

**SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 23, 2013, 12:00 Noon**

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

Present are: Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett, Commissioners Steve Frischknecht and Scott Bartholomew, County Attorney Brody Keisel, and County Clerk Sandy Neill.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett.

**CONSIDERATION OF ISSUING SAME SEX COUPLE MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to go into executive session to discuss this matter due to possible litigation. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion is made by Commissioner Bartholomew to go out of executive session. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. The following action is taken as a result of the executive session. The Commission explained that when taking their oath of office they always want to abide by the law, but want to be sure that the full extent of the law has been explored and studied. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht with an explanation that the citizens of Utah voted for amendment 3 which states that a marriage is between a man and a woman. The Utah Federal District Court ruled on December 20, 2013 that amendment 3 denies the civil rights of same sex couples. An appeal requesting a stay from enforcing this decision has been filed with the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. The Sanpete County Clerk is directed to not issue marriage licenses to same sex couples until a ruling is made by the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. At such time that the ruling is upheld, the County Clerk is directed to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. If no ruling is made before Midnight tonight, the clerk's office will begin issuing same sex marriage licenses during business hours on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 between 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM (which are the regular business hours for Christmas Eve.) Motion is reluctantly seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*  
Sandy Neill  
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*  
Claudia Jarrett  
Commission Chair