

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
MILLARD COUNTY THE 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007  
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Daron P. Smith..... Chairperson  
John C. Cooper. .... Commissioner  
  
Richard Waddingham ..... County Attorney  
Norma Brunson ..... County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Terry & Takako Scottorn . . . . . Citizens  
Larry Peterson. . . . . Citizen  
David Christensen . . . . . Fillmore City Mayor  
Dennis & Carol Whitaker. . . . . Citizens  
Suzanne Adams. . . . . Citizen  
Wyatt Bott. . . . . Citizen  
Mitchell Tingey . . . . . Citizen  
Lucas Flynn . . . . . Citizen  
Amy Crosland . . . . . Citizen  
Daniel Rowley. . . . . Citizen  
Donna Crapo. . . . . Citizen  
Reed & Gail Robison. . . . . Citizens

EXCUSED: Commissioner Kathy Y. Walker and Deputy Clerk Janice Robins

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, as required by law, the following proceedings were had:

PUBLIC WAS WELCOMED

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. after a brief welcome by Commissioner Smith to the public and Commission members. Commissioner Smith said that public hearing was being held to discuss the possibility of the County adopting a proposal to increase the local sales tax 1/4 of one percent. The State of Utah has told the County that is it does not adopt the sales tax increase they will adopt it and the money will be put in the State General Fund. By adopting the increased sales tax the revenues from sales tax will increase but the property tax assessment will be lower because the certified tax rate is set by the State Tax Commission.

Commissioner Cooper welcomed everyone to the hearing and said they appreciate hearing from the public who are interested in what is going on in the County.

Terry Scottorn asked for Commissioner Smith to explain further what the tax increase would do to

the Counties. Commissioner Smith repeated what he had said before.

Larry Peterson said that he usually doesn't support tax increases of any kind and asked where would the money from the increased sales go? Commissioner Smith said it would go into the County's General Fund. Mr. Peterson asked how this will affect our relationship with IPP? Commissioner Cooper said it would have a very minimal affect. Seventy percent of the taxes collected in Millard County are centrally assessed taxes that come from one entity. That entity has been devalued greatly. Mr. Peterson said that he is in favor of the County having the sale tax increase rather than giving it to the State.

Mayor Christensen asked why wasn't the same formula being used in regards to the 1/4 sales tax increase as with the rest of the sales taxes in regards to the cities?

Takako Scottorn expressed concern that the value of our properties and property taxes are going up, but salaries are not going up. The Commissioners explained the taxing process and how the devaluation of IPP affects the County as a whole.

Dennis Whitaker asked if difficult times come, what is the order for taking care of things and who decides? Commissioner Smith said the County goes through a budgeting process each year and the results are available for public review. Through the years the County has through built up reserves. For the last few years some of the funds have been used and other options have to be looked at. The Millard County Long Term Care Center operation, the road department's budget, law enforcement as well as every service that is provided is being looked. Commissioner Cooper said there may be a time when some services will have to be cut.

Suzanne Adams said she thought they would be talking about the care center and swing bed issues tonight. When she found out this was not the case she asked the Commissioners to give more notice than was given the last time for a public hearing concerning those issues. Commissioner Cooper said that a decision has not been made on the care center operation yet.

Attorney Waddingham read statute Title 59, Section 12-103 regarding the sales tax involves. Attorney Waddingham said that if the state adopted the 1/4 percent sales tax increase, the state would keep all of the tax, and it would not affect the County's certified tax rate. It would advantageous for the County to impose the tax for the residents so that the County receives the revenue.

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Smith stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m..

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

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

