

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission, Tuesday, December 10, 2013. All members were present. Vicky McKee, County Clerk, was present as board secretary. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Steglich.

Also present were: Stew Leith, Keri Pallesen-County Auditor/Recorder, Niel Lund-County Attorney, Brian Raymond-Economic Development, Hank Gutz, Chris Collett, Susie Potter, Butch Johns and Alan Pulham.

There was no one present with old business nor citizens comments.

The minutes from the December 3rd meeting were provided by the County Clerk's office for review and approval. Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2013 meeting as provided. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

The Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$475,948.57 was provided by the County Auditor's office for review and approval. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the Open Invoice Report as provided. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

With regards to correspondence, Mrs. McKee provided a notice from the State of Utah, School & Institutional Trust Land Administration regarding their intent to dispose of a parcel of property containing 124.7 acres. Mr. Steglich stated that this was the 120 acres that adjoined the 40 acres that the county had recently purchased from SITLA. The original 40 acres did not cover all the contamination that the State was concerned with and with all the easements on the 40 acres the county has decided to look at purchasing additional property. The purpose of the additional property is for a rifle range, archery range and trap/skeet range. He has also talked to the local producers about putting an indoor arena and horse facility at the location. The property is currently leased by Broadbent for grazing and contains a well. The county plans to move forward with this and make a nice facility at the location. Brad Peterson will be contacting Hoyt Equipment who makes all the archery equipment for the Olympics to determine if they would be willing to make a contribution. Mr. Steglich stated that there will probably be a public meeting held on January 7, 2013 to discuss this issue and other issues to determine the public's opinion on the project.

Mrs. Perry stated that at the elected officials meeting, Sheriff Jorgensen had stated that it would be best if the safety program could be declared as a mandatory program so that his deputies would be in attendance. The matter was opened for discussion with required percentages or alternatives being reviewed. Mrs. Perry stated that she felt that it could be a mandatory program for law enforcement and maintenance. Mr. Steglich stated that he felt that if it was made mandatory for some it should be mandatory for all. Mr. Blanchard stated that he feels that the employees need to be responsible for their own attendance and he would hate to see that it would be made mandatory. The possible change to the County Personnel policy was discussed. Mr. Steglich stated that this matter will be continued until the next meeting to allow Mrs. Twitchell time to provide a detailed plan on how she will manage the Safety Program in relation to all the departments/employees.

There has been a proposal provided to the County Commission to give each county employee a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$200.00. Mrs. Pallesen stated that there is sufficient budget in each department to cover the bonus. Mr. Blanchard stated that each Department Head needs to be applauded for the way they have managed their budgets considering the cuts to their budgets. Mrs. Perry stated that she feels that it

would be a nice gesture in lieu of a raise and/or turkeys or hams and this would be a way to say "Thanks". Mr. Blanchard stated that the county has raised taxes because we were short of funds and it would not be viewed well by the public to give a Christmas bonus. Mr. Steglich stated that he supported the bonus as this will not expend the remaining 2013 budget and the employees are going to get hit with a \$3,000.00 cost increase to their insurance which will probably be an ongoing expense each year. Mr. Blanchard stated that the 2014 budget is \$15,000.00 more than the 2013 budget and the expense for a bonus could be used to offset that increase. Mr. Leith, Daggett County citizen, stated that since there has not been a raise given to any employees he does not have a problem giving a bonus. Upon review and discussion, motion by Mrs. Perry give every active county employee a \$200.00 Christmas Bonus. With the lack of a second by Mr. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Steglich with a roll call vote. Mrs. Perry-Aye, Mr. Blanchard- Nay and Mr. Steglich – Aye.

