

**RICH COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on February 5, 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 Tom Weston and seconded by Norm Weston and unanimously passed to approve the February 5, 2014 agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Norm Weston seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to go into **Executive Session** for Personnel reasons with Sheriff Dale Stacey.

A motion was made by Norm Weston to amend the **County Policy** to read after the probationary period of 6 months an employee may be illegible for a .50 raise with the approval of their department head. An employee will be illegible for a cost of living increase that may be given January 1 of each year with a minimum of 6 months after the probationary time has passed with the County. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Justin Dolling with the Division of Wildlife Resources met with the Commission to present a check to the County in the amount of **\$1156.21 for payment in-lieu of taxes**. He also handed out a copy of the Predator Incentive Program Update to the Commissioners. The number of coyotes checked in at the state level at the end of June 2013: 6830. He informed the commission that a new Wildlife Officer- John Owens- had been hired for Rich County and he will begin March 1, 2014. A motion was made by Norm Weston seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to accept the PILT check in the amount of \$1156.21.

Blain Hamp, Dan Ames, Dusty Richards, Jennifer Hansen, and Morgan Mendenhal with the Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands met with the Commission to give updates on their programs within the County. They stated 1500 trees had been planted last year and plan to plant 5000 this year. Sovereign Lands, Catastrophic Wildfire, County Education, Training of Fire Departments and Aspen Regeneration projects were discussed.

Mitch Poulsen with Bear Lake Regional Commission met with the Commission and stated a representative from the Commission is needed to proceed with applying for the for the Business Expansion and Retention Grant (BEAR). Tom Weston made a motion to appoint Norm Weston to serve as a contact for the BEAR grant. William Cox stepped down and seconded the motion and unanimously passed. Mitch stated all variance board members need to be reappointed and would like the Commission to look into a Variance Officer. The Commission will have more discussion on this issue. He would also like the Commission to consider a transportation plan.

Kim Wilson Rich County Assessor met with the Commission to discuss a new law on personal property. HB 67 Primary Residential Exemptions for Personal Property in Qualified Residential Property (59-2-103). Kim talked to the other Counties about how they dealt with the new law. She found they were not consistent.

Kim Wilson Rich County Assessor and George Peart Rich County Building Inspector met with the Commission to discuss **Nightly rentals**. George gave a handout to the Commission from the County Development Code. It stated a conditional use permit would be required if the county allows nightly rentals in the County. Members of the audience were given a chance to speak on this matter. Kim stated tracking the rentals will be difficult. The Commission will Contact the County Attorney and get his recommendation.

Bret Argyle Rich County Fair Chairman met with the Commission to discuss the 2014 Fair events. He presented contracts for the Due West and Charley Jenkins concerts . The **concerts** will be August 9, 2014. The sound system contract is \$1990.00, Charley Jenkins is 3000.00 and Due West is \$6000.00. The Commission will have the County Attorney review the contracts. A motion was made by Norm Weston to approve the Chairman's signature on the contracts with the approval of the County Attorney. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Lou Jean Argyle Rich County Treasurer met with the Commission to discuss sanitation complaint letters she had received. The Commission reviewed each complaint. The Commission would like her to respond to each complaint and explain the sanitation process with the County. Lou Jean stated Darin and Delora Wright had overpaid their taxes for the year 2013. A motion was made by Norm Weston to approve a refund in the amount of \$1372.94. Tom Weston seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

Scott Jacobson Rich County Sanitation Supervisor met with the Commission to discuss new equipment. Scott will travel to Idaho and look at a **used garbage truck** that is for sale and report to the Commission the cost and the condition of the truck.

A motion was made by acclamation to **appoint William Cox as Chairman of the Rich County Commission and Tom Weston as Vice Chairman** for the year 2014.

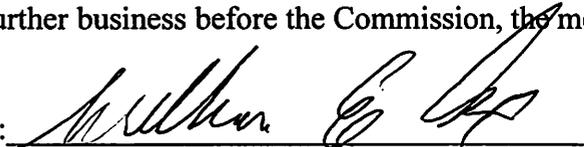
A motion was made by Norm Weston seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to allow the Chairman's signature on a **purchase of a new truck, plow, sander and pup for the Road Department.**

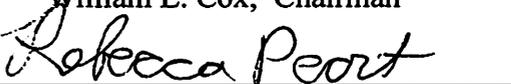
A motion was made by Norm Weston seconded by Tom Weston and unanimously passed to allow the Chairman's signature on a **letter to the Bureau of Land management** Re: Comments on the Draft Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement. The Rich County Commission has reviewed the alternatives and recommends Alternative D and Alternative E1.

Commissioner Tom Weston made a motion to approve the January 8, **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