

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MILLARD COUNTY THE 26th DAY OF JUNE 2006
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

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

Norma Brunson Millard County Clerk
LeRay Jackson Millard County Attorney
Sheryl Dekker Commission Coordinator
Brandy Grace Millard County Auditor

Howard Allred Millard County Fire Warden

EXCUSED: Janice Robins Deputy County Clerk

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.

9:30 A.M. COUNTY COMMISSION COORDINATING SESSION REGARDING FUTURE SCHEDULES, MEETINGS, ETC.

The Commissioners scheduled events for the months of June and July 2006.

10:00 A.M. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. after a brief welcome by Commissioner Walker to those present.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Walker asked if anyone had an opening statement to give. Sheryl Dekker gave a quote from Abraham Lincoln regarding freedom. Commissioner Daron Smith said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2006

There were none.

PUBLIC INPUT

Public Input was moved to 10:05 on the Agenda.

Howard Allred was present with an amendment to an agreement between local fire agencies regarding fire suppression throughout Millard County and in bordering counties. County Attorney LeRay Jackson stated that he has reviewed the agreement and recommended that it be approved and signed by the Commission. Commissioner John Cooper made a MOTION to approve the agreement. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Daron Smith. The motion carried and the agreement was signed for each participating entity and municipality.

* Agenda item for July 3 to ratify the approval of the agreement.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2006

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to approve the amended minutes of June 19, 2006. Commissioner Cooper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous. The motion carried.

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

Commissioner Smith reported that he was contacted by Dick Willoughby, Special Service District 8 Chairman, who reported that he will be retiring his position on the board at the end of his term in 2006. The Special Service District has been bonded in the past and the bond is up for renewal. The bonding company asked for an official letter stating that Millard County is aware of the change of the Secretary/Treasurer. County Attorney LeRay Jackson has submitted the letter to the bonding company. Heather Erickson is the Secretary/Treasurer and her name will be on the new bond.

Commissioner Smith reported that the Road Department has been in the Garrison area the week of June 19 chip sealing the road that goes into Eskdale along with other repairs to roads in the area.

Commissioner Smith attended the West Millard Mosquito Abatement meeting on June 19. At that meeting he explained how the RDA (Rural Development Agency) with Brush Resources will work with regard to the taxing entities. He also reported that a few citizens have called reporting that there are more mosquitos this year than normal. Commissioner Smith stated that the West Millard Mosquito Abatement is working to address the issues.

Commissioner Smith attended a meeting with the other commissioners at Lt. Governor Gary Herbert's office on Thursday, June 22 in Salt Lake City. Commissioner Walker will report on that meeting.

Commissioner Smith participated in a conference call this morning (June 26) with the Western Alliance group discussing strategies. He felt there is an effort for good cooperation between the varied public lands' groups. The message was conveyed in that conference call to hold off introducing their legislation until Washington County's bill is introduced in Congress.

Commissioner Cooper attended the above meetings mentioned by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Cooper attended the USACCC (Utah State Association of County Commissions and Councils) board meeting and the Summer USACCC workshop in Richfield on June 23. He expressed that it was a very good workshop. Subjects that were covered were marketing, grazing, water, socioeconomic issues, etc.

Commissioner Cooper reported that the USACCC Board of Directors discussed the UAC (Utah Association of Counties) policy analyst position to replace Brad Shafer. He said it is not anticipated that they will change the existing job description. However, some were in favor of hiring an attorney because of the legal aspects involved in litigation. Others took exception saying there were already enough attorneys on staff. There was discussion on the possibility of hiring Randy Johnson to fill the position. Randy Johnson has stated that he has obligations to complete with several individual counties with their comprehensive land use process and could not accept a full-time position at this time. He has also said that he is unwilling to relocate to the Wasatch Front. Commissioner Cooper stated that a committee is being formed to make a recommendation to the County Councils and Commissions at the Fall Workshop for USACCC in September.

While in Richfield, Commissioner Cooper attended a meeting honoring the 222nd (Triple Deuce) battalion of the Utah National Guard's return from Iraq. In honoring them they gave some statistics - three soldiers were injured and only one came home because of his injuries - Braxton McCoy of Scipio.

Commissioner Cooper attended the opening of the ATV Jamboree with Commissioner Walker. He stated that the jamboree was well attended.

Commissioner Walker reported on the ATV opening on June 20th. She presented Sherry and Billy Shepherd with a thank-you gift as co-chairpersons of the Jamboree. She noted that, now that Sgt. Bart Whatcott has returned from Iraq, he will resume the role of chairman. Commissioner Walker expressed appreciation for Billy and Sherry Shepherd's efforts with the Jamboree.

