

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

FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Present at the meeting was Commission Chairman Jeff Horrocks, Commissioner JR Nelson, Commissioner Ethan Migliori, Attorney David Blackwell, 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 # 229176 through and including #229318 was presented for payment.

Requisitions were presented for the following:

<u>REQUISITION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7-14	Lube Truck Unit Highway	\$231,200.00
8-14	Spare Parts kit for Microwave Radio Between Cedar Mt. and Boarding House Ridge	14,585.60
9-14	(18) replacement Digital Repeater Radios For SO and Rd. Dept.	52,272.40

Dispositions were approved for the list of assets found at the end of the minutes.

(2)
APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC FOR RAY PETERSEN
AND JR NELSON FOR WORK ON PUBLIC LANDS BILL.

(3)
APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO LAS VEGAS, NV FOR KYLE EKKER AND
JEFF THOMAS TO ATTEND A PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL SEMINAR.

(4)
APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR WHITNEY MARIE PHOTOGRAPHY.

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(5)

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR SJOGREN AUTO.

(6)

RATIFICATION OF SCOTT LABRUM AS CASTLE DALE CITY'S APPOINTMENT TO THE EMERY COUNTY RECREATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

(7)

APPROVAL OF 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR COBY HUNT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS ORIENTATION PERIOD FROM BEING PROMOTED TO CREW LEAD IN GREEN RIVER, GRADE 21.

(8)

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MUSEUMS: SHEILA SEBRINGS, BARBARA LEMONS, LISA JEWKES, BETH BLACK, BARBARA PETERSEN, DIANE LANSFORD, RANDY JENSEN, NANCY ESPANET, JAN PETERSEN, AND MARY KAVA.

(9)

NOTIFICATION THAT KIP ALLRED HAS BEEN HIRED AS A PART TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/DRIVER WORKING 19 3/4 HOURS PER WEEK FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS. GRADE 16.

(10)

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2014.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner JR Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to move item #9 to #3 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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(2)

DANNA GRAY, REQUEST APPROVAL OF FEE WAIVER AT THE MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAFAEL FOR THE BOY SCOUTS OF EMERY COUNTY.

Danna Gray came before the Board of Commissioners to request approval of fee waiver at the Museum of the San Rafael for the Boy Scouts of Emery County. Ms. Gray explained that the Eagle Scouts in Emery County have donated approximately 1100 hours to Emery County. These Eagle Scouts don't get much recognition within their own troops. Therefore, they would like to have a banquet to pay tribute to these Eagle Scouts. The stakes in the county have donated the funds to pay for food at the banquet but not for anything else. The Museum of the San Rafael is the best location to hold the banquet and she requested the fee to use the Museum be waived. Commissioner Ethan Migliori expressed appreciation to the Eagle Scouts of Emery County and agreed that they do a lot for the county. Agreeing to waive the fee for the use of the Museum will show the County's dedication to the Scout program. Therefore, Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve a request of fee waiver at the Museum of the San Rafael for the Boy Scouts of Emery County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson. The motion passed.

(3)

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCE PRESENTATION OF PILT PAYMENT.

Chris Wood, DNR introduced Calvin Black, Aquatics and Joe Christensen, Lands Management. Mr. Wood presented the Commissioners with a check in the amount of \$2,651.31 for the contractual in-lieu tax payment on land the Division of Wildlife Resources owns in Emery County. The money used to pay the in-lieu tax is provided by hunters and anglers in the county and across the state. He added, that these lands are important to wildlife and to the many hunters and anglers in Emery County. He expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their support as a partner in managing Utah's wildlife.

(4)

HILARY GORDON, MAYOR OF HUNTINGTON CITY, DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL/CROSSING GUARD CONCERNS AROUND HUNTINGTON ELEMENTARY AND ON OTHER CITY STREETS.

Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to table this matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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(5)

REQUEST FOR DONATION TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.

Geri Stottler came before the Board of Emery County Commissioners to request a donation to the Volunteers of Emery County. She explained that they are under the direction of the Emery County Community Foundation and are no longer a part of the Volunteers of America program. She indicated that the Foster Grandparent program was picked up by another volunteer program and is being implemented in Emery County through their volunteers. She reported that the Angel Tree Program was successful in 2013. They used the city offices as drop off locations for donated items. She added that they function through a board that meets the second Monday each month at 9:00 am at the Main Street Grill. She asked that a donation be provided through the Community Foundation. Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve a \$250.00 donation to the Emery County Volunteer Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

(6)

REQUEST FOR DONATION TO THE EMERY HIGH RODEO TEAM.

Nathan Urie came before the Board of Commissioners to request a donation through sponsorship to the Emery High Rodeo Team. Laurel Nielsen commented that she is a parent of a high school rodeo team member. They started out with 5 members and have now grown to 30 members just on this side of the county. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve sponsoring the Emery High Rodeo Team with a donation of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

(7)

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMERY COUNTY CLASS I SOLID WASTE LANDFILL ANNUAL SOLID WASTE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013.

