

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MILLARD COUNTY THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009  
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Kathy Y. Walker Chairperson  
Daron P. Smith Commissioner  
Bart A. Whatcott Commissioner

Norma Brunson County Clerk  
Marki Rowley Deputy County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Lindsay Mitchell Millard County Sheriff's Office  
Dean Draper Chronicle Progress  
Linda Gillmor Economic Development  
Brandy Grace County Auditor  
John Hansen County Treasurer

EXCUSED: Richard Waddingham County Attorney

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 10:00 a.m. after a brief welcome by Commissioner Walker to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Walker excused Attorney Waddingham from today's meeting and asked if anyone had an opening statement to give. Commissioner Whatcott said, "George Washington is the only president who didn't have to blame the administration before him for his troubles." Commissioner Smith said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMBULANCE ABATEMENT - LINDSAY MITCHELL

Lindsay Mitchell presented the Commissioners with an Ambulance abatement application for Michael Padovano. He was involved in a wreck on July 30, 2009. He was unemployed at the time of the wreck, and has not been able to find employment. He is requesting that some or all of the bill be abated.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to abate 30% of Michael Padovano's ambulance bill and set up a payment plan that he would be able to afford. Commissioner Whatcott SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### SHERIFF DEKKER TO PRESENT AN AWARD TO SGT. JEFF GEHRE

Sheriff Dekker presented Sgt. Jeff Gehre with the Jail Commander Certification Academy award.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (GDBG) PUBLIC HEARING - DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Whatcott made a motion to enter into a public hearing to discuss potential CDBG projects.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. Present were: Linda Gillmor and Dean Draper.

Commissioner Walker called the public hearing to order at 10:39 a.m..

This hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2010 CDBG program. The grant money must be spent on projects benefitting primarily low and moderate income persons. The Six County Region is expected to receive approximately \$765,000 in the new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG application guide and interested persons can review it at any time. Examples of eligible activities are: construction of public works and facilities, ie: water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provisions for public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons. The program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons.

In the past, Six County Association of Governments (SCAOG) has received grants for economic development and technical assistance. The SCAOG

annually compiles a Capital Improvement List for the region that includes all eligible projects.

Commissioner Walker opened the floor for public comments.

There were no suggestions or comments.

Commissioner Whatcott made a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing ended at 10:41 a.m..

Linda Gillmor, Economic Development Director, said she attended the required meeting for each municipality or County to attend in order to apply for this grant.

Last year they applied for money for a new ambulance building. It was not possible to fund that project fully, so the County decided to withdraw their request at that time. They followed up on that particular application through a Community Impact Board (CIB) grant, which has \$125,000 pending. If the County chooses that project to apply for this year and if there are no other comments, which it appears there aren't any, then securing that \$125,000 from the CIB would be a real benefit as they reapply for the CBDG funding.

Commissioner Walker said that Millard County is considering building an ambulance building in Fillmore.

#### DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MATCHING SPONSORSHIP GRANT WITH EDC, UTAH AND MILLARD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Linda Gillmor came to the Commissioners to discuss the matching grant from the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDC). This is a follow up on work that she and Commissioner Walker started about a year ago. They went to Carbon County to look at how they used the Business Expansion and Retention software to bolster their ability to help the existing businesses of Carbon County. Commissioner Walker and Linda Gillmor were impressed with the Carbon County model. Millard County decided to purchase the software.

Ms. Gillmor just printed out a report a couple of weeks ago and as of the end of September this year \$440,000 has been brought into the county through state programs such as Fast Track grants and Enterprise Zone state tax rebates, as well as loan financing.

The goal is to have four business lunch forums next year that will bring in specific business types separated by NAICS code. The plan is to bring in the

resources they think the businesses can use. By bringing these resources directly to the businesses who attend the lunch forums, more businesses can find out about financial resources that are available. By having the attendees fill out the BEAR questionnaires, Millard County Economic Development can better serve the businesses. The total cost of the lunch meetings with mailings and a simple lunch would be about \$1600. However, by receiving this grant, half of this cost will be paid by EDC Utah and the matching funds will be taken out of the Economic Development budget.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow the Millard County Economic Development Director to follow through with the scholarship grants from EDC, Utah for a matching grant of \$800. Commissioner Whatcott **SECONDED** the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU), WITH MILLARD COUNTY AS A COOPERATING AGENCY ON THE TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

This project is a part of Rocky Mountain Power project and Millard County has requested designation as a cooperating agency on the TransWest transmission lines.

