

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MILLARD COUNTY THE 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2022
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Evelyn Warnick. Chairperson
Bill Wright. Commissioner
Marki Rowley. County Clerk
Kayla Freeman. Deputy County Clerk

EXCUSED: Dean Draper. Commissioner
Pat Finlinson. County Attorney

ALSO PRESENT: Denton Peterson Deputy County Attorney
Sierra Dickens. County Recorder
Sheri Dearden. County Treasurer
Adam Richins. County Planning and Zoning
Bonnie Smith and Vicki Bennett. Auditor’s Office
Teri Howell County Roads
Richard Jacobson, Pat Bennett,
Lindsay Mitchell, and Daniel McCann. Sheriff’s Office
Jamie Hair. Deputy County Clerk
Cyndee Probert County Justice Court
Angie Meinhardt. Delta Office Supervisor
John Higgins. Landfill Supervisor
Klint Penny. County Maintenance
Alyssa Wahlin, Unsiat Zahn, Steven Ridge, Isabel Ridge,
Jill Burton, and Andrew Hegewald Dominion Energy
Hayden Ballard. Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO)
Dennis Alldredge and Trevor Johnson. Citizens

PURSUANT TO AN AGENDA WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO each member of the governing body, posted at the principal office of the Millard County Commission, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website, and provided to the Millard County Chronicle Progress, a newspaper of general circulation within Millard County, Utah, as required by law, the following proceedings were had:

PUBLIC WAS WELCOMED

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. after a brief welcome by Commissioner Warnick to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Warnick asked if anyone had an opening statement to give. Commissioner Wright said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2022 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held July 7, 2022 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review, Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2022,

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM JULY 7, 2022

There were none.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE TOURISM DIRECTOR POSITION EXTENSION

Commissioner Wright asked Auditor Smith to verify that the Extension was budgeted through the end of the year. Auditor Smith confirmed it was through the end of the year; however, it is to be extended month to month as it is a monthly extension.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Tourism Director position extension for one month.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CORRECTIONS TO THE FEBRUARY 1, 2022 COMMISSION MINUTES

Clerk Rowley said that Joyce Barney called and pointed out that the name on her business was listed incorrectly on the February 1, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes. Ms. Barney pointed out that page 4 listed Warren Peterson as Mr. Warren and page 8 listed her business as SCSD Enterprises and needs to be changed to SDSC Enterprises, LLC.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 Commission minutes as corrected.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR WEST

DESERT WELDING AND REPAIR

A business license application was presented for West Desert Welding and Repair, Owner Jeremy Haveron - a welding and fabrication misc. repair work business. After review of the application and finding all signatures in order, Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the business license for West Desert Welding and Repair, Owner Jeremy Haveron.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF IGP WAIVERS

Commissioner Warnick presented five IGP waivers . Commissioner Wright asked Auditor Smith to clarify the amount for IGP Waivers. She stated that the budgeted amount is \$4,000.00.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the IGP Waivers.

Commissioner Warnick SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMENDING THE BUDGET WITHIN FUND 75

Auditor Smith explained that the purpose of this amendment is to help cover the cost of food and any other unforeseen costs associated with the ATV Jamboree.

Commissioner Warnick said that the Tourism Department is willing to provide funds to help cover the extra costs.

Auditor Smith stated that \$3,500.00 is being sought. Commissioner Warnick stated that they will be taking it from TRT funds, which has sufficient funds to cover that request.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve amending the ATV Jamboree budget within fund 75 in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DOMINION ENERGY THERM H2 HYDROGEN BLENDING PRESENTATION - ALYSSA WAHLIN, DOMINION ENERGY ENGINEER II, AND ANDREW HEGEWALD, DOMINION ENERGY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Steve Ridge, Project Manager, thanked the commissioners for their time today and explained that before merging and becoming Dominion Energy they were formally known as Questar Gas. He then presented a power point presentation concerning this project that went into detail about the company and the basics of natural gas services in Utah.

Commissioner Wright questioned where the natural gas supplied to Utah comes from. Mr. Ridge replied that 50 percent comes from local sources and the other 50 percent comes from power plants in other states.

