

**SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**July 6, 2021, 1:00 P.M.**

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Suite 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew, Commissioners Edwin Sunderland and Reed D. Hatch, and County Clerk Sandy Neill. County Attorney Kevin Daniels appeared by phone as needed.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Scott Bartholomew.

**OPENING PRAYER OR REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Prayer is offered by Scott Bartholomew. Pledge of allegiance is recited by all.

**CLAIMS AND APPROVAL OF FINANCES**

Auditor Stacey Lyon is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve payment of claims #35112 through #351253. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Motion to approve the finances is made by Commissioner Sunderland. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

**STACEY LYON: APPROVAL OF 2021 TAX SALE**

Stacy Lyon is present. Forty four parcels were advertised for the tax sale. Ten properties sold at the auction for approximately \$250,000. One hundred and sixteen people were present. The other 34 properties that were set to be sold were paid off prior to the deadline. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the 2021 Tax Sale. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**SHERIFF BUCHANAN: OATH OF OFFICE FOR JAIL DEPUTIES MIKE MORONEY AND TREY TALCOTT; APPROVAL TO PAY LEXIPOL FOR PATROL POLICIES 11-2-2020 TO 10-31-2021; APPROVAL TO PAY DYNAMIC INTEGRATIONS FOR JAIL CAMERAS; APPROVAL TO PAY EVANS LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE JAIL DRYER; APPROVAL TO MOVE PATROL DEPUTY JORDAN GARFF FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME PATROL DEPUTY; APPROVAL TO MOVE JAIL DEPUTY RON RASMUSSEN TO PATROL DEPUTY**

Sheriff Jared Buchanan is present. Jail Deputies Mike Moroney and Trey Talcott are sworn into office. The Lexipol bill was budgeted in last year's budget, but the bill was not received until this year. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve payment to Lexipol for patrol policies in the amount of \$8,325.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Sunderland to approve the payment of \$4,620.00 to Dynamic Integrations for jail cameras. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to pay Evan Laundry Equipment for a dryer in the amount of \$7,059.34 with the funds to come from ARPA funds. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve moving Patrol Deputy Jordan Garff from full time to part time with the pay of \$21.13. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Sunderland to approve moving Jail Deputy Ron Rasmussen to Patrol Deputy, grade 27, step 13 with the pay of \$26.61 per hour effective July 11, 2021. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes.

**KEVIN DANIELS: RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL TO HIRE AREK BUTLER AS A FULL TIME DEPUTY ATTORNEY**

Kevin Daniels appears by phone. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve hiring Arek Butler as a full time Deputy attorney at \$80,000 per year with benefits. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**JEFF ANDERSON: APPROVAL FOR CENTRAL UTAH CONCRETE CUTTING TO CUT WALLS ON THE OLD JAIL MOAT; APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF HVAC CONTROLLER FOR THE COURTHOUSE; APPROVE PURCHASE OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM FILTER FOR THE COURTHOUSE**

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the payment to Central Utah Concrete Cutting in the amount of \$1680 to cut the walls on the old jail moat. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to replace the HVAC controller for the courthouse at a cost of \$13,250.00 to Honeywell. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the purchase of sprinkler system filter from Schultzens at a cost of \$1,753.83 pending the decision later in this meeting. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**TRAVEL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: APPROVAL OF MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVAL TO SPEND STATE OF UTAH RURAL COUNTY GRANT FOR BUSINESS EXPANSION AND RELOCATION GRANTS**

Kevin Christensen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Sunderland to approve the expenditure of up to \$6,000 for Mountain Bike Trail Improvements up Ephraim Canyon. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. The State of Utah has a Utah Rural County Grant program for business expansion. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve spending \$95,833 for business expansion and relocation grants. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT FOR P.C. DEVELOPMENT TO CUT THROUGH CHIP SEALED ROAD IN INDIANOLA TO INSTALL POWER CONDUIT**

Tom Seely is present. Discussion is held as to what should be required to make sure the road is back in place after being cut. At what point should we release the bond? Motion is made by Commissioner Sunderland to approve the right of way agreement for P.C. Development to cut through a chip sealed road in Indianola to install power conduit conditional on \$50,000 bond remaining in place until an engineer approved by the County (at the licensee's expense) approves the compaction. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch.