The county had received an email from Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties, requesting that the county provide their election to receive payment and election to allocate the State payment for SRS funds for 2013. Mrs. McKee provided a copy of Resolution #08-21 and #08-22 which stated the allocation approved in 2008 for Commission review. Also based on a phone call with Mr. Ward, Mrs. McKee prepared and provided a Draft form for approval. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the election to receive the payment and the following allocation for SRS Funds: Election to Receive Payment – Secure Rural Schools Act State payment. Percent for Public Schools & Roads (Title I) – 85%, Percent for Title II, Special Projects – 8% and Percent for Title III, County Funds – 7%. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Brian Raymond was present regarding a Proposal for Renewing the Utah Enterprise Zone Designation for Daggett County, Utah. He stated that the designation was good for five years and this was the second renewal for a five year designation which will start in 2014. Mr. Raymond provided information regarding a 50% Tax Credit upon donating to the 501c3 set up by the county. He has also been working with the Town of Manila to set the same thing up to help them in future projects. Mr. Blanchard questioned in the 10 years previous what was the benefit and Mr. Raymond stated that there was probably none but with the newly established 501c3 it should be different in the future. This could be a benefit for local businesses and he would like to incorporate the entire county into this. Motion by Mrs. Perry to renew the Enterprise Zone for the entire county. Mr. Blanchard questioned if the Commission should wait until the application is complete and it was determined that the matter be continued until the forms are complete and provided at the next meeting.

With regards to the matter of the plowing the parking lots at the Dutch John Elementary, Mr. Lund stated that the Memorandum Of Understanding has not been completed and was determined that the School District needs to draft the MOU as they have requested the county's assistance. A big concern for the county is liability and the MOU needs to deal with that issue. This matter will be tabled until the School District provides the documents.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to go in and out of RDA at 9:20 A.M. for discussion of a real estate offer. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The county has received a Real Estate offer provided by Al Pulham which is located where the Forest Service trailers had been located until recently. The lot

currently has all the facilities which have been installed and paid for by the county. The other lots sold have been assessed an additional \$1,000.00. The value of this lot and prior lots sold was reviewed and discussed. Upon determination that Mr. Pulham will be attending the meeting, the matter was tabled at this time. .

Mr. Blanchard questioned the matter of the other agenda item for Real Estate proposal still being on the agenda and Mr. Steglich stated that the proposal was for the 17 acres and the matter will be removed from the agenda until the county receives something official.

With regards to Commission Assignments, Mr. Steglich stated that Fred Ferguson, Rob Bishop's Chief of Staff, had contacted him about a meeting on January 22, 2014 at 2:30 P.M. at the State Capital. They have invited the seven counties that are involved with Rob Bishop's Land Exchange and are requesting that one Commissioner from each of the seven counties attend and give a five minute presentation. The items requested to be addressed are the following: 1. Processes that the counties have gone through with the public, 2. Any benefits and 3. Any federal land that has been privatized. Mr. Steglich has offered to give the presentation and has also requested that the attorney's help with that. Mr. Steglich stated that there was a document sent out yesterday addressing the Federal Land Exchange (Ken Ivory's Bill) from the Sutherland Institute and he has requested that the attorneys review the document and pull out information for use with the county's presentation. Mr. Blanchard suggested that the document that was sent to Mark Ward be included as well. Mr. Steglich stated that he is proposing to have a Public Hearing on this matter on January 7, 2013 included with the Trust Lands hearing.

Mrs. Perry stated that she has still been debating the matter of what to do with the existing Clinic and whether or not to consider replacing it. She will be looking into a grant to build a Senior Center and Clinic. The matter was reviewed and discussed. There was also discussion about considering going to IHC to see if they would be willing to participate in this with the county. Mrs. Perry recommends for the county to wait until Mr. Shaffer is no longer in charge of Tri-County Health.

Mr. Lund stated that Mrs. McKee has noticed a meeting scheduled for tomorrow for a training on the Open & Public Meeting Act for any board members that uses public funds.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to recess the meeting at 9:55 A.M until 10:00 A.M for the Public Hearing scheduled at that time. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 A. M. with all previously mentioned present.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to go into the Public Hearing scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Mr. Steglich stated that the Public Hearing had been called for the purpose of obtaining public comments regarding the 2013 Budget Adjustments, 2014 Salaries and the 2014 Budget. Mrs. Pallesen provided to the public the documents to be discussed. Mr. Steglich stated that the first matter before the Commission is the 2013 Budget Adjustments and opened the matter for public comment.

