MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN THE EMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAY 17, 2022

DUE TO RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING WAS OFFERED ELECTRONICALLY.

Present at the meeting was Chairman Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Kent Wilson, Commissioner Gil Conover, Attorney Mike Olsen, Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)
APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS, AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List # 260422 through and including #260537 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
32-22	(8) Outdoor drop boxes Elections	$15,015.24
33-22	Carpet and installation for Elmo Library Library	$10,383.49
34-22	Crosley Refrigerator/Freezer Sheriff	$719.00
35-22	Damanet Semi-Competition Bite Suit K-9 training- Sheriff	$1,540.00
36-22	Bluetooth Cordless Linear Image Scanner Library	$ 675.00

There were no dispositions.

(2)
APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

(3)
APPROVAL TO HIRE ABBY MORRIS AS A SEASONAL LIFEGUARD WORKING UP TO 29 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 3.

(4)
APPROVAL TO REHIRE ABBY WILLSON, ELLI WHITESEL, AND KELSEY THOMAS AS SEASONAL LIFEGUARDS WORKING UP TO 29 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 3.

(5)
NOTIFICATION: SELECTED KADE LARSEN, DEVIN OLSEN, LIBBY FAILALO, CHASE HUGGARD, TYSON LAWS, TAJ WHITESEL, AND RYDER CHRISTEANSEN AS PART TIME LIFEGUARDS WORKING 19 ¾ HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 3.

(6)
APPROVAL TO REHIRE SETH BAANTJER AS A SEASONAL WEED AND MOSQUITO TECHNICIAN WORKING 19 ¾ HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE $14.30 PER HOUR.

(7)
APPROVAL TO REHIRE ERIK NIELSEN AS A SEASONAL WEED AND MOSQUITO TECHNICIAN WORKING 29 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE $16.30 PER HOUR.

(8)
APPROVAL TO HIRE KIRI COOK AS A SEASONAL WEED AND MOSQUITO TECHNICIAN WORKING 29 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE $13.50 PER HOUR.

(9)
APPROVAL TO GIVE PRESLEY LOVATO, PRESTON WILSON, DALTON JEFFS, AND TYLER KAY A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS DEPUTY I (CORRECTION OFFICER) AND $3 PER HOUR GIVEN THE FIRST OF THE YEAR TO CERTIFIED BCO AND LEO EMPLOYEES. EFFECTIVE 5-30-22.

(10)
APPROVAL TO GIVE ANNDEE MEAD A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AND 6% COLA GIVEN THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. EFFECTIVE 5-30-22.

(11)
NOTIFICATION: LANE GARDNER HAS COMPLETED HIS FTO IN PATROL (LEO). NO WAGE INCREASE.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Gil Conover, seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson, and the motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)
ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

(2)
SAFETY MINUTE PRESENTATION BY DEPUTY SHAUN BELL.

Deputy Shaun Bell presented information on using AED's and the importance of knowing CPR.

(3)
AWARD OF SAFETY VISA GIFT CARDS.

Safety VISA Gift Cards were awarded to:
Part Time Employee: Suzanne Anderson
Full Time Employee: Susan Hess
Safety Sensitive: Cael Allred and Clarence Smith
EMS: Stoney Jensen and Shaylie Richards

(4)
OPEN, REVIEW AND AWARD, BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE WEBSITE DESIGN AND COMPLETION RFP FOR THE EMERY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.

Bids were opened and read aloud for the Website Design and Completion RFP for the Emery County Library System.
Megamat Services: $4,000
Halfpenny Software: $20,500
Black Jack Productions $24,400
Joseph J Nagrant: $14,110

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to accept and review the bids and award to the lowest, qualified bidder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson

Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: None

(5)
PRESENTATION AND UPDATE BY ROBERT JENSEN, DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES.

Senior Director Robbie Jensen provided an update of activity within the Senior Citizen program. He reported that they have purchased a mobile meal delivery vehicle which is currently being built in Elkhart, Indiana. They are expecting delivery by June. Carbon County is having difficulty obtaining new buses through UTA. Application to get the buses has to be done three years in advance. Area Agency on Aging has received funding through several sources to put TV and laptop computers in the Sr. Centers that will loop information on computer fraud, health insurance and other information of importance for Seniors. The information will be played during their weekly lunches. They have purchased 15 chromebooks for the Seniors to use. They are implementing BINGOsize for the seniors to aid in exercise and increased strength in an effort to decrease falls in older adults. He talked about issues within the Green River Senior program. During COVID the GR Center lost their cook. They have had a struggle finding a new cook. They reached out to the restaurants to see if any would be willing to pick up the meal service. The meal service has finally been picked up by Melon Vine. There are 37 seniors on the meal delivery program. Melon Vine provides meal delivery 2 times a week at $12.00 per meal. The seniors are also served one meal a week at the center. Robbie requested the Commissioners consider finding additional funding to add three additional meals a week in Green River. They are currently looking for a director and custodian at the Green River Senior Center. They have had a person interested in renting the commercial kitchen space at the GR Sr. Center for their business. Robbie indicated that he would like the Commissioners to look into what is needed and what we can do better in Green River.

(6)
RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF JOINT PERMIT APPLICATION FORM BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING THE QUITCHUPAH CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH NRCS.

Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to ratify the signing of a joint application form between Emery County and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Quitchupah Creek Flood Control Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(7)
RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RFP FOR TOURISM MARKETING AGENCY SERVICES.

Tourism Director Adriana Chimaras reviewed the RFP process and rules for Tourism marketing Agency Services. Commissioner Wilson sits on the Tourism Board. He indicated that the Tourism Board has decided to move in this direction and hire an ad agency. He indicated that from his perspective he wants to see more money in businesses pockets and not towards moving more people out to the desert and onto the mountains. 80 to 90 percent is focused on Green River where most of the TRT is generated. The Travel Bureau has a responsibility to spend TRT taxes generated by hotels in a way that offers an increased quality for visitor ships in Emery County. Patsy Stoddard commented that a few years ago the money was being used to promote events in the county. She asked for the reason that that went away. Adriana indicated that most of the money being used was being used incorrectly. The Tourism Board has a responsibility to see that the money is being used correctly. Attorney Mike Olsen commented that most people in the county do not like to see that taxpayer money is being used to direct people to the desert and onto our mountains. Adriana indicated that the tax code dictates the specific way TRT money can be spent. After continued discussion, Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to honor the Tourism Board's wishes and ratify approval of the RFP process for Tourism Marketing Agency Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(8)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY DEFERRAL AGREEMENT FOR KATIE FILLMORE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF FRANK LEE FILLMORE, IRENE FILLMORE AND CASEY FILLMORE (01-0198-0009) FOR THE PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES THAT ARE FIVE YEARS PAST DUE.

Josie Stilson requested approval for a deferral agreement for Katie Fillmore for and on behalf of Frank Lee Fillmore, Irene Fillmore and Casey Fillmore (01-0198-0009) for payment of real property taxes that are five years past due. Casey and Katie Fillmore have been making payments and have paid $800.00. The deferral agreement will be for the remaining approximately $330. If approved they will have until November to pay the balance due. Josie recommended approval. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve a deferral agreement for Katie Fillmore for and on behalf of Frank Lee Fillmore, Irene Fillmore and Casey Fillmore (01-0198-0009) as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover

Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(9)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY PULLING PARCEL 09-0300-0486 UTAH GAS OPERATING SOLUTIONS LLC FROM THE TAX SALE FOR MAY 18, 2022.

Commissioner Wilson explained that Utah Gas Operating Solutions, LLC is state assessed property. As a result of the title search we do not have a clear picture of what we are selling. The search was vague and creditor liens were incomplete. It would be in the county's best interest to pull it from the tax sale. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to pull parcel 09-0300-0486 Utah Gas Operating Solution, LLC from the tax sale on May 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(10)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY MAIN STREET GRANT APPLICATION AWARDS FOR BIG MOUNTAIN LODGE AND EMERY TOWN HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Patsy Stoddard, Emery County Business Chamber reported that they are in the second cycle of the Main Street Grant application process. They had four applications for funding. Two were sent back and will be considered in the 3rd cycle in July. Two are ready for approval. Emery Heritage is for a sign listing the donors for the project. Their request was for $1,000. Bib Mountain Lodge's request is for $12,964.50. They are putting in a digital gas sign, and a big TV screen to advertise Emery County activities. These are matching grants. They have to spend the money first and provide receipts and pictures of the project to show the work has been done before they can receive the funding match dollars. Commissioner Kent Wilson made a motion to approve the Main Street Applications awards for Big Mountain Lodge and Emery Town Heritage Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Lynn Sitteurd
NAY: none

(11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RUSSIAN OLIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MITIGATION (ISM) GRANT FOR JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023.

Weed/Mosquito Director Cory Worwood reported that the Russian Olive Invasive Species Mitigation Grant is to remove Russian Olive trees on tributaries along The San Rafael River and other creeks in Emery County. They have been participating in this Grant for about seven years now and not much has changed. The amount is $68,000 to do the work. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve the Russian Olive Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) Grant for July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(12)
PRESENTATION OF THE EMERY COUNTY EMS COMMISSION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EMS SERVICES.

Commissioner Wilson indicated this week is EMS Appreciation Week. On Thursday May 19, 2022 the Commissioners will host an appreciation dinner for County EMT's and recognize them for hard work and dedication to the citizens of Emery County. The Emery County Commission is the department head for EMS. The Commissioner will have a yearly Commission Award for an outstanding EMT in the County. Last year there was a bus crash. As EMT's responded, Seth Gardner was the first on site responder to the scene of the crash. He rose to the occasion and took control. We, as a Commission, would like to recognize him and award the first Commission Award to Seth Gardner. The Commissioners thanked the EMS staff for their hard work and dedication.

(13)
COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson reported on a recent award given from the Department of Energy and Governor Spencer Cox to Emery County Commissioners in recognition of the work being done at the San Rafael Energy Research Center.

Commissioner Conover reminded everyone of the open house at the Research Center on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 from 12pm to 1pm. Lunch will be provided by Gettin' Your Smoke On. You can tour the facility and see what is being done.

(14)
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Gil Conover, seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson, and the motion passed.
AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

ATTEST:_____ COMMISSIONER:_____