Commissioner Whatcott made a motion to approve the MOU, with Millard County as a cooperating agency on the TransWest Express Transmission line project.

Commissioner Smith **SECONDED** the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU), WITH MILLARD COUNTY AS A COOPERATING AGENCY ON THE GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

This project is a part of Rocky Mountain Power project as well.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the MOU, with Millard County as a cooperating agency on the GateWay South Transmission line project. Commissioner Whatcott **SECONDED** the motion. The voting was unanimous

and the motion carried.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Smith said that he received a bill for \$15,000 for the upcoming year from Allen Gardner, Chairman of the Rural Public Land County Council (RPLCC). He also received a printout of what Millard County received in PILT money before and after the Secure Rural Schools fund (SRS).

Commissioner Whatcott wrote a letter to Congressman Chaffetz asking for his support for the farmers and ranchers on the Saw Mill fire. He also asked for his support with the Red Rock Wilderness issue on the west dessert.

## 4-H TEEN COUNCIL - THANK YOU

Members of the 4-H Teen Council brought homemade treats to thank the Commissioners for the support they have given to the 4-H Teen Council.

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

Commissioner Whatcott took Trent Wilde, the new Ag agent, to Eskdale where they met with Dave Sturlin and the dairy management team and took a tour of the dairy. They met with the Ag person who is over the farming production in Eskdale, who talked of getting drought resistant grass that can be used in the pastures.

Commissioner Whatcott then took him to Garrison and showed him around the farming areas. Doing this helped familiarize Mr. Wilde with the Ag areas.

Commissioner Smith reported that last Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. he had a meeting in Oak City where he met with the Oak City Council and the engineering firm that Oak City has chosen. They want Millard County on board because it has been involved with the project.

On Wednesday he met with Special Service District Number 8 Board. They have a new secretary so they brought her up to speed.

Another member is needed from the east side of the county, who does not live in an incorporated city or town, that would be able to serve on the board. This seat would be replacing Kelby Swallow, at his request, because he has been unable to attend the meetings.

Apple Program had a brown bag seminar Monday October 5, at 10:00 a.m..

Commissioner Walker reported that on September 30 all three Commissioners attended a Transmission Lines workshop conducted by Bruce Parker, Planning Consultant. Present were: Millard and Beaver County Commissioners, Economic Development Directors and County Planners, as well as Emery Polelonema and Todd Thorne from Six County Association of Government representing Sevier County. This was a very productive meeting regarding planned transmission lines that will be possibly rerouted through all three counties.

Commissioner Walker also attended a Millard Care and Rehabilitation meeting on Thursday. This was basically a recap of the presentation that was presented to the Commissioners. MC&R has placed a sign on the south side of Highway 50 near the Delta Community Medical Center. This will be a boost as far as promoting the care center.

#### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held September 29, 2009 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review and consideration of minor corrections Commissioner Whatcott made a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2009, as corrected. Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor Grace presented the check edit of October 5, 2009 for the Commissioners to review and sign.

The date for the budget hearing is set for December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

#### POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF HARDSHIP ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS

There were none.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Hansen wanted to know who he could contact with Delta Oasis Sutherland Cemetery District to get information and obtain a signature for the tax rate papers. Commissioner Walker said that he should contact the Chairman, Howard Bassett.

The time frame on tax notices need to be sent out no later than the end of October in order to meet the November 30 deadline.

Treasurer Hansen received settlements pending from the State Tax Commission decision on the 2007 values appealed to the Utah State Tax Commission for Pacificorp. Reduction in value for Millard County was \$1,084,384. Also, AT&T mobility for 2008 reduction in value was \$124,963. These were resolved and refunds were sent to these entities.

He also presented September's collection and distribution for property taxes for the Commissioners to review.

## OTHER

The decision was made to close the County Offices on Friday November 27, and at noon on Thursday December 24.

Commissioner Whatcott made a motion to close the County offices On November 27, and at noon on December 24. County employees can choose to work these days or they can use vacation time.

Commissioner Smith **SECONDED** the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

County Clerk Brunson asked that the offices located in the Public Safety building be informed of additional closure dates and times that would affect the employees.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to close the Millard County offices at 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2009. Employees may choose to work or they may use vacation time.

Commissioner Whatcott **SECONDED** the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

## POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE

ANNOTATED SECTION 52-4-4&5

There was none.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Whatcott made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and  
the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m..

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

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