

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MILLARD COUNTY THE 19th Day of DECEMBER 2005
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: John C. Cooper Chairman
Daron P. Smith. Commissioner
Kathy Y. Walker. Commissioner

LeRay Jackson County Attorney
Norma Brunson County Clerk
Janice Robins. Deputy County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Hansen, Brandy Grace, John Hansen, Jim Talbot, Dean Draper, Maureen Casper, Russ Cowley, Edwin Benson, Robert Dekker, Bob Gardner, Keith Burris, and Ed Phillips

PURSUANT TO AN AGENDA WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO each member of the governing body, the local news and located on the front and back doors of the County Courthouse as required by law the following proceedings were had.

COORDINATION SESSION

The Commissioners scheduled events for the month of January 2006.

PUBLIC WAS WELCOMED

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

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Cooper gave a Christmas greeting to the citizens of Millard County and then said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12 , 2005

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2005

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the amended minutes of December 12, 2005.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT

Auditor Brandy Grace gave the Commissioners various invoices to review and approve for payment through the Auditor's Office. Included were several invoices in the amounts of \$1,642.56 and \$114.58 for a generator from Kanosh Town CERT Team. An invoice for \$660.00 for radios at Commercial Radio for Delta City CERT Team and an invoice for \$1,000 for Delta City's share of purchasing a radio tower were turned in for approval.

Commissioner Smith made a motion authorizing the payment of the CERT invoices. Commissioner Walker SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

Auditor Grace reported notice had been received by the State Auditor's Office that some entities in Millard County had not submitted a UT Form or Financial Report. Failure to file the reports require the Auditor's Office to withhold funds. Commissioner Smith had contacted Water Conservancy District and Special Service District #8 to remind them the reports are past due. The Water Conservancy District wondered why they have to file the reports when they don't collect tax money. They think there should be an exemption in their case. They agreed to file the reports anyway. Drainage District #4 and the Fire Service District will need to be notified to send in their reports.

Auditor Grace said that she was asked by the Commissioners to investigate the cost of long distance services. Right now Millard County's long distance service is with Frontier at their basic rate of 10 cents a minute in state and 7 cents a minute out of state. Frontier's new quote is 6 cents per minute for both in and out of state and they require a two year contract. Qwest has the state bid and their quote is 3.4 cents per minute for out of state and 4.54 cents per minute for in state. Auditor Grace said Qwest may be cheaper but there is some value in processing one bill with Frontier.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to sign a contract with Frontier.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried. Auditor Grace will prepare the documents to switch over to the new plan.

Auditor Grace met with Lester Nixon at Utah Counties Insurance Pool. The enrollment paperwork to have UCIP administer Millard County's insurance is now ready. A vision payroll deduction is available at the employees' expense. The cost for the 1070 Plan is \$3.70 for single and \$12.20 for family. The cost for the 10120 Plan is \$4.96 for single and \$16.45 for family. With the Commissioners' approval, copies of the benefits will be given to the Millard County Human Relations Committee for review and see if it should be offered to the employees.

Auditor Grace gave the Commissioners the Check Edit Report of December 16, 2005 to review and sign.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION ON LARSON & PETERSON'S PROPOSAL FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR MILLARD COUNTY FOR 2005-2009

Commissioner Walker made a motion to accept the bid proposal from Larson & Peterson for auditing services for Millard County.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE SIGNING OF 2006 BOOKMOBILE SERVICE CONTRACT FROM STATE LIBRARY DIVISION

Commissioner Walker made a motion to sign the 2006 Bookmobile contract from the State Library Division.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

The total of State Library support is \$13,532.00. Full cost for providing bookmobile library to Millard County for 2006 is \$129,416.00. The State Bookmobile subsidy for 2006 is \$35,693.00.

SIX COUNTY AOG-FINALIZATION OF THE CIB LIST

Edwin Bensen and Russ Cowley Six County AOG gave the Commission members a copy of the 2006 CIB List. Mr. Cowley said there have been several additions that he wanted to bring to the Commissioners' attention.

- A one time CIB Oil Impact study was put on for all the counties instead of each county applying individually.
- The Regional Planning FTE for \$70,000 a year to help with growth situations in the Six County area
- Railroad Construction in Sevier County.

Mr. Bensen has visited each city and town to give them the opportunity to submit project requests for the CIB List. Mr. Cowley said that the CIB board was looking more in favor of projects seeking a loan rather than those seeking a grant.

