

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

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

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Present at the meeting was Commission Chairman Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Gil Conover, Commissioner Kent Wilson, 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 # 261744 through and including #261840 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

REQUISITION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
51-22	(29) Bulletproof vests Sheriff	\$35,010.00
52-22	(2) LCSU 4 portable suction units Ambulance	1,310.00
53-22	550 gallon gas powered anti-ice flow meter Road	10,308.56
54-22	Western Snow Plow Blade Road	7,504.98
55-22	Plasma cutter w/torch Weed/Mosquito	1,829.00

Dispositions were presented for the following:
4345 battery tester, 8141 paper shredder

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APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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(3)

APPROVAL TO GIVE SHAUNNIE PRICE A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS AN ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN. EFFECTIVE 11-14-22.

(4)

APPROVAL TO GIVE RYDER CHRISTENSEN, CHASE HUGGARD, KADE LARSEN, TYSON LAWS, DEVIN OLSEN, AND TAJ WHITESEL A 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR 6 MONTH ORIENTATION PERIOD AS A LIFEGUARD. EFFECTIVE 11-28-22

(5)

APPROVAL TO APPOINT SHANNON HIATT AS THE INTERIM TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIRECTOR. HE WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION BASED UPON THE POLICY "COMPENSATION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS MANAGING TWO DEPARTMENTS"

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Kent Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover, and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to leave the regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing and at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to return to the regular meeting 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

(2)

PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD (CIB) REGARDING FUNDING SET ASIDE FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO OR UTILIZING COAL, HYDROGEN, ETC AT THE SAN RAFAEL ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER.

Commissioner Sitterud explained that six or seven years ago the State of Utah pulled \$53M from coal resource money and put it into an account to build an inland port to ship coal overseas. That plan has been scrapped. The funds can be used for other coal or hydrogen projects. Emery County would like to make an application for half of the funds to use at the

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SRERC to do research. Carbon County will be making an application also to do the same thing on Ridge Road in Carbon County.

There were no comments or questions.

The commissioners returned to the regular meeting schedule.

(3)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY REQUEST FOR DONATION BY DANNA GRAY AND KATHY COWLEY FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS.

Danna Gray gave a brief history of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. DUP members can be any daughter with an ancestor who came across the plains as pioneers. In 1901 the Huntington Chapter DUP purchased the Ranger Station at Bear Creek from the Forest Service. In 1953 they had it hauled into town at its current location. The building serves as a museum that displays several artifacts. It is available to the public by appointment only. The building is 113 years old and is suffering from age-related degradation. The foundation is in desperate need of repair. They have been given an estimate to have the repairs done to the foundation. They requested a donation to help with the funds to do the repairs. The estimate is \$3,200.00. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to donate \$3,200 to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for repairs to the building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

(4)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR LEASE PERIOD AUGUST 30, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2023 BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND WHEELER MACHINERY FOR A BACKHOE LOADER.

Motion to approve the Lease Agreement for Lease Period August 30, 2022 through August 30, 2023 between Emery County and Wheeler Machinery for a backhoe loader 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

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DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY EMERY COUNTY LEPC'S APPLICATION FOR THE UTAH HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HEMP) 2023 PLANNING GRANT.

Jan Luke explained that Emery County has an active Local Emergency Planning Committee. Several deputies have expressed a desire to take the 40 hour course to be a part of the planning committee. The grant supplies \$3,200 in hazmat related services to which Emery County matches with \$800.00 using Jan's salary and benefits as administrator of LEPC. Motion to approve Emery County LEPC's application for the Utah Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HEMP) 2023 Planning Grant was made by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Conover. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

(6)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EMERY COUNTY JUSTICE COURT RECERTIFICATION.

Attorney Mike Olsen explained that the Justice Court is regulated by State Statute. He requested approval. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve Resolution 11-01-22 a resolution requesting the Emery County Justice Court Recertification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

(7)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ACCEPTANCE OF PBS UTAH 2022 READING MARATHON MINI GRANTS FOR CASTLE DALE LIBRARY, HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, AND ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY.

Library Director Desiree Malley requested acceptance of PBS Utah 2022 Reading Marathon Mini Grants for Castle Dale Library, Huntington Library, and Orangeville Library. Each Library was awarded \$500.00 for a total of \$1,500. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to accept PBS Utah 2022 Reading Marathon Mini Grants as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
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NAY: none

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(8)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ANNUAL OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND USU EXTENSION

Christine Jensen and Rowe Zwahlen provided an update of USU Extension activity. Christine requested approval of a MOU approving the Annual Operating Agreement between Emery County and USU Extension. Christine explained that they are requesting an extra \$5,000 to implement a COLA 3% increase for their employee. Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to approve of a MOU between Emery County and USU Extension for their Annual Operating Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

(9)

COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson invited Kyle Beagley, BLM to report on the fire at Lila Canyon. He reported that the fire began on September 20, 2022 inside the mine. They have been working to put it out ever since it began. They proposed to drill 35 holes and focus on water accumulation. The fire is in that portion of the mine that has been mined out. They propose to inject foam in to try to suffocate and actually flood the fire. Many local miners have been affected. They are diligently working to get the fire out and return people to work ASAP.

Commissioner Conover thanked the BLM for their quick response to the Lila Canyon Mine fire situation.

Commissioner Wilson commented on Rocky Mountain Power's \$5.7 m tax appeal and the County's endeavor to maximize the liability to the county and its taxing entities.

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ADJOURN

Commissioner Gil Conover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kent Wilson. The motion passed.

AYE: Commissioner Gil Conover
Commissioner Kent Wilson
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

ATTEST; _____ COMMISSIONER: _____