

**RICH COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2014**

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on January 8, 2014 at the County Courthouse in Randolph, Utah beginning at 10:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman William E. Cox, Commissioner Norman A. Weston, Commissioner Thomas J. Weston and Clerk Rebecca Peart.

A motion was made by Norm Weston and seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to approve the January 8, 2014 agenda as presented with the addition of Randy Myers, Bret Argyle and discussion of Nightly Rentals.

Rob Johnson with Bear River Mental Health met with the Commission to go over the **Financial Audit of Bear River Mental Health Services**. The Audit was presented and reviewed. He stated the County funding was very valuable to their operation. Norm Weston made a motion to accept the Financial Audit for Bear River Mental Health as presented for the year 2012 and 2013. Tom Weston seconded the Motion and unanimously passed.

Cameron Looney with RICOH met with the Commissioners to inform them that the 60 month lease on the hall copier is up. He stated that the lease on a **new copy machine** has gone down and also the amount per copy. The new lease would be for 48 months, \$164.80 a month and \$0.0067 per copy. The new machine would be installed within the next 3 weeks. Norm Weston made a motion to enter into a new lease agreement with RICOH for 48 months. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Dan Dygert with Birch Creek Ranch met with the Commission to discuss a **Deed of Conservation Easement agreement**. Grazing and Wildlife were discussed. The Sage Grouse would not be effected by the Easement. He stated this is a 6,446 acres easement. Norm Weston made a motion to approve a letter from the Commission to Greg Sheeham stating they are aware of the conservation easement and support the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation holding and monitoring the conservation easement. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Dave Kramer with Paris Hills Agra Com. gave a presentation to the Commission. This is a **Phosphate Mine Project**. Exploration drilling was completed in 2012. This is underground mining and projected to last 19 years. Peak manpower will be up to 358 employees. Salary ranges from \$26.00- \$34.00 an hour.

Assessor Kim Wilson met with the Commission requesting a **refund** to Hopkin and Company. A home that had burned was still being taxed. She requested a refund of \$1826.43 for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Norm Weston made a motion to refund \$1826.43 for a home still on the tax roll that had not been taken off. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Assessor Wilson presented **personal property** exemptions that she had received. The Commissioners reviewed each application. Tom Weston made a motion to approve the personal property exemptions as presented. Norm Weston seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

Nightly rentals in the county were discussed. Assessor Kim Wilson and Mitch Poulsen Bear Lake Regional Commission were present. Kim recently had been made aware that personal property should be reported on nightly rentals. The Commission ask Kim to contact other counties with similar concerns and report back.

Bret Argyle Rich County Fair Chairman met with the Commission to discuss the 2014 Fair. Fair dates are August 11-16 2014. Concerts were discussed. He would like to have two concerts on one night. It will be on August 9, 2014 in the Laketown Arena. The Commission will have the County Attorney review the contracts. The Commission will help with a deposit to secure the event.

Interviews for a new **County Attorney** had been conducted. Nine applicants were interviewed. Norm Weston made a motion to appoint Gary Heward as Rich County Attorney for the period of one year. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Tom Weston seconded by Norm Weston and unanimously passed to appoint Howard Pope to the **Garden City Fire District Board**. He will replace Terry Allen.

A motion was made by Norm Weston seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to **amend the minutes of the December 18, 2013 Budget Hearing**. The motion would amend the CRM budget by \$96,597.00 in revenue and \$96,597.00 in expenditure to replace the previously stated \$58,257.00.

Randy Myers Rich County Roads met with the Commission to discuss the Road Department and purchase of equipment.

A motion was made by Norm Weston to appoint Mike Leonhardt to the **Bear Lake Special Service District** for a term of 2014-2017. Arlo Price and Richard Driesbeck will remain for another 4 year term from 2014 -2017. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Norm Weston to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the **execution of a sixth amended interlocal cooperation agreement** with other members of Utah Counties Indemnity Pool, relating to the establishment, funding and operation of Utah Counties Indemnity Pool.

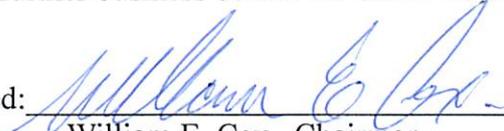
A motion was made by Norm Weston seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to approve the Chairman's signature on the **Sixth Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement** with Utah Counties Indemnity Pool.

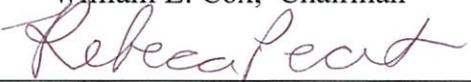
Commissioner Tom Weston made a motion to approve the December 18, 2013 **Minutes of the Budget Hearing**. Norm Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Tom Weston made a motion to approve the December 4, 2013 **Minutes** and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Norm Weston and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Tom Weston, and seconded by Norm Weston and unanimously passed to approve the **CURRENT EXPENDITURES** as presented.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.

Approved: 
William E. Cox, Chairman

Attest: 
Rebecca Peart, Clerk