Commissioner Nelson reported that there is a lot of work that goes into following all the rules and regulations governing a landfill. The recent annual report of the Landfill was very favorable. They did not receive any violations. He stated that the Emery County Landfill is a topnotch facility. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve the Emery County Class I Solid Waste Landfill Annual Solid Waste Report for Calendar year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FORMING EASTERN UTAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION.

Commissioner Horrocks explained that the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between Uintah, Duchesne, Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan, and Dagget Counties is for the purpose of forming the Eastern Utah Economic Development Coalition. The economic development, travel and tourism, transportation infrastructure, and the extractive industries drive the economies of the Eastern Utah counties. The seven counties have concluded that the integral nature of their geography requires close cooperation in planning for these economy driving elements. The seven counties propose to create an informal advisory organization to be known as the Eastern Utah Economic Development Coalition whose purpose is to create a multi-county coalition for planning, coordinating, and promoting the economic development, travel and tourism, transportation infrastructure, and extractive industries of the region. They hope that through this MOU the seven counties can bring a bigger voice to the legislature to assist in bringing economic growth to the seven rural counties. There will be no indenture on the part of any county included in the coalition. Attorney David Blackwell has reviewed the document and made his changes. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve of Memorandum of Understanding forming Eastern Utah Economic Development Coalition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

(9)

CRAIG JOHANSEN, DISCUSSION OF HB 49 WATER RIGHTS- CHANGE APPLICATION
AMENDMENTS AND DETERMINATION OF POSSIBLE COUNTY POSITION.

Craig Johansen came before the Board of Commissioners to discuss HB 49 Water Rights-Change Application Amendments. He indicated that there has been a lot of discussion on this proposed legislation. This legislation is being proposed by Senator Kay McIff. This will put shareholders against irrigation companies. The change would allow a shareholder right to take shares out and apply them to another drainage system. This would be detrimental to our area. He stated that the economy of Emery County rests on its water. He indicated that he has met with Senator Hinkins regarding the issue who seems to be in opposition to the legislation as well. It is important the Emery County come out, in positive form, in opposition to this legislation. CVSSD has expressed its opposition to the legislation. Mr. Johansen expressed urgency in stating a clear message from Emery County Commission in opposition to this proposed legislation.

Patsy Stoddard asked Mr. Johansen where the bill is currently?

Mr. Johansen indicated that currently the bill has moved out of committee. It was suggested to

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have Commissioner JR Nelson draft a letter to those legislators who serve rural Utah and specifically Emery County stating Emery County's opposition to this proposed legislation. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to have Commissioner Nelson, with the aid of Attorney David Blackwell, draft a letter stating Emery County's opposition to HB49 and move forward from there. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

(10)

COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT.

Commissioner Migliori

Commissioner Migliori reported that Emery County Historic Preservation Committee is currently involved with placing silhouettes of the Spanish Trail in areas around the Buckhorn. They are coordinating with the BLM for placement of the markers that will help enhance tourism in the area. Last week he participated with the filming of ice climbing in Joe's Valley for a segment on "At Your Leisure". He reported on attending a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power where they discussed transmission lines and expansion opportunities. They have a fifteen year plan up for review. The comment meeting will be March 18th from 4pm until 7pm in Price at the Carbon Fairgrounds. He reported on a meeting with Tim Smith, State Parks regarding legislation to privatize state owned golf courses such as the one in Green River. He indicated that management of the course would be significantly more expensive to manage. He has been participating with tablet training at the libraries. Training on droid driven tablets was last week at the Huntington Library. This week will be Ipad and Apple devices.

Commissioner Nelson

Commissioner Nelson reported that there are several bills at the legislature that the Commissioners are keeping an eye at this time. They involve grazing issues, timberland, county road work, water, building permit and zoning issues. He reported that the Commissioners recently sent a letter of support for the boulder climbing club to be included in a study of boulder climbing in Joe's Valley. He reported on a private citizen business group interested in extending the boat ramp in Joe's Valley.

Commissioner Horrocks

Commissioner Horrocks reported on a recent meeting at Huntington Power Plant regarding the debris basin in Huntington Canyon. An MOU will be forthcoming. Commissioner Nelson, Ray Petersen and Randy Johnson will be traveling to Washington DC to keep the light burning on Emery County's Land Bill. He indicated that the Commissioners are looking at holding a public auction for surplus county property sometime in the spring. Departments are compiling a list of surplus property for the auction. HUD is continuing with improvements to the units in the

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county. James Nielsen recently received an award in a conference of Weed/Mosquito managers. The Road Department is currently applying Mag Chloride to the dirt roads in preparation for spring and Easter. It seals the gravel in place.

(11)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____ COMMISSIONER: _____