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

JUNE 6, 2023

Present at the meeting was Chairman Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Jordan Leonard, Commissioner Keven Jensen, Sheriff Tyson Huntington, Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens.

(1)
APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List #263254 through and including #263347 was presented for payment.

There were no Requisitions or Dispositions.

(2)
APPROVAL OF THE MAY 16, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

(3)
NOTIFICATION SELECTED ADAM OLSEN, MADILYN BUNNELL, JACOB ERICKSON, KAITLYN THOMAS, ALIYA LESTER, JACE FRANDSEN, ELIZABETH CARROLL, AND HANNAH NEFF, AS PART TIME LIFEGUARDS WORKING UP TO 19.75 HOURS PER WEEK. WAGE GRADE 3.

(4)
NOTIFICATION SELECTED SARAH SORENSEN AS A PART TIME JUSTICE COURT COMPLEX CUSTODIAN WORKING UP TO 19.75 HOURS PER WEEK, NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS. WAGE GRADE 6.

(5)
APPROVAL TO HIRE GARRETT ROWLEY AS A SEASONAL LAWN CARE LABORER WORKING 29 HOURS PER WEEK. NOT ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS. WAGE $14.70 PER HP.

(6)
NOTIFICATION SELECTED EMELYN OLIVERSON AS A PART TIME HEAD LIFEGUARD WORKING 19.75 HOURS PER WEEK. GRADE 5 @ $10.21 PH.

Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.

AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)
ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

(2)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY MONETARY DONATION TO CHASE HUGGARD TO ATTEND THE GOVERNOR'S HONORS ACADEMY.

Chase Huggard requested a monetary donation to assist him in attending The Governor's Honors Academy at SUU. The conference lasts for 10 days. The cost to attend is $1,300.00 per student. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to donate $250.00 to Chase Huggard to assist him in attending the Governor's Honors Academy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.
AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(3)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY MONETARY DONATION TO KAMS RICH AND WYATT FOX WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING EMERY COUNTY AT THE NATIONAL JR HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS,

Kams Rich and Wyatt Fox requested a monetary donation to assist them in representing Emery County at the National Jr. High School Rodeo Finals in Parry, Georgia. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to donate $750.00 to each participant, Kams Rich and Wyatt Fox, to assist them in representing Emery County at the National Jr. High Rodeo Finals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.
AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(4)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AREA PLAN FOR FY2024-2026.

Melissa Huntington, Executive Director of Four Corners Community Behavioral Health presented their Area Plan for FY 2023-2026 for approval. She explained that the State Statute requires them to write a financial plan that is presented to the County Governing Body for approval every three years. They are currently looking for a building to place the first rural crisis receiving center in the State of Utah. Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to approve the Four Corners Community Behavioral Health Area Plan for FY 2024-2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(5)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY THE 2023 CIB PRIORITIZATION LIST FOR EMERY COUNTY.

Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to approve the 2023 CIB Prioritization List for Emery County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(6)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY FREE SWIM DAY ACTIVITY ON JULY 25TH AS PART OF THE EMERY COUNTY FAIR 2023.

Patsy Stoddard, Emery County Business Chamber requested a fee waiver for the Emery County Aquatic Center to offer a Free Swim Day Activity on July 25th as part of the Emery County Fair 2023. Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to waive the fee for the Emery County Aquatic Center for a Free Swim Day Activity on July 25th as part of the Emery County Fair 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.
AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(7)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY AMENDMENT #8 TO THE STATE OF UTAH CONTRACT #152013 BETWEEN THE STATE OF UTAH AND THE EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF FOR BAILIFF AND COURT SECURITY SERVICES.

Sergeant Robby Riley requested approval for Amendment #8 to the State of Utah Contract #152013 between the State of Utah and the Emery County Sheriff for Bailiff and Court Security Services. He explained that by State Statute the SO is required to provide the service. The amendment is to change the named Sheriff as Sheriff Tyson Huntington as well as the amount for reimbursement as $23.71 for 2023 and $26.15 for 2024. Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to approve Amendment #8 to the State of Utah contract #152013 between the State of Utah and the Emery County Sheriff for Bailiff and Security Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.

AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

(8)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY 2023 REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CASTLE RIDGE BEHAVIORAL CENTER.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard explained that Castle Ridge Behavioral Center opened in June of 2022 so the Commission did not have a full year of financials to fairly evaluate their Tax Exempt status. In a May Commission meeting they were denied their request for Tax Exempt status. Upon further review of their finances and offerings of charitable and educational services to the community the Commission desired to grant Castle Ridge Behavioral Center a real and personal property tax exemption. Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to approve 2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Exemption for Castle Ridge Behavioral Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.

AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud

NAY: none

(9)

DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION ENERGY FOR THE EMERY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT GREEN RIVER FACILITY.

Commissioner Keven Jensen made a motion to approve a service line agreement with Dominion Energy for the Emery County Road Department Green River Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard. The motion passed.\
AYE: Keven Jensen
Jordan Leonard
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(10)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY SIGNING A LETTER OF AGENCY WITH UTAH EDUCATION AND TELEHEALTH NETWORK (UETN) TO AUTHORIZE UETN TO INCLUDE EMERY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE 2024-2025 BID PROCESS FOR INTERNET SERVICES UNDER E-RATE.

Desiree Malley requested approval for the signing of a letter of Agency with Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) to authorize UETN to include Emery County Library System in the 2024-2025 bid process for internet services under E-Rate. There is no cost associated with this process. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve signing a letter of Agency with Utah Education and Telehealth Network as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.
AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(11)
DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY ADVERTISING AN RFQ FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM TO ENSURE THE EMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY (CRA) IS FOLLOWING ALL STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES AND LAWS IN RELATION TO ALL FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS REGARDING SOLAR FUNDS.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard explained that the Commission is looking for an individual or firm to help with CRA accounting. As the solar revenue is starting to come on line they are looking for someone to help make sure taxes are done on time and correctly and that people are getting paid correctly. This request is to advertise an RFQ for that individual or firm to help with CRA obligations. Commissioner Jordan Leonard made a motion to approve advertising an RFQ for an individual or firm to ensure that the Emery County Community Reinvestment Agency(CRA) is following all state and federal mandates and laws in relation to all fiduciary obligations regarding solar funds.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keven Jensen. The motion passed.

AYE: Jordan Leonard
Keven Jensen
Lynn Sitterud
NAY: none

(12)
COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Sheriff Huntington reported that recreation is increasing in the desert and the mountains. Search and Rescue have had several rescues on the river.

(13)
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Keven Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Jordan Leonard, and the motion passed.

ATTEST:_____ COMMISSIONER:_____