

MINUTES
OF THE KANE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2014 AT 10:00 AM
IN THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS,
76 NORTH MAIN, KANAB, UTAH

Present: Commissioner/Chairman Douglas K Heaton, Commissioner Jim Matson, Commissioner Dirk Clayson, Clerk/Auditor Karla Johnson, Chief Deputy Attorney Rob VanDyke, Deputy Clerk Linda Millett, SUN Reporter Mary Craven

Also present: ES Alan Alldredge, GIS Lou Pratt, VC Vickie Hooper & Andi Porter, C&S Craig Hansen, HR Rhonda Gant, Sheriff Lamont Smith, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tracey Glover, Roads Dept. Bert Harris, Fire Warden Earl Levanger, and Byard Kershaw

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Commissioner Doug Heaton

PRAYER: Commissioner Dirk Clayson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Jim Matson

WELCOME: Commissioner Doug Heaton

CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2014 Regular Commission Meeting

Land Use: None

Motion was made by Commissioner Matson to adopt the Consent Agenda, and the motion passes with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Wild land Fire Discussion/ Fire Suppression** /Marty Ott , Ron Wilson, and Earl Levanger reviewed the county's agreement with Utah's Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to manage and fight wild fires on public lands. Bert Harris stated that most of the employees on the county road crew have already received some certification with 40 hours of training on wild land fire suppression. The need for a trained Heavy Equipment Boss/Supervisor would be beneficial, as the BLM only allows heavy equipment drivers who have passed BLMs training course, to enter Federal property. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Clayson would like to see the implementation of a **5 Strategy Plan** to research requirements needed to fight wild land fires, before calling in high level fire fighters.

The 5 strategies are:

1. Keep county road employees fire certified with 40 hours of training.
2. Within the county employee pool, find someone willing to train and certify as Heavy Equipment Boss.
3. Send a letter to neighboring agencies and encourage them to also have certified employees to cooperatively share that resource.
4. Send out public notification to contractors to obtain Heavy Equipment Boss certification, if they so desire.
5. Send a letter to Southern Utah counties encouraging their co-ordination with the Kane County Resource Development Committee.

Motion to support the research & implementation of these 5 strategies was made by Commissioner Heaton, and the motion passes with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Forest Service Officials Ron Wilson & Mike Melton, ES Alan Alldredge, Tracey Glover & Rob VanDyke were invited to the table to discuss and review the agreement between Kane County and the Forest Service. A discussion ensued. **A work session will be held** to revise, clarify, review and co-ordinate the agreement between Kane County and the Forest Service on March 10th at 2:00 pm.

2. **2014 Utah Conservation Field Day in Kanab** / Tyce Palmer, Bruce Bunting, and Lanell Dove presented a proposal for the 2014 State Wide Conservation Field Day to be held in Kanab on June 24th & 25th. Activities for 130-140 attendees to include tours of county projects, dinner, entertainment, and a fund raiser for local FFA. They request assistance and co-ordination from the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Heaton to co-operate and support the 2014 Conservation Field Day by helping with co-ordination as needed, and the motion passes with all commissioners present voting in favor.

3. **Ratify the agreement between Kane County & UDOT for proposed street light at Kaneplex Drive/** GIS Lou Pratt presented the agreement. Commissioner Clayson reviewed the agreement in which UDOT will install the light at the intersection of Kaneplex Drive and SR89A. Kane County will be responsible for the utility payments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clayson to ratify the agreement between UDOT and Kane County for the installation of a street light at Kaneplex Drive and SR89A, and the motion passes with all commissioners presenting voting in favor.

4. **Kane County Volunteer Center- New Handbook and Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)** for approval by Kane County Commissioners. Vicky Hooper and Andi Porter presented the new Volunteer Center Handbook and MOU for volunteers with the county. Vickie reviewed the expectations between the volunteers and the county. A grant will pay for printing of booklets, badges for volunteers, and training of volunteers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clayson to approve/adopt the new Volunteer Center Policy & Procedure Handbook and MOU, and the motion passes with all commissioners present voting in favor.

5. **Arizona State University Appreciative Inquiry Study on Tourism around the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Final Report** /BLM Public Relations Larry Crutchfield presented and reviewed the pilot project/study linking communities and public land through tourism. The study resulted in several grants and monies to local events that highlight the unique identity of each community such as the Escalante Canyons Art Festival, Amazing Earthfest in Kanab and the recently organized Dinosaur Festival in Big Water. A discussion ensued. The GSENM will provide a Scoping report by the end of this week.

Other Business:

- Coral Pink Sand Dunes Park Ranger Mike Franklin, DNR OHV Manager Chris Haller, and DNR Region Manager Wayne Moore presented the business of the Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. Mentioned was the snow grooming operation, Lake Powell's quagga mussel problem, and the OHV's supporting of the OHV Transport System in Kane County and interactive mapping of roads and trails. The weather station is in place, and boundaries are in the works.

- A student from BYU wants to come to the Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park for a bug study. Commissioner Matson is taking care of this request.
- NRA OHV Organized Comments
- Addendum to grazing on the GSENM, clarifying legal standings, will be sent to BLM/ PR Larry Crutchfield.
- Report - Alton Coal By-Pass Road location, easement, and signage was presented by Bert Harris and Lou Pratt. A map was reviewed and a discussion ensued.
- Commissioner Heaton updated that the Kane County Fair is gearing up, and they would like community volunteers to head events such as Princess/Queen contest, continuous entertainment, etc.
- Clayson would like clarification on responsibilities and authorities of board of commissioners added to the paperwork provided by Clerk's office.
- Commissioner's Calendars were updated, schedules discussed, meetings arranged and organized to show good representation for Kane County.
- Commissioner Clayson stated that 3 RFD bids are in for the Kanab City Civic Center Architectural project.
- Assignments

Motion to recess for lunch and return at 2:05 was made by Commissioner Heaton and the motion passes with all commissioners present voting in favor.

CLOSED SESSION:

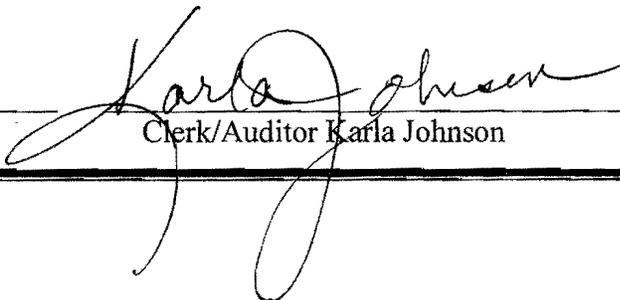
Motion to enter closed session by Commissioner Matson and motion carried with all commissioners present voting in favor.

Present: Commissioner Douglas K. Heaton, Commissioner Dirk Clayson, Commissioner James L. Matson, Clerk/Auditor Karla Johnson and Chief Deputy Attorney Robert Van Dyke.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

WHEREUPON MEETING ADJOURNED


Commission Chair Douglas K. Heaton


Clerk/Auditor Karla Johnson