Butch Johns requested to be able to address his concerns with the increase in taxes in order to meet the budget for next year. He had concerns with the anticipated revenues versus the expenditures being close to the same amount and his concern is what if the expenditures are more than what is received in revenues. There is no reserve shown and

questioned how that works. Mr. Steglich stated that there is a fund balance that is to be carried over in the amount of one year property tax collections which can be used to help balance the budget. Mrs. Pallesen stated that the county cannot have more of a carry over than what that year's taxes are and the reserve is not listed as the county does not anticipate any of the fund balance being used. The budget is balanced based on the revenues and expenditures. Mr. Johns questioned the matter of the payroll line item in the amount of \$70,000.00 in the IT Budget and Mrs. Pallesen stated that there are a couple of budgets that the Commission have given a total budget without the line items being broken out. He stated that as a tax payer and a property owner he wishes that the Commission would not spend all that is received. Mr. Johns addressed concerns about Commission wages and Mrs. Pallesen replied that their salaries are equal but there other benefits that affect the wages such as the insurance reimbursements. He also noted that the Commission budget has increased and other departments have decreased and questioned if that was due to employees leaving. Mr. Blanchard stated that the IT department had reduced by one employee and some full time employees have been reduced to part time which would reflect a reduction. Mr. Steglich stated that the Commission is open to suggestions anytime.

Mr. Gutz questioned the matter of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$84,000.00 for the 2013 Burbot Bash Budget and that part of the Burbot Bash was to be paid out in 2014 and part in 2013. Upon discussion it was determined that the 2013 adjustment was because the Burbot Bash was a program that was initiated after the 2013 budget was set.

The matter of the 2014 Budget was opened for review and discussion. There was no one present with questions for comments regarding the 2014 Budget. The 2014 Proposed Salaries was then opened for review and discussion and there was no one present with questions or concerns. Mr. Steglich stated that he wanted to thank the Department Heads that have been a part of the budget process and specifically thanked Mrs. Pallesen for her part in the process.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to go back into the regular session at 10:20 A.M.
Seconded by Mrs. Blanchard, all in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve Ordinance #13-23, Ordinance Establishing Salaries for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve Resolution #13-24, BE IT HEREBY
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DAGGETT
COUNTY, UTAH AS FOLLOWS-for adoption of the 2014 Budget. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve the 2013 Adjusted Budget as provided.
Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

The matter on the agenda is for discussion of the ambulance billing and Susie Potter and Chris Collett were present to address the matter. It had been determined earlier that there were approximately \$146,000.00 ambulance billings that have not been paid and Mrs. Potter stated that the ambulance billing is behind in the amount of \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00. She discussed the matter of being a new employee, moving to the new office and a change in staffing as being the reasons for this. The matter was reviewed and discussed and it was determined that the Commission would give the

Sheriff's office the time to bring the ambulance billings up to date as requested (few months) knowing that this is putting the county in a bind due to the revenue shortage.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to recess the meeting until 11:00 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The regular session reconvened at 11:40 A.M. to discuss the proposal as submitted by Allan Pulham. Mr. Pulham stated that he was present to declare his interest in the building lot, Block 6, Lot 3, Dutch John. Mr. Raymond provided a listing which reflects the sale prices for various lots and the matter of the incentive was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Steglich stated that he would be looking more for a proposal in the amount of the appraised value rather than what Mr. Pulham had offered. The matter of other lots being sold with an incentive was also discussed and determined that Mr. Pulham will discuss the matter with Mr. Raymond. Mr. Blanchard explained that the county had also charged a \$1,000.00 adjustment for the seven lots that the county developed and that the public had expressed that the county needs to sell the lots for the amount that they are assessed for. Mr. Pulham stated that he has now expressed his interest in the lot and he will go back and reevaluate what he is willing to pay.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

/s/ Vicky McKee

/s/ Jerry Steglich

/s/ Karen Perry

/s/ Warren Blanchard