

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission, Tuesday, February 11, 2014. 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: Niel Lund-County Attorney, Charles Card, Brian Raymond, Carol Force and Casey Snider.

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

The minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting were provided by the County Clerk's office for review and approval. Mrs. Perry provided the following change: Page 3, 1st paragraph-change the name Dow to Dahl. Mr. Lund provided the following change: Page 2, 1st paragraph, 5th sentence. Revise the wording to - The amount from Ken Garff depends on whether the gentleman that won the lease on the pickup will accept cash or take the lease on the truck. Mr. Blanchard provided the following revision – Page 2, 4th paragraph and first sentence: Mrs. McKee stated that Rick Ellsworth had stopped at the County offices and had offered to donate to the county. Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve the minutes as revised. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

The Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$68,967.08 was provided by the County Auditor's office for review and approval. Mr. Steglich questioned the matter of the Wal Mart Credit Card invoice which was coded for the road department/building and grounds supply and maintenance. Mrs. Perry responded that she had not purchased these items, nor did she see the invoices or code them for Building & Grounds. The matter was discussed and Mr. Steglich stated that he will follow up on the coding and clarify with the County Auditor. Mr. Blanchard questioned the invoice for American Lands Council in the amount of \$1,200.00 and he stated that he is not willing to give another \$1,000.00 to join as it not an official cause. Mr. Steglich replied that the Governor and Legislature are supporting this and there is not another county in the State of Utah that does not support it. Mrs. Perry stated that they are doing a lot to inform the public of the discrepancies in the federal land ownership between the east and the west. Mr. Blanchard questioned the reason for charging the invoice from the Denver Post in the amount of \$4,450.00 to the Economic Development Fund rather than the Burbot Bash Fund. Mr. Steglich replied that there was not enough money in the Burbot Bash Fund and there was a line item for Project Money in the Economic Development Fund. The matter was reviewed and discussed and Carol Force, County Deputy Auditor, was called into the meeting to provide input of transferring the funds. Mrs. Force stated that she will contact Mrs. Pallesen to verify the possibility of transferring the funds. Mr. Blanchard questioned if the invoice from Tri-County Health in the amount of \$4,820.00 was just the annual payment. Mrs. Perry replied that the invoice was for the Senior Center and the normal Tri-County Health payment. The Senior citizen program was discussed. Approval of the Open Invoice Report will be continued until Mrs. Pallesen can be contacted.

With regards to correspondence, Mr. Steglich reported that there had been an email from Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties, regarding proposed legislation (SB#180) at the request of the State Auditor's Office for revisions in State Assessing & Collecting which would cost the county \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per year. Mr. Steglich requested that the Commission send a letter to UAC, Brent Gardner, stating that the county does not support that bill and question why the State Auditor is supporting this.

Mrs. Force returned to the meeting and stated that originally Mr. Raymond had coded the invoice from the Denver Post to the Economic Development Fund and Mr. Steglich had signed off on it due to there not being enough money in the Burbot Bash Fund to cover the expense. There would need to be a budget adjustment and public hearing in order to pay this out of the Burbot Bash funds. It was determined that at a later date the funds would be transferred but for now the payment needs to be made and it will come out of the Economic Development Fund. Upon review and discussion, motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the Open Invoice Report in the amount of \$68,967.08. Mr. Blanchard abstained from approving the Open Invoice Report because of his concerns with the Burbot Bash funds and the invoice from American Lands Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steglich with a roll call vote - Mrs. Perry – Aye, Mr. Steglich – Aye and Mr. Blanchard – Abstained.