Andrew Hegewald addressed the hydrogen blending program they are bringing to Delta next year, which would integrate 5% of hydrogen based energy into the current natural gas system. He explained why hydrogen is being researched and used, with a total of 15 states showing interest.

Mr. Hegewald explained that this is a 4 phase project and said that no red flags were found in the phase 1 testing stage. Phase 2 is to test this 5% blending program in Delta for 2 years. He explained that customers should not see any change in gas performance, prices, or system safety.

Commissioner Wright questioned the end goal; would it be full integration of hydrogen, or just hydrogen blending. Mr. Hegewald explained that the goal is to decarbonize natural gas and to reduce carbon emissions.

Commissioner Warnick questioned why 5% was chosen. Mr Hegewald stated that they wanted it to be specific enough that they could measure carbon emission impacts without changing the customer's bill. He also said that the goal is to make sure the entire system is prepared and able to support lower carbon energy sources.

Mr. Ridge said that this is a baby step of experimentation on how this would affect a community. He said that they need to test in a real life scenario before they can confidently say that it works in a non-controlled atmosphere. He explained that hydrogen is more expensive than natural gas, but that the reason there is no change to customer cost is because Dominion Energy is covering the extra costs of this project.

Alyssa Wahlin, an engineer for Dominion Energy who works on the research and development projects, explained that this project will use an already established station located in Delta and that the expected water consumption for the project will be the equivalent to the average water usage of five houses. She explained that Dominion Energy has spent over 12 months carefully validating industry research on blending in the test community in phase 1. By early 2023, the gas blend distribution will start. There will also be a live website that will educate and inform the public.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-07-19, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE HALFWAY HILL WILDFIRE

Commissioner Warnick explained that there are available funds from State and Federal sources that the County could apply for to help recoup costs brought by this wildfire, if a state of emergency is declared. Deputy Attorney Peterson affirmed that any Federal or State funding can not be requested without this declaration.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 22-07-19, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, declaring a state of emergency related to

the Halfway Hill wildfire.

Commissioner Warnick SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. Commissioner Draper was absent. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Auditor Smith clarified that the budgeted amount for the IGP waiver budget is \$3,000.00 not \$4,000.00 as previously stated in the meeting

Treasurer Dearden presented the monthly financial review for June 2022.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the June 2022 financial review as presented.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dennis Alldredge first thanked the Commissioners for their years of hard work, service, and dedication. He also thanked the County personnel for their service controlling the Halfway Hill wild fire and protecting Fillmore City.

Hayden Ballard, from PLCPO, introduced himself and offered to provide relevant updates on issues that would impact the County. He said that the Department of Interior is currently reworking mining regulations, hard rock mining specifically, and that the Commission can send any input to him regarding this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk Rowley presented the interim successor for the County Attorney's Office.

Auditor Smith stated that an air compressor was missed on the capital list for the Road Building project; therefore, she needs approval from the Commission, which was granted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS

Clerk Rowley stated that the Great Basin Heritage Board is not listed on assignment for Commission duties. Commissioner Warnick stated that it should go with Tourism, which she is over. Clerk Rowley stated that she will update the list to reflect the addition.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR SETTLEMENT OR DEFERRAL OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX

There is none.

DISCUSSION BY EACH COMMISSIONER, COUNTY ATTORNEY, ELECTED OFFICIAL AND SECRETARY

There is none.

POSSIBLE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Commissioner Wright made a motion to enter into a BOE.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The BOE began at 11:03 a.m.

Auditor Smith asked for the ability to approve obvious office errors on appeals as they arise.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Auditors Smith's request.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

Commissioner Wright made motion to close the BOE.

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

The BOE closed at 11:05 a.m.

POSSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

There were none.

POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 52-4-204 & 205

There was none.

COMMISSION WORK MEETING - PAYPOINT COMPENSATION STUDY PRESENTATION

Paypoint presented the compensation study they conducted on behalf of the County.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Warnick adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Attest: _____

Approved: _____