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

AUGUST 18, 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 # 255575 through and including #255693 was presented for payment.

Requisitions presented:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
53-20	Husqvarna MZ54 Zero Turn Lawn Mower Aquatic/Library/Museum/County	$4,679.99

There were no dispositions.

(2)
APPROVAL OF AUGUST 04, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

(3)
APPROVAL OF JULY 30, 2020 SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

(4)
NOTIFICATION SELECTED BRANT JACOBSON AS A PART TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I, WORKING 19 ¾ HOURS PER WEEK WITH NO BENEFITS. WAGE GRADE 16. EFFECTIVE 8-12-20.

(5)
APPROVAL TO HIRE VIRGINIA ROWLEY AS A DEPUTY TREASURER WORKING 29

HOURS PER WEEK WITH PRORATED BENEFITS BUT NO MEDICAL. WAGE GRADE 13.

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 DAVID AMES, SOLID WASTE CREW LEAD.

Wayde Nielsen, Road Supervisor gave a safety minute on the safe removal of asbestos.

(4)
AWARDING OF SAFETY VISA GIFT CARDS.

Safety Award VISA Cards were awarded to:
Full time employee: Colleen Murdock
Part time employee: Carolyn Marsing
Safety Sensitive employees: Clarence Smith and Earl Nelson

(5)
PRESENTATION BY AMANDA MCINTOSH OF THE HOPE SQUAD OF CARBON, EMERY AND GRAND COUNTY REGARDING A 5K/10K RUN IN GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK.

Debbie Marvidakis, HOPE Squad explained that September is Suicide Prevention month. She requested permission to hold a candlelight vigil on the front lawn of the courthouse again this year on the 10th of September at 8pm. Due to fire restrictions they will be using led candles rather than flame lit candles. They will have counselors available. They will hold a 5K/10K, Hoodoo Run at Goblin Valley on November 7th beginning at 6AM. It is open to all families to participate. Permission was granted to hold the candlelight vigil on the courthouse lawn as requested.

(6)

RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH UTAH STATE LIBRARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BEEHIVE LIBRARY CONSORTIUM.

The Memorandum of Agreement with Utah State Library for participation in the Beehive Library Consortium will allow the Libraries to purchase digital content on OverDrive. Emery County's participation is $1,000.00 of which Emery County Library will pay $500.00 and State Of Utah will pay the other $500.00. The agreement needed to be signed and forwarded to the State by August 10, 2020, so ratification of signing of the agreement is needed at this time. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to ratify the signing of Memorandum of Agreement with Utah State Library for participation in the Beehive Library Consortium. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(7)
RATIFICATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH CASTLE VALLEY CONSULTING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE IHUBS PROJECT.

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to ratify the signing of a contract with Castle Valley Consulting for engineering services for the iHubs Project at the Orangeville and Green River Libraries. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

(8)
RATIFICATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE HORNSHADOW SOLAR PROJECT.

The company developing the Hornshadow Solar Project requested a letter of support for the project. Emery County offers no incentives, just support for the project. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to ratify the signing of a letter of support for development of the Hornshadow Solar Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(9)
RATIFICATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SELF-HELP PROGRAM.

At a request for a letter of support from Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments to participate in and administer the Self-Help program, the Emery County Commissioners signed a letter of support and forwarded it to SEUALG on August 12, 2020. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to ratify the signing of a letter of support for the Self-Help Program that has been forwarded to SEUALG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(10)
OPEN AND AWARDING OF QUALIFICATIONS PACKETS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE

TO THE RFP FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE 2020 EMERY COUNTY FAIR.

No RFP's were submitted. At the suggestion of County Attorney Mike Olsen the Commissioners will contact Emery High School to see if any sports group would be interested in doing the cleaning as a fundraiser. No action taken.

(11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY PROCEEDINGS OF THE TAX SALE HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2020.

Both parcels that were auctioned for sale were sold. Parcel #1 had taxes due of $3,841.96 and sold for $50,100.00. Parcel #2 had taxes due of $9,945.01 and sold for $90,600.00. Motion to accept the outcome of the tax sale held on August 13, 2020 was made by Commissioner Gil Conover, seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson, and the motion passed.

(12)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY SIGNING CONTRACT WITH SELECTED APPLICANT FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE 2020 EMERY COUNTY FAIR.

Motion to approve the contract as worded to be signed by whomever submits a successful RFP for the cleaning services at the 2020 Emery County Fair was made by Commissioner Kent Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover, and the motion passed.

(13)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR AUDIO, LLC FOR SOUND SYSTEM SERVICES AT THE 2020 EMERY COUNTY FAIR.

Taylor Audio, LLC went through the State bid process. The contracted amount of the bid is $6,550.00. Commissioner Wilson suggested using COVID funds to pay for this service. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve an agreement with Taylor Audio, LLC for sound system services at the 2020 Emery County Fair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(14)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CREATION OF THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) BOARD.

The Commissioners discussed a Resolution authorizing the creation of an Economic Development Advisory Board that will be organized as directed by Senate Bill 95 signed into law

by Governor Gary Herbert in 2020. In order to obtain a Rural County Grant, Emery County

shall create a CED board composed of members appointed by the county legislative body. Adopting this Resolution will fulfill our legal obligation with the State of Utah. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 8-18-20A authorizing the creation of the County Economic Development (CED) Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(15)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION OF THE EMERY COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF CROSS APPEALS FOR 2020 CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTIES FILED BY UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY AND URBAN OIL & GAS GROUP, LLC.

County Attorney Mike Olsen indicated that the resolution will preserve the county's option to cross appeal when a centrally assessed property appeals their taxes. Mr. Olsen indicated that there will be more of these types of resolutions as the centrally assessed properties file their appeals. He suggested that approval for the resolution be included in the Consent Agenda as discussion is not necessary for each appeal. Commissione Kent Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution 8-18-20B authorizing the filing of cross-appeals for 2020 centrally assessed properties filed by Union Pacific Railroad Company and Urban Oil & Gas Group, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(16)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ADVERTISING FOR RFP FOR A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST AND MENTOR EMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS DIRECTOR.

Commissioner Wilson explained that when Ray Petersen informed the Commissioners that he would be retiring in 2020, the Commissioners put into the budget funds to hire a consultant to consult with the new director and the Commission. The Commission would like to advertise a RFP for a consultant to assist and mentor Emery County Public Lands Director and see what comes in and analyze the proposals to find what best meets their needs. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to advertise for RFP for a consultant to assist and mentor Emery County Public Lands Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

(17)
COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson talked about the CARES Funding. They are working with the cities to pool money together to manage COVID related things. There are a lot of local businesses that are hurting, and we would like to offer some assistance to help them survive now that the winter months are ahead of us and prepare for future life crises.

Larry Ellertson, Congressman Curtis Staff, talked about things that the Legislature is looking at this time. USPS discussions are still on going. Some other things they are discussing are securing, making sure there is more money for PILT, streamlining the NEPA process, timber industry and the USFS recognizing what could be of benefit to the forest, Rural business summit is on August 28th.

(18)
ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:_____COMMISSIONER:_____