Commissioner Walker reported that some members of MEDA (Millard Economic Development Association) attended the Jamboree on Wednesday, June 21, and participated in a half/day ride on the Fillmore/Sandrock Ridge loop ride.

Commissioner Walker reported on all three commissioners' attendance at the Snake Valley Water meeting with Lt. Governor Gary Herbert, Director of Natural Resources Mike Styler, and staff member John Harja, and other staff members of the Governor's Office. They were presented with options for seeking outside revenues for legal council.

Commissioner Walker reported that she spoke at the Delta and Fillmore Senior Citizens centers. She said the people mostly expressed concern and asked questions about immigration issues.

Commissioner Walker reported that she received an e-mail regarding PILT (Payment in lieu of taxes) funds approved for 2006 in the amount of \$762,061, which is \$14,989 over the amount received in 2005. She said it is amazing how many people in Washington take credit for any PILT funding increases.

Commissioner Walker reported that the National Science Foundation has funded \$2.4 million and the Japanese Government has funded \$14.4 to the Pierre Auger project in Millard County's west desert.

County Attorney LeRay G. Jackson has corresponded with Jim Beckstrand on setting a date to meet regarding the Millard County Care Center budget issues.

Sheryl Dekker reported on the Highline Canal break which occurred on Sunday, June 25 south of Leamington east of SR 125.

Commissioner Smith reported that he has received a copy of the Millard School District Budget. However, he was unable to attend their budget hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

County Clerk Norma Brunson reported that the Clerk's office will resume taking the minutes of Commission Meeting on July 3. The minutes have been taken by Sheryl Dekker during the month of June so that the Clerk's Office could prepare for the June 27 Primary Election with the new voting machines.

Commissioner Walker reported that Millard County Tourism is in the process of hiring a person to replace the Forest Service employee at the North Park. The position is for 20 hours per week with the rate of pay at \$5.15 per hour. The north park is open 60 hours per week. The Forest Service will no longer pay the wages of the employee. Fillmore Mayor Dave Christensen has asked to be on the selection committee for this position.

Commissioner Walker has a letter from Sheriff Dekker noting that the interim succession of authority for the Sheriff's Office in his absence are Lt. Forrest Roper > Lt. Roger Young > and then Lt. Jeff Whatcott.

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to set the 2006 tax rate at the same rate as 2005 which is .003462, and set the certified tax rate at .000231 for assessing and collecting. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Cooper. Additional discussion was requested by Commissioner Walker who stated that those rates would generate approximately \$6,052,000, and asked how the difference would be made up. Commissioner Smith stated that those funds would be made up by using some of the reserve funds along with revenues generated by the county programs. That would leave approximately \$146,000 in shortfalls which would come from the reserve funds. Other sources would include PILT funds, jail reimbursement and department fees. Commissioner Cooper suggested that this will help us to hold the line and stay within budget perimeters. Voting on the motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

* Agenda item for July 3. Ratify the Decision.

County Clerk Norma Brunson expressed appreciation to Sheriff Dekker and the Sheriff's Office for delivering the voting machines and supplies throughout the county in preparation for the Primary Election.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's report was postponed until 10:55 pending arrival of Auditor Brandy Grace.

Millard County Auditor Brandy Grace presented the June 23 Check Edit Report.

Invoices were presented to Commissioner Walker for approval.

Auditor Grace reminded the Commission that the presentation of the Independent Auditor's Report is scheduled for 1:30 today.

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

There was no closed session.

The Millard County Commission Meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m.

NOON LUNCH BREAK

The Millard County Commission Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

PRESENT: Kathy Y. Walker Chairman
Daron P. Smith Commissioner

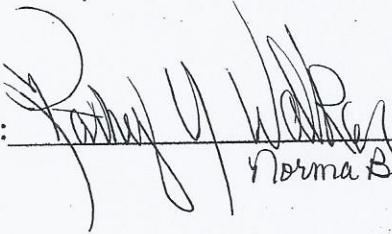
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Sheryl Dekker	Commission Coordinator
Brandy Grace	Millard County Auditor
John Hansen	Millard County Treasurer
Russell Olsen	Larsen & Company

Russell Olsen of Larsen & Company, Independent Auditors, presented the preliminary draft of the Independent Auditor's Report.

Findings reported that the newly established enterprise fund for the Millard County Ambulance Service indicated that there were some fixed asset entries to the record transfers that were not made. The Auditor's Office will attempt to be more diligent whenever fixed assets are transferred.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Attest:  Approved: _____
Norma Brunson