

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner Leland Pollock, Commissioner David Tebbs, Commissioner Jerry Clerk Camille Moore, Attorney Barry Huntington.

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order and Brian Bremner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs thanked everyone for their understanding and help in his absence. The Cannonville cell tower proposed location will no longer be available. They are reviewing several other locations.

Commissioner Taylor would like to make the transient room tax collections for the past few years public. He attended a meeting regarding the upgrade of the power grid in the area.

Commissioner Pollock reported on the meeting with Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior last week. He reported on the need for an Emergency Resolution regarding the current drought conditions. He attended a meeting regarding the upgrade of the power grid in the area.

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS

Gravel Pit: Brian Bremner, County Engineer, presented a MOA outlining the agreement Shannon Steed for his gravel pit near Escalante. After discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to enter a Memorandum of Agreement for use of Ordinary Sand and Gravel with Shannon Steed, Desert Island, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Forest Garden Subdivision Amendment: Kaden Figgins, County Planner, reviewed the procedure for the amending the subdivision plat. Mark Cox, property owner in Forest Garden Subdivision, is requesting that Lot 67 and Lot 73 be combined into one lot. The new lot number will be 73. After discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the amendment to the Forest Garden Subdivision combining Lot 67 and Lot 73. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

PANGUITCH BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

Dr. Mitch Miller explained to the Commission the fundraising efforts to purchase and install a new score board at the Panguitch Baseball Park. The total cost is \$24,000.00 and they lack \$3,000.00. After discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to fund the request of \$3,000.00 for the Panguitch Ball Park Score Board. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Tye Ramsay, Airport Manager, gave an update on the airport residence. One bid has been received from B-Town Construction to replace the roof. After discussion, the Commission gave Tye authorization to replace the asphalt shingles with a metal roof on the airport residence for the bid amount of \$10,000.00.

EXTENSION BUDGET

Kevin Heaton, USU Extension, explained that he is retiring and the options for hiring his replacement. We are currently sharing the agent with Kane County. Kane County has a different focus than Garfield County. After discussion, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to contribute up to \$40,000.00 a year to hire a full-time Extension Agent. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

FIRE WARDEN

Josh Soper, County Fire Warden, stated that there have been numerous fires in the last two weeks. He recommended that the Commission pass a resolution implementing fire restrictions because of the dry conditions. Attorney Huntington will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

OPEN MEETINGS ANNUAL TRAINING

Attorney Huntington conducted a training on the Open Meetings Law with the Commission.

BASEBALL ANNUAL FUNDING

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to fund the youth baseball programs in the County. Each area will receive \$500.00 for baseball and \$300.00 for Softball. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

ESCALANTE CEMETERY DISTRICT BOARD

The Escalante Cemetery District Board has voted to make the board a five-member board. They have also entered into an interlocal agreement with Escalante City to provide maintenance services for the cemetery. Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to appoint Mayor Melani Torgersen and Terry Olsen to the Escalante Cemetery Board. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Applications have been received from Aspen Cove Resort, Panguitch Lake, and Silver Wings Storage, Escalante. After review, Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to issue a business license to Aspen Cove Resort. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous. Kaden voiced his concern that Mr. Cook has not recorded the subdivision that was approved. Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the business license for Silver Wings Storage, Kaden will contact Mr. Cook and report to the Commission in two weeks. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable list was reviewed and signed by the Commission.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye.

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

STATE OF UTAH)
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

The undersigned, as presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, after being duly sworn, hereby states, swears and affirms as follows:

1. That on the 12th day of April, 2021, during a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, the board, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the members present at the meeting for which notice was given pursuant to Section 52-4-6, voted to close the meeting to discuss pending litigation.
 2. That a quorum was present.
 3. That I do hereby affirm that the sole purpose for closing the meeting was to discuss pending litigation.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2021.

Commission Chair

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to return to general session. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting: Pollock - Aye, Taylor - Aye, Tebbs - Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor