

Minutes of the Meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** in the Commission Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse and through electronic means. Commissioners Randy Asay, Jack Lytle and Matt Tippetts were present in person. Attorney Niel Lund, and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond were present in person and Sheriff Erik Bailey and Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen attended by electronic means. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Commissioner Asay.

Present electronically: Kym Slagowski, Martin Peirce of Jones and DeMille Engineering, Senator Ron Winterton. Present in-person: Chuck Bennington, Terry

**Approve Minutes:** Commission Meeting minutes for August 11, 2020 were available for review. Commissioner Lytle motioned to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Issue Updates:** Commissioner Asay gave the COVID-19 statistics: Daggett County now has 1 positive case that has been retested and is now negative and has to be retested again before it can be taken off the list. Tri County is thinking it was a false positive, but Commissioner Lytle asked if it could have been a positive that has recovered and it wasn't clear. Uintah County has 92 recovered cases with 15 active and 9 hospitalizations for a total of 107 cases; Duchesne County has 91 recovered and 10 active cases and 4 hospitalizations and one death. The Ute Tribe has 15 recovered and 3 active cases, total positives of 18 and 1 death. In the Tri County area there have 227 positive cases and 11,331 tests administered. Uintah County, Wyoming has 261 positives and 51 probables. Sweetwater County has 302 recovered cases and 18 probables and 2 deaths in each county and Uinta County, Wyoming has 247 confirmed cases. Moffat County, Colorado remained at 35 total positive cases.

Commissioner Lytle asked the Attorney Niel Lund if he had done anything on the billing. Mr. Lund said he had reached out by email, but hadn't heard back and was looking for his current phone number. The rest should probably be sent to collections at the end of the month.

Commissioner Tippetts said he has played phone tag with Nathan regarding the jail and has not connected yet. With so many things selling it would be nice for this to move. The State is getting closer to the transition at the Point of the Mountain facility, so there may be a greater need for beds as the new facility has fewer beds. A phone call to the current director of corrections might be a good idea and Commissioner Tippetts was willing to make the call. Commissioner Asay thought they should be reminded that Daggett County could be part of the solution if they don't forget about us.

Attorney Niel Lund said a joint closed session regarding development in Dutch John needs to be scheduled with the Town of Dutch John and somebody who is interested in developing in Dutch John. That developer won't be available until after the 25th. Kara Berkland is supposed to be at the schools today. The other one we could meet with is the young lady from the Tourism board - Bianca Lyon and Ryan Kelly might be going to the Tourism Conference and could maybe get with her. There was talk of combining the meeting with the Public hearing and the closed session. October 6th would be the first, but the 14th would be the next possibility due to a holiday. Commissioner Tippetts proposed having the first meeting each month in Dutch John in evening. Commissioner Asay said we could try it in the evening as some have proposed that.

Commissioner Lytle motioned to go forward with having a Commission Meeting in Dutch John the first meeting of each month at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. It is a trial for now and we'll see how it goes. We could also do evening meetings in Manila if we want. Chuck Bennington said he felt it would benefit some citizens who work full time. All were in favor

and the motion carried. We'll do the public hearing that evening as well. The Manila hearing could be held on the 14th at 6 pm.

Mr. Raymond brought up the Sheriff's request for an introduction of Darin Johnson on the 29th of October. He may have some issues with housing and Commissioner Tippetts said he had some ideas that may help. Commissioner Tippetts brought up the RFP on the Engineer of Record RFP being published and it is set for the 29th.

**Citizen Comments:** Sheriff updated the Commissioners on the EMS grants that he spoke about briefly last week. One is for \$500 and the other is for \$21,254 and he would like to sign them and have Darin work on how to spend the money along with hospital tax as he thought there might be another brand that is better. It's on the agenda for next week.

**The Open Invoice Register Was Presented For Review And Approval:** The Open Invoice Register of September 10, 2020 was prepared by the Auditor/Recorder's Office. Commissioner Lytle motioned to approve the Open Invoice Register dated September 10, 2020 for the normal invoices in the amount of \$25,159.57. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. Commissioner Lytle asked for a delay in the vote until after discussion of the Cash Summary.

**Disbursement Listing:** The Disbursement Listing for September 5, 2020 through September 11, 2020 was prepared by the Auditor/Recorder's Office. Commissioner Lytle motioned to accept the Disbursement Listing from Zions's Checking for September 5 - September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$96,232.42. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Cash Summary:** The Cash Summary dated September 14, 2020 was available for review. The amount in the Zions account is not very high, but the only part of the expenses are coming from that account. Mr. Raymond said it will be tight, but he thought we were okay. Commissioner Tippetts suggested moving the Cash Summary ahead of the other two items in the future. Commissioner Tippetts asked about Fund 50 and that is all our money or does some of it need to go to UBAOG. Mr. Raymond said it is all ours. They get their portion directly and this is what we get. Manila reviewed 10 building permits last night, so buildings are increasing and the taxes may increase as well. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to acknowledge receipt of the Cash summary dated September 14, 2020. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**The Open Invoice Register Was Presented For Review And Approval (Cont'd):** The motion and second were made previously and Commissioner Asay called for the vote. All were in favor so the motion passed.