**JAMES AND NATALEE PEMBERTON: FINAL APPROVAL OF JUNIPER RIDGE, A ONE LOT SUBDIVISION WEST OF SPRING CITY ON PARCEL # S 26723X6**

This matter is tabled for now. A new plat will be made and this will be placed on the next agenda.

**WAYNE LARSEN: APPROVAL OF GOOGLE WORKSPACE 12 MONTH LICENSE FOR 122 USERS**

Wayne Larsen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve pay in Onix \$8,784.00 for 122 twelve month Google licenses. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**TRACY CHRISTENSEN: APPROVAL TO HIRE HEIDI SORENSEN FOR A PART TIME POSITION**

Tracy Christensen is present. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve hiring Heidi Sorensen at \$13.88 per hour to work part time in the building inspection department effective July 7, 2021. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**TOM SEELY: APPROVAL TO REPAIR THE JAW CRUSHER**

The jaw crusher was broken while on the trailer. It has been fixed. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve payment to repair the jaw crusher at a current amount of \$9,800, and possibly a bit more. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

**DAVE HOGGAN AND JERRY FERGUSON: REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT ON THE HIGHWAY 89 INDIANOLA TURNOFF INTERSECTION**

Dave Hoggan and Jerry Ferguson are present. They explain that when going north on Highway 89 you can't see the Indianola turn at night, and especially when it rains or snows. Some sort of lamp or light needs to be put up to help solve a safety issue. Tom Seely will look into what will be involved to take care of this to make it more safe. This matter is tabled for now.

**CHRISTINE NEHRER: REQUEST TO HAVE A CATCH AND RELEASE ORDINANCE FOR CATCH AND RELEASE OF FERAL CATS**

Christine Nehrer is present. In 2011 the Trap-Neuter-Return program was adopted by the State. This program helps keep cats out of shelters and saves their lives. The Humane Society is willing to spay or neuter and vaccinate a number of feral cats each month. Volunteers could be used to round up cats. They would need to make sure that the cats do not belong to someone. The County Attorney's office will write up a waiver that protects the County if this program is enacted. This could be advertised in the newspapers after the waiver is in place. The Commissioners ask that they ask the Humane Society representatives to come and meet with the Commissioners soon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to approve the minutes from June 15, 2021 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. Roll call vote is taken: Commissioner Bartholomew votes aye, Commissioner Hatch votes aye, and Commissioner Sunderland votes aye. The vote is unanimous.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to go out of closed session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes. The following action was necessary due to this closed session. Motion is made by Commissioner Sunderland to move forward with the process to undo a tax sale and make the buyer whole. The County Attorney can now proceed with that. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Hatch, and the motion passes. Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to release the overpayment on a property that was sold a couple of years ago, and the County Attorney will make the arrangements.


**CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT: PRESENTATION OF TRUTH IN TAXATION**

Tom Bruton and Zack Seipert are present from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The board recommended they hold truth in taxation to re-establish CUWCD's tax rate back to its legislative maximum amount of 0.0004. If they stay at the certified rate for 2021-2022, they would receive \$4,936,782 less in taxes. For Sanpete County's portion, that would mean approximately \$3.42 more in taxes for the average household. The funds would help mitigate unpredictable Federal contributions to construction projects. There will be less of a need to go to bond market. This also helps meet long-term financial obligations. Public hearings will be held in Roosevelt and Orem. The board will make a decision on the tax rate on August 18, 2021.

Discussion is held as to whether Sanpete County wants to continue to be a part of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. Commissioners Hatch and Bartholomew voice their opinions that we aren't getting our money's worth from the CUWCD. Commissioner Sunderland expresses his opinion that they are getting closer to getting more water to Sanpete County. Mr. Bruton explains that they have plans for a collection system in the narrows region that would bring water in to Sanpete. A common theme this year is water conservation. The district now has grants or programs available that would help to remove turf and replace it with water-wise landscaping. They also have a water efficiency program to help with projects and provide funding. Meters on secondary water systems help to reduce wasting of water.

Motion is made by Commissioner Hatch to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Sunderland, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

ATTEST:   
Sandy Neill  
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED:   
Scott Bartholomew  
Commission Chair