

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MILLARD COUNTY THE 2nd DAY OF MAY 2023  
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Bill Wright..... Chairperson  
Vicki Lyman..... Commissioner  
Trevor Johnson..... Commissioner  
  
Pat Finlinson. .... County Attorney  
Marki Rowley. .... County Clerk  
Kayla Freeman . .... Deputy Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: John Higgins . .... County Landfill Supervisor  
Sheri Dearden..... County Treasurer  
Jacob Nielson..... County HR Director  
Adam Richins..... County Planner  
Brandon Winget..... County Road Supervisor  
Bonnie Smith. .... County Auditor  
Patt Bennett, Kim Rowell, and Richard Jacobson..... County Sheriff's Office  
Dennis Alldredge, Dallin Richins, and Sarah Richins..... 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 Wright to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Wright said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2023 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held April 18, 2023 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review and consideration of minor corrections, Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2023, as corrected.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion

carried.

#### FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM APRIL 18, 2023

There were none.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR HUGHES HANDYMAN SERVICES - KYLER HUGHES

A business license application was presented for Handyman Services, Owner - Kyler Hughes, a handyman service business. After review of the application and finding all signatures in order, Commissioner Lyman made a motion to approve a business license for Handyman Services, Owner - Kyler Hughes.

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

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDED OF FRONT LOAD GARBAGE TRUCK BID

Following comparison of the bids and other possible purchase options, Supervisor Higgins recommended the bid be awarded to Refuge Equipment Sales in the amount of \$394,500.00.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to award the bid to Refuge Equipment Sales in the amount of \$394,500.00.

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

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR GOVERNOR'S HONORS ACADEMY- DALLIN RICHINS AND MARCUS CHASE

Dallin Richins explained the learning opportunities that Governor's Honors Academy provides to its participants. He requested County funds to help cover the entrance fee of \$1,300.00 per participant.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his support of their attendance and recommended that in return for community service the County could cover some of the entrance fee.

Commissioner Wright suggested ten hours of community service.

Commissioner Johnson suggested eight hours.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve \$450.00 to each participant with the requirement of performing eight hours of community service.

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

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ALARM SYSTEM FOR ME BIRD CENTER

This item was tabled for a different time.

## PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Jacobson provided an update on flood mitigation; including sand bags, resources, and other long term needs. He proposed that preemptive measures be taken by the County to increase covered storage capabilities for sand bags and necessary equipment.

Road Supervisor Winget explained where the two proposed storage facilities would be located. He also explained that the two sandbagging machines from the State need to be covered as well.

Commissioner Wright explained where the funds could possibly be taken from. He said that this requires further research to establish the scope and scale of the project.

Commissioner Wright explained that there are roughly 80 RV hook ups at the County fairground facilities that are not often used, except when County events are held. It has been suggested that they be utilized more throughout the year by offering them to tourists as RV park overflow. Tourism Director Kevin Morris offered his services in managing its usage.

Attorney Finlinson advised that this could be seen as the County subsidizing a private business. He said that it would have to be set up so that the County pays someone to manage the RV hook ups and that it works within the County's budget.

Commissioner Lyman said that she would work with the Tourism Director to create a proposal to bring back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lyman explained that the State is going to meet with the irrigation companies to discuss flood concerns.

Commissioner Johnson said that this meeting will be held at the Delta High School auditorium.

Attorney Finlinson explained that the County had received a non disclosure agreement from the ECG Utah Solar 1 project in exchange for proprietary information concerning its proposed project.

Treasurer Dearden expressed concerns with the proposal as presented. She also explained that the project's company is looking for a tax increment from County entities as an incentive to build its company. She said it is up for the commissioners to decide if they want to participate in this policy.

Commissioner Wright said he does not see how this could really benefit the County and does

not recommend signing the agreement or offering a tax increment.

Commissioner Wright stepped from the chair and made a motion to deny the tax increment deduction.

Commissioner Johnson SECONDED the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Sheriff Jacobson explained that he is seeking approval to offer double time pay to specific employee shifts to manage the impacts from the IPA project. However, he said that this does nothing to address the problems with staff shortage.

Captain Bennett explained that, for the patrol side, it would cost an additional \$50,000.00 and an additional \$23,000.00 for the jail. He said that a request for \$100,000.00 would be a safe estimate.

Sheriff Jacobson said that he has had favorable discussions with the IPA project managers. He explained that since his office is short staffed, this pay increase could be implemented immediately without impacting the budget.

Commissioner Wright suggested that this be discussed during the next IPA Alleviation Committee meeting.

Attorney Finlinson said that this request would require a resolution.

Sheriff Jacobson explained that there is a shortage with on call EMT volunteers in the County.

EMS Director Rowell presented statistics concerning the pay rates for different emergency calls and then proposed some changes to the rates in an effort to attract more volunteers.

Sheriff Jacobson said that there has been no concrete increase in activity due to the IPA project and therefore, alleviation is not a real option here.

Auditor Smith said that changes to the rates would require a public hearing, as well as a resolution because it would require an increase in the budget.

Sheriff Jacobson said that they are here simply to educate the Commission on the situation and to start discussions.

Commissioner Johnson said that there are a lot of trees that have been cut due to flood mitigation efforts. He asked if the County allow citizens to go gather wood and what could the County could be held accountable for, if accidents were to happen.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS

There was none.

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

There was none.

#### DISCUSSIONS FROM EACH COMMISSIONER, COUNTY ATTORNEY, ELECTED OFFICIAL AND SECRETARY

There was none.

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

There was none.

POSSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

There was none.

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

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing pending and/or threatened litigation.

Commissioner Lyman SECONDED the motion. All three commissioners voted unanimously and the motion carried. Present in the closed session were Commissioner Lyman, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Johnson, Auditor Smith, HR Director Nielson, Captain Bennett, and Sheriff Jacobson.

After the closed executive session the regular meeting reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Wright adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m..

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_