The following business license applications were provided by the County Clerk's Office for review and approval: Grace Breer, Bridger Valley Electric, Flaming Gorge Corp., Igloo Ice, Inc., Rod Mangum, Maxfield Construction, Inc., Moonlake Electric Assoc., Mike Newell, Jesse W. Tatman, J.T. Oilfield Consulting, Bill Smith Used Cars, and TB2 Guide Services, LLC. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the business licenses applications as provided "a" through "i". Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Mrs. McKee's office prepared a notice reflecting the actual costs for the quarterly invoices to be sent to Uintah Basin of Association for the utilities for the Food Pantry. The matter was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the quarterly billing to be prepared based on the expenses provided and with the ability for her to negotiate with UBAG on the final amount. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The 2014 State Wildland Fire Budget was approved at the last meeting and the matter was back on this meeting's agenda for ratification. Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve to ratify the 2014 Wildland Fire Suppression Budget as provided by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands in the amount of \$17,082.00. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Brian Raymond provided an email from Matt Swapp, State of Utah, regarding the proposed project for 2014 at the Manila Airport. He stated that there are two parts to the project. The first part is that the email stated that the Airport Statewide Capital Improvement Programs shows a project for 2014 to grade RSA and extend pipes and that upon viewing the Manila Airport on Google Earth, it appears that the drainage ditch on the west end of the airport has been piped and is no longer a safety concern. The State is requesting permission to pull the project from the list. The second part is that there has been a request made by Ken Rasmussen, Deputy Sheriff, for a weather station and electronic equipment that would allow for landing in bad weather. Mr. Rasmussen had told him that there has been three incidents in the last year where Air Med could not land because of bad weather. He provided an estimated cost of \$150,000.000 from talking to UDOT and AirMed so the question is whether or not to use the pipe money for this project. Mr. Raymond has been trying to get in touch with Mr. Swapp to determine if this is an option. This matter will be continued until the Commission meeting on February 19, 2014.

Mr. Raymond also provided a request to attend the New York Times Travel Show. The State of Utah has been advertising in the New York Times so they have a booth at the travel show and have invited some to participate at no cost except hotel

expenses and the flight to New York. The Marriott as the sponsoring hotel has provided a cost of \$219.00 per night and Mr. Raymond stated that he was willing to pay for the flight to New York as a family trip, but upon their approval, the hotel room for three nights could come from the Economic Development Fund. Last year Mr. Raymond went to Los Angeles with the State of Utah, Economic Development. At the Chamber meeting last week the Chamber Board determined that they want to focus on Salt Lake. Mr. Blanchard stated that he would like to see the money spent at home and was disappointed in the numbers that came from Colorado for the Burbot Bash. Mrs. Perry stated that she does not see that there would be any way someone from New York City would be willing to come here since we are so isolated. There was no motion made to approve the trip.

Mr. Raymond provided the Special Use Application & Permit for Recreation Events between Daggett County and the Forest Service as prepared by Glen and Sue Morgan for the Tower Rock Run scheduled for August 2014. Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve the application for a permit for the Tower Rock Run with the Forest Service. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Mr. Blanchard stated that he had met with Mrs. Pallesen regarding the funds for the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program and he felt that the document was ready for approval. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Annual Report for 2013 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard with discussion from Mr. Steglich. Mr. Steglich questioned the matter of the statement that there are revenues sufficient to cover operation, maintenance, and repair & replacement (OM&R) as well as to cover all costs and provide funding for capital improvements. The matter was reviewed and discussed and it was determined to leave the "Yes" that the funds are sufficient to cover Part I, OM&R, but at this time there are no funds to cover capital improvements. With the increased utility billing amounts, by next year there should be funds to be able to answer yes to that question. Mrs. Perry amended her motion to approve the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Financial Evaluation Section as amended to Part II, Capital Improvements, first question to read "No" and the total for that section be increased to 125. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve Resolution #14-02, Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Mr. Blanchard stated that Sheriff Jorgensen had provided a proposal for the use of the Dutch John Justice Court building for a location for the deputies as an alternate location other than their vehicles. They are willing to pay for part of the utilities but they did not feel they could come up with all of those expenses. Mrs. Perry questioned if it was one more location for them to hide. Mr. Steglich stated that for the last many years they have gotten along fine without the use of that building. Mr. Blanchard stated that he would like to see one of the guide services renting the building for their business.