**Purchase Orders:** There were no Purchase Orders to review.

**Correspondence:** Commissioner Lytle mentioned that he was trying to set up a meeting with Bianca Lyon and that is going to take some coordination with the Town of Dutch John.

Commissioner Tippetts said he had received an email from Chad Booth for the 2021 Season of the County Seat and he would like that on the agenda for next week. Mr. Raymond said he would add that to next week's agenda. The Town of Dutch John did participate, but Manila did not.

**Calendar Review:** Commissioner Lytle said he will have a difficult time with the BOE hearings as he will be preparing for his son's wedding in Roosevelt and will be involved in tomorrow's rotenone project on Sheep Creek. Commissioner Asay said he would like to meet with Niel and get some instruction about what and what not to do during the BOE hearings. Keri Pallesen said that at the present everything is scheduled for Wednesday and nothing on Thursday.

Commissioner Tippetts said there is the USACCC Conference on September 23rd and 24th and he is going to try and attend by signing up later today. It's available virtual and in person. Commissioner Asay was thinking of attending virtually.

Commissioner Tippetts asked about the Railway and Commissioner Lytle said an agreement has been signed between Uintah Basin Railway and the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition for the work that has been and will be done. It is still moving forward in a good way. We are not a truly affected county, which will reduce any amounts we might receive. There is a virtual meeting on Friday that Commissioner Lytle can attend.

There is another update for the water and sewer and we are looking to do a Master Plan for the water and sewer as there are some deficiencies and the chlorine in the pipes and the system is a problem in the winter when use is low, so we need to do the plan and we hope to have an RFP out soon for the water master plan for water and sewer for help from CIB in 2021. It would all come from fund 28. Commissioner Lytle's gut feeling is that the current rates are in the ballpark and the question was brought up that we had said we would do a review of the rates in the future. The master plan process will lead to the rates being checked. We are in a good place currently.

## **Policy and Legislation Items:**

**Discussion And Consideration Of County Buyback Of Manila Cemetery Grave Section 4, Lot 11:** Commissioner Asay turned the time over to Jesse Platt. He fielded a call from a citizen from the original purchase of a cemetery lot. There was not clarity of the ownership of a family lot, but that was cleared up and her relative was able to be interred and she didn't need the other lot and was hoping to sell it back for \$250. Commissioner Lytle motioned to buy back her grave for the price she paid. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Commissioner Asay noted we had 10 minutes before the 10:30 am Canvass and recessed the meeting.

**Canvass of the The Dutch John Dissolution Election Held On Tuesday, September 8, 2020:** Commissioner Asay got the meeting going again at 10:35 am. Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond gave a little history that the first petition was rejected because it did not contain the required wording on the petition. The 2nd petition had 29 out of 33 signatures that were able to be counted and only 18 were required. After reviewing the petition the judge required the County Clerk to do the election so the procedures were followed to put it to a vote for the residents of Dutch John. Mr. Raymond explained that he had received 4 ballots that did not have matching signatures. All but one were able to be counted. There were 3 provisional ballots and two were questionable but they signed the affidavit that they were residents and so their ballots were accepted. We originally had completed 38 "Yes" votes and 55 "No" votes and with the 4 additional ballots taking the totals to 41 "Yes" votes and 56 "No" votes, so the Town will . Commissioner Lytle asked about the need for the county to complete the Canvass and why the Town was not doing it. There was a bit of discussion, and basically since the County was told by the Court to do the election, they should also do the Canvass. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to approve the Canvass results of the Dutch John Dissolution Election. After a question on the wording on the draft Canvass, Commissioner Lytle

seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Raymond said he would get an updated copy of the Canvass ready for signatures.

Terry Whyte was given some time to discuss the Sewer issue in Chettyville. He had spoken with Darrin Brown of Tri County Health and he was excited to hear something was moving forward and suggested to start off with a grant for engineering and go from there. Chad Reed will come next week and discuss this and the Town had to be the first stop since they own the infrastructure and they are very willing to continue the discussion. Tri County has a person that can help people write grants and there is a lot of money for these types of things. The Water District can not help with the funding for this system or the hydrants. There was some part of a study if the ponds had been put in a different place the whole valley could have been on the system without a pump, but that is history now. Cooperation would make this project valuable for the whole valley.

With no additional business Commissioner Lytle motioned to adjourn at 11:04 am and Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Randy Asay  
Commissioner Randy Asay

s/ Brian Raymond  
Clerk/Treasurer\_Brian Raymond

/s/ Jack Lytle  
Commissioner Jack Lytle

/s/ Matt Tippetts  
Commissioner Matt Tippetts