

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on March 18, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for February 19, 2014, through March 18, 2014
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2014
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes:
Russell Skouson, S/N ER-5-1-NC; Terry & Penny Hafen, S/N H-CHP-23; Joanne Goad & Carole Putman, S/N SG-RRMHE-2-35, SG-RRE-3-7, and SG-RRE-3-6; Clemen Engle, S/N LV-128-A-4; DM Young Inv. LLC, S/N SG-6-2-23-4132; David & Debra Campbell, S/N H-SES-14; Easton Chase LLC & Todd Gorishek, S/N T-AHP-A-33; Sergio & Laurie Correa, S/N SG-RBE-B-6-B; Jesus Gutierrez, S/N SG-RRE-6-5-A-1, SG-RRMHE-6-40; Loren & Kathy Valadez, S/N I-GAS-2-29; Bret & Barbara Calaway, S/N WHS-12-SW; Earl & Afton Cox, S/N LV-MVS-18; Boulder Springs Villas, S/N SG-BSV-2-59; Steve LeFevre, S/N T-138-A-4-A
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement:
Terrie McIntosh, S/N LV-PGS-2-5; Dean Monson, S/N H-QLE-59A-1; David Putnam, S/N SG-BCC-8-58

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL

Volunteer Center Director Carol Hollowell announced that the recipient of the Volunteer of the Month award is Mr. Doug Whetstone, who could not attend the meeting. Mr. Whetstone helped during the Point in Time Count (for the homeless population in the County). Sixty-four (64) people out of eighty-nine (89) have been housed since Ms. Hollowell's last report. There are one hundred forty-one (141) homeless people in the Hildale area, to whom over twelve hundred (1,200) pounds of food have been distributed. The Hildale residents have been excommunicated from the Fundamental Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) Church and have lost their homes. Those people disobeyed the orders of Warren Jeffs, who proclaimed that a family can only have one meal per day, including children and the elderly. They are housed in one compound with sheds and lean-tos for shelter. Unfortunately, many of these people are illiterate and therefore cannot find employment.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT / WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Cory Pulsipher presented a report on Search and Rescue activity since the last meeting:

- 2/26/14, eight (8) lost ATVs on Smith's Mesa; 16 man hours
- 3/13/14, mountain biker crashed on Bear Claw/Poppy Trail; 12 man hours
- 3/14/14, missing person on Arizona Strip; 110 man hours
- 3/15/14, lost mountain bikers on Bracken's Loop Trail; 6 man hours
- 3/15/14, juvenile runaway near Motoqua/Jackson Springs; 60 man hours

PURCHASE REQUESTS / TREVOR COOMBS

- Emergency Services, Dive Team Equipment \$11,534.00
- HCP, Mohave Desert Tortoise monitoring \$80,000.00
- HCP, systematic clearances, fencing \$25,000.00
- Sheriff's Office, 2014 Ford Explorer \$27,301.00
- Sheriff's Office, three vehicles \$78,926.00
- Building Maintenance, asbestos abatement in USU Extension
Office Building \$15,055.00

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Purchase Requests, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried

by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1789, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LEEDS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN LEEDS

This is a parcel of Washington County property approximately one thousand three hundred (1,300) square feet that is landlocked in the Town of Leeds. The Leeds Mayor contacted the County, requesting that this piece of land be deeded to Leeds because the Leeds Cemetery is running out of space, and this parcel abuts the Cemetery.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1789, a Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement Between The Town of Leeds and Washington County and the Execution of a Quit Claim Deed Regarding the Transfer Of Ownership Of Real Property Located In Leeds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1790, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ST. GEORGE CONVENTION & TOURISM OFFICE MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD

Several current Board members have terms which will soon expire or who are otherwise unable to continue their service on this Board: Kyle Case, Don Fritchle, and Mark Parrish. The Advisory Board has recommended the following replacements: Scott Raine (Sports and Entertainment Representative), Tracey Welch (Lodging Representative), and Deven McDonald (Fast Food Representative). Additionally, it has been recommended that JoAnn Gordon, the Director of the Dixie Center, have a seat on the Convention & Tourism Board.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1790, A Resolution Appointing Scott Raine, Tracey Welch, Deven McDonald, and JoAnn Gordon to the St. George Convention & Tourism Office Marketing Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1791, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ANDRUS

TRANSPORTATION FOR TEMPORARY MORGUE FACILITIES IN THE EVENT OF A CATASTROPHIC EMERGENCY

Erin Lytle of the Washington County Emergency Services Department said that she was tasked by Peter Kuhlmann, Emergency Services Director, to contact various trucking companies that provided refrigerated trailers. In the event of a mass fatality and the morgues are overwhelmed, it would be necessary to have such trailers as back-up. Andrus Transportation offered the lowest price for this service.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1791, A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Andrus Transportation for Temporary Morgue Facilities in the Event of a Catastrophic Emergency. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1792, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ST. GEORGE FIELD OFFICE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY ESTABLISHING WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A COOPERATING AGENCY FOR THE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke explained that the Lands Bill of several years ago established several Natural Conservation Areas (NCAs) in Washington County. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was involved in that process and is now redoing the Travel Management Plan (TMP). There has been some confusion between the County and the BLM concerning the County's role in developing this Plan, and the intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is to designate clearly Washington County's role as a cooperating partner in the development of the TMP.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1792, A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Bureau of Land Management St. George Field Office And Washington County Establishing Washington County As a Cooperating Agency For the Travel Management Plan and Environmental Assessment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1793, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USDA FOREST SERVICE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

This Road Project Agreement enables the County Road Department to assist the Forest Service in maintaining certain Forest Service Level 2 and 3 roads that the Forest Service has neither the equipment nor manpower to handle. As a part of this agreement, the Forest Service has agreed to review certain roads that the County has requested be accessible to the citizens of the County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1793, a Resolution Approving the Execution of a Road Project Agreement between the USDA Forest Service and Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioners Gardner and Drake recently attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. They had an opportunity to meet with other County Commissioners and the delegations of Senator Hatch and Congressman Stewart to discuss important issues concerning Washington County.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS/REVIEW OF ITEMS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON MARCH 11, 2014:

- Conditional Use for Special Events: Review of Special Event for "Wilderness Festival" to be held on April 25, 2014, at the Confluence Park in LaVerkin; Southwest Utah's National Conservation Land Friends / Ashley Gilreath, Applicants.
- Conditional Use for Special Events: Review of Special Events for "6 Hours in Frog Hollow" to be held on April 19, 2014, and "25 Hours in Frog Hollow" to be held on November 1 & 2, 2014, countywide; GRO Promotions and Cimarron Chacon, applicants.
- Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review of Gravel Pit and Rock Crushing Operations at an existing location on Parcel 8191-NW, generally located on Gunlock Road near Veyo in an OST-20 zone; Bigalow Ranch, LLC/Carl Bowler, Applicants.

County Planner Scott Messel said that the Planning Commission unanimously approved all of the above Conditional Use Requests.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN