

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MILLARD COUNTY THE 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014  
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Alan M. Roper..... Chairperson  
James I. Withers..... Commissioner  
Daron P. Smith..... Commissioner  
  
Norma Brunson ..... County Clerk  
Marki Rowley. .... Deputy County Clerk  
  
EXCUSED: Richard Waddingham ..... County Attorney  
  
ALSO PRESENT: Tony Fuller ..... Citizen  
Dean Draper ..... Chronicle Progress  
Brandy Grace ..... County Auditor  
John Hansen..... County Treasurer

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 Roper to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Roper asked if anyone had an opening statement to give. Commissioner Smith said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Commissioner Roper excused Attorney Waddingham from today’s meeting. He is working on other county business.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held September 2, 2014 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review and consideration of minor corrections, Commissioner Withers made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014, as corrected.

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

carried.

#### FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Commissioner Roper said that Bart Whatcott, East Millard Recreation, prepared a letter to send to the account holders who are delinquent on their accounts for the East Millard Equestrian fees. The letter will be sent in efforts to collect on the delinquent accounts.

Commissioner Smith said that Kevin Morris, West Millard Maintenance, and his crew completed the pad that will go over the trailer clean out sewer system at the Millard County Fairgrounds that was discussed last commission meeting.

#### REPORT/UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED NATURAL GAS LINE EXTENSIONS TO THE COMMUNITIES OF FLOWELL, SOUTH TRACK AND SUTHERLAND/ABRAHAM

Commissioner Smith said that the County made application to the Community Impact Board (CIB) for a grant and loan to run natural gas line extensions to the communities of Flowell, South Track and Sutherland/Abraham areas. The CIB denied both the grant and the loan, due to a few things being wrong with the application. One being that the project would benefit a private company (Questar Gas).

He said that the financing for this project is up in the air. They are going to try for other financial options. The County also applied for a federal grant which was also denied. He said that the project would be too expensive for the communities to borrow the money on their own.

Commissioner Smith said that there may be other options including other legislative routes to help with the financing part of the project. He said that they are going to meet with CIB to see what they can do to make the application a more viable project, but for now the project will be put on hold.

Commissioner Roper visited with Jeffrey Holt, Board Member of CIB, who seems to be the most vocal against the project. Mr. Holt expressed to him that he thinks it is a good project but he does not want to reward a private party. There are things to be done to make the application more viable. The commissioners will meet with Mr. Holt and Questar Gas to see if they could make this project fit to work with the areas in the County.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF KEVIN MORRIS, WEST MILLARD MAINTENANCE, ATTENDING A CONVENTION IN RENO, NEVADA

Commissioner Smith said that it is County policy to get permission before allowing an employee to travel out of state. Mr. Morris would like to go to a conference in Reno, Nevada which has to do with promoting County events. This conference only happens once a year. Commissioner Smith looked at the agenda and feels that it would be a benefit for him to attend. He will drive to the conference so the County would only need to cover the cost of the registration fee for the conference and accommodations. There is enough money in the West Millard Maintenance budget to cover the cost of this conference.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve out of state travel for Kevin Morris, West Millard Maintenance, to attend a conference in Reno, Nevada.

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

## OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Smith said that the Planning Commission approved an after-the-fact minor (non plat) subdivision application #Z-2014-029 for Brett A. & Jalee H. Eliason. Planning and Zoning forwarded a favorable recommendation.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Application #Z-2014-029. He then rescinded his motion and asked to have it put on the next commission agenda.

This application will be brought to the next commission meeting for approval.

Commissioner Roper said that he signed an agreement with the Forest Service for the catch basin that will be built up Dry Creek Canyon. They have already started the work on the basins. They now need to have an interlocal agreement in place with Oak City.\*\*need copy\*\*

Commissioner Roper reported that the veterans have returned from their trip to Washington D.C.. He said that they all were appreciative of the County and the opportunity to be able to attend. They all had a marvelous time. He thinks that Wayne Jackson will come to a future commission meeting to give a report.

Commissioner Smith said that his mom's husband Al is a veteran. Al met the veterans at the D.C. airport and attended the tour with them. Commissioner Smith's uncle also participated in the program. Both men said that they had a great time. There were great events and they appreciated the opportunity to be able to be involved.

Commissioner Roper reported that he visited with Mr. Jackson regarding the Veterans Memorial Wall. He said that there are more names than space on the wall. They discussed a few options to remedy the situation. He said that they are going to take out some of the sandstone in two different places to be able to extend the wall so that they will be able to fit all of the names on the wall.

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

Commissioner Withers and Commissioner Roper walked through the new public health building in Fillmore. Commissioner Withers said that they are just about finished with the brick work on the outside and need to do some concrete work. He said that it looks real nice. They are hoping that the Public Health Department can move into the new building in the next month or two. He said that this will be a great asset to the County.

Auditor Grace reported that in the past, the Commission had to make an election for Utah

Retirement Systems. She said that employees who are on Tier 1 Retirement who have a work related injury and are eligible for workers compensation contributions are automatically paid. When legislation changed and they introduced the Tier 2 Plan the counties have to make the decision to include those employees, should they have an incident, as whether or not contributions would continue.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve making the retirement contribution for the the Tier 2 Retirement Plan employees as the same as Tier 1 employees.

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

Auditor Grace presented a hardship abatement application from Terry Hoover on parcel # F-38-1.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to abate 50% of Ms. Hoover's property, parcel # F-38-1.

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

Auditor Grace reported that on Friday she attended a Utah Association of Counties (UAC) Executive Meeting. She said that they worked on developing the agenda for the board meeting. They also discussed the newly elected officials training. She said that in the past this training was always held in January. UAC decided to hold the training on the Tuesday before the conference this year and encourages the newly elected officials to stay and attend the conference as well. There was discussion and debate whether the counties would be responsible to pay for them to attend the conference since they are not officially elected officials until January. UAC has been looking into sponsorship money to cover the cost for them to attend the conference.

Commissioner Roper questioned if the County would need to make a decision today to pay for them to attend the conference. It was decided that this will be brought back to the next commission meeting for discussion and possible approval.

The Millard County Budget Hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2014. At 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer Hansen said that the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) sent a letter to Aggregate Products and Minerals who is delinquent on property taxes, informing them that they needed to have their payment to the County before September 1, 2014. Treasurer Hansen said that his office has not received any payment as of yet. He will let SITLA know this. The Board of Equalization schedule will begin September 23, 2014.

The commissioners discussed upcoming meetings that each will be attending and who will be covering those meetings when they cannot attend them.

#### POSSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

There was none.

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

There was none.

PUBLIC INPUT

Anthony Fuller said that he came as an observer to see what happened with the election. He saw that it was not on the agenda but was intrigued by the natural gas update. He said that he would let the County know if he has any suggestions for funding. He appreciates the County for considering the possibility of running natural gas in those areas.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Withers made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m..

These minutes are in  
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form and are subject to change.

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

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