The Millard County Long Term Care Center was removed from the list as it has been completed. The ambulance building was added to the list at the Commissioners request.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve and sign the CIB List with the amended changes, taking off the Millard County Long Term Care Center and adding the Millard County Ambulance building.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

The Commissioners made a recommendation to appoint Delta City Mayor Bunker to the board to replace Fillmore City Mayor Starley who is leaving the mayoral position.

MAUREEN CASPER-SENATOR ORRIN G. HATCH'S OFFICE

Maureen Casper from Senator Orrin G. Hatch's office reported that the Senate is still in session. Senator Hatch sent word that as soon as they finish with the Washington County Land Use Plan they will begin to work on getting the Millard County Land Use Plan through the House. She announced on January 31, 2006 Linda Givens from the Salt Lake office will be in Fillmore from 10:30-Noon at the Pahvant Senior Center to meet with citizens needing help with Social Security,

Medicare or Medicaid. Mrs. Casper will contact Virginia Josse to reserve the building for that date and time.

Maureen Casper wished the Commissioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! from Senator Hatch.

POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-19, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR MILLARD COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND FIXING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioner Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-12-19, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Millard County, State of Utah, Adopting a final budget for Millard County for fiscal year 2006 and fixing salaries for various county officers. (There will be an adjustment made to the Millard County Assessor budget and to the Millard County Attorney's budget.)

Commissioner Smith SECONDED and asked for a little time to review the budget. Commissioner Cooper asked for a roll call vote. Deputy Clerk Janice Robins called for a roll call vote on Resolution No. 05-12-19. Commissioner Walker. YES. Commissioner Smith. YES. Commissioner Cooper. YES. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried. A copy of the Resolution and the 2006 Salaries were given to the Clerk's Offices for filing. The budget will be added as soon as it is printed.

MILLARD COUNTY CLERK NORMA BRUNSON-FINALIZATION OF SCHEDULED DATES FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2006

Millard County Clerk Norma Brunson was excused. The dates brought before the Commissioners are:

The Commission Dates for 2006

January 9, 23	July 3, 10, 17
February 6, 13, 27	August 7, 14, 21, 28
March 13, 20, 27	September 11, 18, 25
April 3, 10, 17, 24	October 2, 16, 23
May 1, 8, 15, 22	November 6, 13, 20, 27
June 5, 12, 19, 26	December 4, 11, 18

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commission Meeting Schedule for 2006.

Commissioner Walker SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried. The dates will be published in the newspaper by Clerk Norma Brunson.

DISCUSSIONS FROM EACH COMMISSIONER, COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND SECRETARY

Assessor Jim Talbot was concerned about some of the cuts in his budget. He felt the

appraiser training would cost more than the amount allowed in the professional technical portion of his budget. He said a new federal law states that by July 1, 2008 if you don't have your appraisers license you will need an associates decree to be a licensed appraiser or a bachelor decree to be a residential or a general appraiser. After some discussion they agreed to budget \$9,000.00 in professional technical. Attorney Jackson was asked to write up a contract for the employee to be trained. The employee will be asked to commit to stay a certain number of years in the office or personally pay for the required training.

Assessor Talbot showed the Commissioners a chart showing the number of appraisers in the counties.

An issue was brought up during a discussion about the amount of the UAC payments being paid out by Millard County each year. The Commissioners and elected officials will investigate and see what the funds are being used for and try to get them consolidated into one lump sum payment for easier tracking.

Millard County Treasurer John Hansen said that he could live within the budget as presented back to him. He agrees that the Commissioners' are responsible for the county budget. In his prospective the difficulty to get to today's date and then trying to change the budget after it is set up is a concern. He said the Commissioners have the authority to make changes but as changes are made for individual budget and budget requests, it is a lot more meaningful to do this with each department head when they get to that point rather than to just say, here is the change, this is what you have got. Technically, we have to live with what ever the Commissioners say we've got. His perceptive is, "We work together to make it better," and from a monetary aspect to ask, "What can we do to make it work?" He would like to request that as we look at budgets and over all things that the elected officials and department heads have a chance to be involved before the final date. If the budget is not adopted today then it causes problems for the Auditor's Office. He would like to meet with the Commissioners from a dollar and cents stand point prior to the end to see how we are going to make it work.

Commissioner Smith apologized to the elected officials if they feel they had not been involved in the final cuts. He explained that the budget is a long drawn out and intensive procedure and it was not intentional to leave them out of part of the process. The Commissioners have worked hard and tried to do the best they can.

