

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION OCTOBER 7, 2013 IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 147 EAST MAIN, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:04 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSION CHAIR MARK RAYMOND AND COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MCKEE. COMMISSIONER DARLENE BURNS, EXCUSED.

**ATTENDANCE:** MARY BERNARD, TAL EHLERS, CHARLOTTE NIELSEN, DAVID NIELSEN SR, DIANE COLTHARP, WENDI LONG, JEREMY RAYMOND, JAY HASLEM, ROBERT BARNHILL, BRYAN MEIER, KELLY HARVEY, JON STEARMER, JEFF MERRELL AND LINCOLN BROWN.

**MINUTES RECORDED BY TAI BRUCKNER, DEPUTY CLERK-AUDITOR.**

**PRAYER:** JEREMY RAYMOND

**PLEDGE:** DIANE COLTHARP

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:** DATED OCTOBER 3, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,919.71 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**TAX MATTERS:** JAY HASLEM

INTERMOUNTAIN FARMERS ASSOCIATION INC REQUESTED A REFUND OF 2012 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,325.08 FOR SERIAL NUMBER 05:129:0009 AS PER STATE APPEAL #12-2773.

VERIZON WIRELESS REQUESTED A REFUND OF 2010 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$.77 FOR SERIAL NUMBER 50:010:1869, PRIOR SERIAL NUMBER 50:104:0008, AS PER STATE APPEAL #10-1687.

VERIZON WIRELESS REQUESTED A REFUND OF 2011 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.05 FOR SERIAL NUMBER 50:010:1869, PRIOR SERIAL NUMBER 50:104:0008, AS PER STATE APPEAL #11-1526.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**BUSINESS LICENSES:** NONE

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES:** NONE

**BID OPENING AND POSSIBLE AWARD:** SALT SHED STRUCTURES

FOUR BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE RFP FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR TWO SALT SHED STRUCTURES.

ARROW CONSTRUCTION OF MOAB, UTAH SUBMITTED A BID OF \$19,188.00 FOR THE SEEP RIDGE SALT SHED AND \$117,009.00 FOR THE ASPHALT RIDGE SALT SHED.

CLEAR SPAN FABRIC STRUCTURES OF SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT SUBMITTED A BID OF \$32,640.00 FOR THE SEEP RIDGE SALT SHED AND \$123,450.00 FOR THE ASPHALT RIDGE SALT SHED.

A AND B CONSTRUCTION LTD OF HARPER, IOWA SUBMITTED A BID OF \$15,425.00 FOR THE SEEP RIDGE SALT SHED AND \$73,728.00 FOR THE ASPHALT RIDGE SALT SHED.

COVER SOLUTIONS OF GRAND JUNCTION, CO SUBMITTED A BID OF \$30,883.00 FOR THE SEEP RIDGE SALT SHED AND \$101,266.00 FOR THE ASPHALT RIDGE SALT SHED.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BIDS, REVIEW AND AWARD AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, IF READY. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**APPROVAL OF 2013 SHSP GRANT AWARD:** TAL EHLERS

THIS GRANT IS FROM THE STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THE GRANT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$243,000.00 FOR REGION V. REGION V CONSISTS OF UINTAH, DUCHESNE, AND DAGGETT COUNTIES, THE UTE TRIBE, AND CITIES AND DISTRICTS WITHIN THESE COUNTIES. THESE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE SPECIFIC ENTITIES AND THE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER MCKEE WANTED TO ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE CONTRACTS ARE IN PLACE DETAILING WHICH ENTITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE. THIS GRANT IS NOT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT BUT RATHER FOR PURCHASING NECESSARY SUPPLIES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION: JEREMY RAYMOND**

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> THRU THE 12<sup>TH</sup> IS DEDICATED AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. THIS WEEK'S THEME IS PREVENTING KITCHEN FIRES. THEY WILL HAVE INFORMATION IN THE COUNTY BUILDING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE RADIO AND IN THE PAPER. JEREMY READ THE PROCLAMATION.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE THANKED THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB. WE HAVE A WELL MAINTAINED, SUPPLIED AND TRAINED DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**RENEWAL OF RURAL PUBLIC LANDS COUNTY COUNCIL (RPLCC) CONTRACT WITH ROBERT WEIDNER**

ROBERT WEIDNER IS A LOBBYIST IN WASHINGTON DC. HE REPRESENTS THE COUNTY REGARDING PUBLIC LANDS ISSUES THAT ARE COMMON TO RURAL COUNTIES. THERE ARE ABOUT 20 ACROSS THE STATE THAT UTILIZE ROBERT. THE CONTRACT IS ANNUAL AND IS ABOUT \$30,000 PER YEAR.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO RENEW THE ANNUAL CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AIRPORT WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT (WHA) CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT WILL ALLOW WILDLIFE CONSULTANTS TO START ON THE HAZARD ASSESSMENT FOR THE AIRPORT. THE FAA GRANT COVERS THE COST.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE ALL PERTAINING DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**SNOW REMOVAL AND EQUIPMENT (SRE) BUILDING CONTRACT WITH RIDGELINE DEVELOPMENT SRE BUILDING NOTICE TO PROCEED**

THE CONTRACT HAS ALL BEEN IRONED OUT AND IS READY TO GO. THE CONTRACTOR IS SIMPLY TRYING TO OBTAIN A GOVERNMENT BOND BUT THE SHUTDOWN IS HOLDING IT UP.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO PROCEED WITH THE CONDITION THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE #10-07-2013 01: PRIVATIZING ROAD IN T2S R2E SEC 18, DAVID NIELSEN AND JEREMIAH CLARK PROPERTIES.**

THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DIFFERENCE IN PRIVATIZING AND VACATING THE ROAD. FROM THE PUBLIC'S STANDPOINT, IT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE; EITHER WAY THE PUBLIC WILL NOT HAVE OPEN ACCESS TO THE ROAD. HOWEVER, IF PRIVATIZED THE LANDOWNERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE ROAD AS IT WOULD BE PRIVATE. THE PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE HAD A

PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THE LANDOWNERS WOULD PREFER IT BE PRIVATIZED. THE USE OF THE ROAD DOES NOT BENEFIT THE PUBLIC.

DAVID NIELSEN ADDRESSED THE MEETING IN AGREEANCE; THEY WOULD LIKE IT TO BE PRIVATIZED.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #10-07-2013 01. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2013 AT 10 AM.

**ADJOURN:** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 AM.

  
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MARK D. RAYMOND, CHAIR

  
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MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR