

Minutes of the Meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board Public Hearing held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020** in the Commission Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse and through electronic means. Commissioners Randy Asay, Matt Tippetts and Jack Lytle attended in person. Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond were also present in person. Sheriff Erik Bailey and Attorney Niel Lund were present online. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Commissioner Asay.

Present In Person: Brianne Carter **Present Online:** Darin Johnson

Commissioner Asay read the Notice of the Hearing and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond said he had not received any comments. Brianne Carter and Sheriff Bailey were asked if they had any comments and they did not at this time. No public were present except Daggett County employees, and everyone attending was introduced and thanked for attending.

Public Comments Regarding The Proposed Amendments To the 2020 Daggett County Budget: Commissioner Asay was open for comments. Commissioner Lytle asked if anyone had any specific questions on the 48 pages of the 2021 Budget and the 2 pages of the proposed resolution for 2020. Commissioner Lytle asked if there was a typo on the agenda as it said “Public Comments Regarding The Proposed 2020 Daggett County Budget” and 2020 should have said 2021. Commissioner Lytle asked if we needed to go through the proposals item by item.

Public Comments Regarding The Proposed 2021 Daggett County Budget: It was asked if the 2% COLA was in the 2021 budget for both employees and elected officials and if that was the same as last year. Keri Pallesen said it was included in the budget proposed and last year there was a 3% COLA. The 2020 Budget expenses are being adjusted up to spend an additional \$10,492 from the fund balance. The 2021 budget is proposing to take less from the Fund Balance than in 2020.

Public Comments Regarding The Proposed Amendments To the 2020 Daggett County Budget (Cont’d): Things are looking good with our busy summer, but things might be slowing down so we are trying to be conservative during these uncertain times. Commissioner Lytle thanked all the departments for their efforts to live within their budgets and the upcoming changes and reconsolidation of offices. Keri Pallesen was thanked for her efforts to put all this together. Commissioner Lytle highlighted the items in the draft resolution to amend the 2020 budget, which included the following changes: Increase Intergovernmental Revenue by \$39,935 and use of the fund balance for the Town of Manila CARES money and EMS grant; Increase Election Expenditures by \$1,500 for actual costs of a Presidential election and a special election for Dutch John; Increase COVID-19 Expenditures to meet the Town of Manila CARES money received and spent; Increase Ambulance Expenditures to reflect the difference in amount of EMS grant received vs. budgeted; Increase Television Expenditures by \$900 to meet the actual costs for the “Free” TV; Increase the Transfers Out for the sustainability amount for the VOCA grant; and the total General fund revenues and expenditures match. Increase government revenue for VOCA Fund 17 by \$17,500 to combine VAWA into the VOCA grant to reflect the contracts as they stand now; Increase Contributions and Transfers In for the sustainability amount discussed earlier and increased VOCA expenditures due to the consolidation.. The Rural Hospital Tax increase transfers in to increase the budget by \$50,000 as we haven’t received a bill from UBMC or Uintah Basin Health since August and revenues are usually down when it is not fully staffed. Commissioner Asay noted that Keri had tried to get some response from them, but she has not received anything yet, so this is the buffer to cover the unknown. Commissioner Tippetts thanked the staff and their willingness to get the budget where it needs to be.

Commissioner Asay echoed his comments and specifically thanked the Sheriff for all his hard work and also the new EMS Director Darin Johnson for his energy and the excitement he has created. Commissioner Lytle recognized them for their creativity in working with their budgets. Commissioner Tippetts said this year could have ended much worse for the County than it actually did.

Public Comments Regarding The Proposed Amendments To the 2020 Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Budget and the Proposed 2021 RDA Budget: Commissioner Lytle noted that there weren't any changes to the 2020 RDA Budget and Auditor Recorder Keri Pallesen said that there weren't any known changes yet. The Draft 2021 Budget for the RDA is the same as last year's RDA budget.

The Salary Ordinance was not on the agenda, but was on the Public Hearing Notice. Commissioner Lytle motioned to amend the agenda to include the Salary Ordinance for the Elected Officials. Keri said that she had sent out last year's ordinance just before the meeting. You have the request for an increase from the Sheriff to \$62,400 and the changes to the elected officials as mentioned earlier, plus the Auditor is separating from the Recorder. Commissioner Lytle and Keri Pallesen reviewed and adjusted the numbers from last year's Ordinance for the COLA and added the Attorney and other changes to the elected officials including the judge. The Sheriff's request was discussed and he was asked if that included the COLA and he said that this is the first he had heard of it. No decision can be made today during the hearing. Commissioner Lytle noted that there is staff compression in the Sheriff's Office that could justify the request. Keri asked when the decision will be made and Commissioner Lytle said it would be before the end of the year during a regular Commission Meeting. It was thought to keep it on next week's agenda for discussion. Keri thought that the 2020 Budget could be left open longer in case something comes in unexpectedly. Commissioner Tippetts thought the Salary Ordinance and 2021 Budget could be independent on next week's agenda. Commissioner Lytle recommended that we maintain the 2021 proposed budget for the County and RDA and the Ordinance for the Elected Officials Salaries on the agenda for next week's agenda with the end of December being the target of completion.

Commissioner Asay asked for any other comments and without any called for the motion. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lytle seconded. All were in favor and the hearing was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

s/ Brian Raymond
Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond

/s/ Randy Asay
Commissioner Randy Asay

/s/ Jack Lytle
Commissioner Jack Lytle

/s/ Matt Tippetts
Commissioner Matt Tippetts