Millard County Recorder Connie Hansen said that when she first looked at the changes in her budget, she was concerned because of the changes to her equipment budget and the money for rearranging the Records Office. Most of the money for the office changes are in the 2005 budget.

She said that Millard County has received a grant for \$25,000 from State of Utah, Department of Technology Services, Automated Geographic Reference Center (AGRC) to help with Cadastral Mapping. A copy of the contract was given to Clerk's Office for filing. There is a possibility the Records Office may be able to get a \$50,000 grant but it is not confirmed as of today's date.

Auditor Grace reminded the department heads and Commissioners that even grant money needs to show on the budget.

There will be an adjustment made to Millard County Attorney LeRay Jackson's budget to keep

his office intact next year.

All the Commissioners met with Delta City Mayor Bunker to discuss the law enforcement contract and they decided to negotiate it on a yearly contract instead of on a longer contract.

During the week the Commissioners met with elected officials to discuss last minute adjustments made to their budgets.

On Wednesday, the Commissioners attended the USU Extension and the Recreation Department's Christmas party in Delta, Utah.

Commissioner Walker attended the Millard County Tourism meeting. The committee determined that Utah.com offered the best value to develop their website. The recommendation was signed by Commissioner Cooper.

Commissioner Smith said the Millard County Special Service District #8 met and discussed the 2005 Final Budget. A copy of their final budget was turned into the Clerk's Office for filing.

Commissioner Smith said a citizen had reported there is a buildup of waste at the weigh stations. Commissioner Smith had talked with Thayne Henrie who said that the landfill had been given a backhoe but they need road department to haul it for them while they clean them up the stations.

Commissioner Cooper attended the Governor's Advisory Board for Public Lands. They discussed the water issue on the west desert. Governor Huntsman appointed Mike Styler to serve as the point man for the state over the proposed pipeline in southern Nevada.

Commissioner Cooper reported the opposition thinks that a small group of farmers in Snake Valley should not be enough reason to stop the pipeline project. Ron Thompson of the Washington County Water Board is supportive of the SNWA proposed pipeline project.

Commissioner Cooper said that Millard County is happy the Governor and his office have made a commitment to protect the water rights of Utah.

Sheriff Ed Phillips said that the employees in his department appreciate the COLA and insurance benefits for next year. Sheriff Phillips had discussed his budget with the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Attorney LeRay Jackson reported that he had talked to Justin Nielson about the old Millard Care Center who said he thinks he can get his license by January 15, 2006. The propane that was purchased by the county to keep the pipes from freezing should be sufficient for that length of time. Millard County is not interested in putting any more money into the facility before the prospective buyer takes over.

OTHER BUSINESS

Auditor Grace said that Grant Nielson had called and asked for some consideration on the property taxes for their main street property they acquired in 2004. He had not filled out an application for an exemption request. The request for some consideration was discussed but exemptions are given for the usage of the property and not the ownership of the property. The Commissioners agreed that this request does not qualify for an exemption for 2005. Mr. Nielson will be able to fill out the exemption request for next year for consideration.

Treasurer John Hansen brought before the Commissioners a print out of the adjustments made to the taxes during 2005 to date. In summary the amount of taxes adjusted is about \$150,000, with about \$52,000 of that amount being circuit breakers which the state will reimburse the county. This leaves about \$100,000 of adjustments that will affect all the taxing entities of the county, including the Millard School District, Millard County, Millard County Fire District, Millard County Mosquito Abatement District, the cemetery districts, cities and towns. This amount does not include the Board of Equalization adjustments made during the year.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the adjustments made during the year on property taxes.

Commissioner Walker SECONDED. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

USDA Forest Ranger Robert Gardner announced his retirement from the Forest Service. His retirement party will be held on January 3, 2006 at the Paradise Golf Shop. Mr. Gardner thanked the Commissioners for their association and their working relationship with the Forest Service.

Keith Burris from the East Millard Swimming Pool Advisory Board came before the Commissioners with a concern about the recent pool fee increases that were approved by the Commissioners. He asked why the board had not been advised before the increases were adopted.? He said had the committee been asked they would have made the recommendation to proceed with caution. Most of the family passes purchased this year were paid for at the discount rate. The seniors who are on fixed incomes will be effected by the increases. He is afraid that the increase in fees will decrease the use of the pool and cause a net decrease and be counter productive.

Commissioner Cooper said that because of the cost involved in the maintenance and operation of the pool, the fees were increased. They hope the public will continue to enjoy the use of the pool because it is still a very good value.

POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 52-4-4&5

There were none.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m..

Attest: _____ Approved: _____