small scale celebration at the end of August at the Castle Dale City Park/FairGrounds. Local restaurants were forced to shut down for a period of time. This could be a time for the local restaurants to offer services to the citizens at one location for one day and the county pay for the services from the Fair Budget. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to activate plans for a small scale Emery County Fair with what is left of the Emery County Fair Budget to support the event to be held the last week in August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(7)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN EMERY COUNTY, UTAH.

Captain Kyle Ekker requested approval of a Resolution declaring the existence of a drought emergency in Emery County. He will continue to monitor the drought situation and keep the Commissioners informed. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to adopt Resolution 7-21-20 a resolution declaring the existence of a drought emergency in Emery County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(8)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY REQUEST FROM BLM TO RELINQUISH THE FREE USE PERMIT FOR THE MILLSITE LAKE PIT.

Road Supervisor Wayde Nielsen requested approval to relinquish the free use permits #UTU-66322, UTU-66321 (U-67) for Millsite Lake Pit back to the BLM. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to support Wayde Nielsen in his request to relinquish the free use permits for the Millsite Lake Pit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(9)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY GRANT AGREEMENT FOR RUSSIAN OLIVE ISM GRANT FUNDS.

Weed/Mosquito Supervisor Cory Worwood requested approval for a Grant Agreement for Russian Olive IDM Grant Funds. The agreement has not changed from last year just the dollar amount awarded of $38,000. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve a grant Agreement for Russian Olive ISM Grant Funds as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(10)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY COMPENSATION TO JOE FIELDER FOR USE OF HIS PERSONAL LAWN MOWER WHILE COUNTY'S LAWN MOWER WAS OUT OF SERVICE.

Commissioner Gil Conover suggested paying Joe Fielder for the use of his personal lawn mower while the county's lawn mower is out of service waiting for parts. He suggested paying Joe $300.00 per 5 day use or $75.00 a day. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to pay Joe Fielder $300.00 per 5 day use or $75.00 per day until the County's mower is returned to service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY BUDGET TO PURCHASE LAWN MOWER FOR COUNTY FACILITIES.

Commissioner Wilson indicated that it cost $400.00 to repair the county's lawn mower. He talked about getting local bids for a replacement mower and suggested that the departments who would benefit the most from the service to allocate funds from their department towards the purchase of a new mower. (Library, Aquatic Center, Museum, Courthouse, Road) Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to acquire funds from the departments who would benefit from the use of a lawnmower and if not able to come up with the funds then open the budget to allocate the funds to purchase a new lawnmower. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(12)

DISCUSS/APPROVE.DENY EMERY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM LIBRARY CARD POLICY.

Library Director Desiree Malley requested approval of the Board of Commissioners for the Emery County Library System's Library Card Policy. She explained that this is a revised policy approved by the EC Library Board. The revision allows a resident of Emery County to create a library card online. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve the Emery County Library System's Library Card Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(13)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY EMERY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM CIRCULATION POLICY.

Desiree Malley requested approval for the Emery County Library System's Circulation Policy. She explained that the policy includes multiple policies and combined policies and allows a process to patrons to appeal fines. The Policy has been approved by the EC Library Board. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve the EC Library System's Circulation Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(14)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SENDING A LETTER TO DWR AND DNR STATING OUR OBJECTION TO THE WEST OF THE GREEN RIVER BISON HUNT (RANGE CREEK).

Commissioner Sitterud explained that buffalo are crossing the river and moving into Range Creek and up on the Tavaputs Plateau eating the cattle's food. There is also a decrease in elk in the area because the bison are eating all the food. The EC Commission would like to write a letter to the DWR and DNR stating EC's objection to the West of the Green River Bison Hunt. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to allow Attorney Mike Olsen draft a letter for the Commissioners to sign stating Emery County's opposition to the West of the Green River Bison Hunt (Range Creek). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(15)
COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Commissioner Wilson asked Meagan Crosland to report on the Southeastern Utah Junior Livestock Show. Meagan indicated that the show turned out very well. The judge was great.

They did not have an auction so as a result the kids are now trying to sell their animals on their own. Commissioner Wilson reported on the CARES Funding and plans to help home occupations and any businesses affected by the COVID Pandemic. UAC will disburse the funds and decisions will be made locally.

(16)
ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:_____COMMISSIONER:_____