The Real Estate Lease was back on agenda for review and approval. The proposed changes were reviewed and discussed in open meeting. Mrs. Perry questioned why there was not a request for a security and cleaning deposit and Mr. Blanchard stated that was one of the changes he had added to his document. Mr. Lund addressed his concerns and changes: 1. Lease payments payable in advance, 2. Utility and Services-if not paid in time considered a breach. Mrs. McKee had provided a document for the inspection prior to rental and addressed her concern that the document should not give an additional 5 days before the penalty is assessed but should be on the schedule as the other

utility billings. With no further discussion or revisions, motion by Mr. Blanchard to accept the Real Estate Lease as revised. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Charles Card and Casey Snider were present to discuss Congressman Bishop's Land Bill. Mr. Snider stated that he would like to provide an update on the conversation that he had with SUWA and that he would not be involved in any of the discussions between the county and the environmental groups but act only as a liaison not engaging in substance. Since the county has their proposal out he has approached some in the environmental groups such as SUWA and Grand Canyon Trust and they provided their wish list for Daggett County. They provided maps which indicated that they would like to see some wilderness areas in addition designated in areas that are currently Forest Service Roadless areas and BLM Wilderness Character. They also indicated that if there can be an amenable solution they would be willing to agree. The matter was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Steglich stated that Congressman Bishop is suggesting that the wilderness area on the North Slope in Summit County be extended east into Daggett County. He does not feel there will be a lot of impact on Daggett County and the county will be able to put language into the bill to allow necessary access. The amount of acres necessary to designate as wilderness in exchange for acreage wanted for projects was discussed. Mr. Snider stated that he feels those he had talked to (Ray Blockson and Ed Petersen) are trustworthy and the county should be able to work with them but the county should not negotiate anything that the county is not comfortable with. They are also willing to meet with the Commission. Mr. Snider stated that he was surprised that the county's recommendation for Bare Top was not on their list so if the county is not buying something with it they may want to revisit it. There was discussion regarding the possibility of replacing Bare Top with Antelope Flats. Mr. Snider recommended for the county to have a map prepared for the meeting and to keep in mind to address a hard release so that wilderness is settled once and for all. Mrs. Perry questioned what are the plans that the Forest Service have for the campgrounds that they are planning to shut down and Mr. Steglich stated that some were going to go for disbursed camping so that they do not have to manage the infrastructure but some would actually be closed and locked. Mr. Steglich suggested that the Commission discuss this with Rowdy Muir on the 18th as he has been going through the NEPA process on shutting the campgrounds down. Charles Card has been working on contacting the Forest Service as managing agency and what they thought about the scenic designation on the Green River. Based on that information, it appears as the designation will actually be a protection for recreation and possibly even enhance it. Mr. Steglich stated that it appears that in some areas the designation has had a positive impact. Mr. Blanchard stated that he had made some phone calls to Lewis & Clark Rivers (fish guides) and Teton Floats (rafting trips). Both of the guides were familiar with the Snake River prior and after the designation and neither felt there was any negative ramification in the designation. However, making it scenic did not appear to bring more customers. Joe with Teton Floats suggested that the county look at the private land owners and if there was any chance of mining and timbering as that will stop it. He also called the Forest Service and talked to a Dennis Sineric who was in charge of moving the Snake designation. He stated that in his opinion he could not see anything negative but everything that came out of it was positive. When they came in and made the designation they wanted to extend it up the tributary and that took in the farming areas so they had to narrow the designation back down.

The designation on the Green River does not affect farming areas, mining or timbering nor are there tributaries that would have an affect on the farming areas. Mr. Steglich questioned the addition of a trail for the mountain biking above the existing trail on the river and Mr. Snider recommends to identify it now. Mr. Snider stated that he had talked to Fred Ferguson with Congressman Bishop's office last week and he said if there are any concerns to call. The matter of the SITLA parcels to be exchanged with this was reviewed and discussed and determined that the county still needed to designate that.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

/s/ Vicky McKee

/s/ Jerry Steglich

/s/ Karen Perry

/s/ Warren Blanchard