

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
July 11, 2011

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. July 11, 2011 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Alma L. Adams	Commission Chair
Daniel L. Webster	Commissioner
Dale M. Brinkerhoff	Commissioner
Michael Edwards	Deputy County Attorney
David I. Yardley	County Clerk

Also Present:

Dennis Johnson	County TV Director
Ryan Riddle	County Fire Marshall
Joyce Evans	County Fair Chairperson

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Dennis Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 27, 2011 :

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting held June 27, 2011 were approved as amended on a motion by Dale Brinkerhoff. Second was by Dan Webster. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

REPORTS :

Dennis Johnson, Television Technician, reported that changes in the TV spectrum due to reductions in band widths is nearing completion. There are still some analog channels operating in Cedar City, Beryl and Kanarrville. There is a proposal to further reduce band width by the FCC which will force more site to site transmission of signals to be done by microwave.

Ryan Riddle, Fire Warden, presented a fire report for 2010. He explained that fire numbers were down from 2009 and fires on private acreage was also down. The larger wild fires

were located on BLM or Forest Service lands. Ryan also reported on training local fire departments are receiving including advanced wildland fire and twenty eight EMT's received and passed basic wildland fire training.

Ryan also discussed his desire to attend POST to become certified as a law enforcement officer. This will allow additional resources in investigating and citing individuals for illegally burning.

Joyce Evans, Fair Chairperson, explained that the 2011 Iron County Fair theme is "A Family Tradition". She also reported on fairgrounds improvements completed this year. These included burying an overhead power line, upgrading electrical service, moving the rodeo bucking chutes, and installing an additional fifty feet of spectator bleachers. Upgrades to the sound system are being done to overcome dead spots and directional problems. The announcer stand at the rodeo arena will be scheduled for upgrade and move during the 2012 year.

Joyce also discussed the Miss Iron County Pageant and the Miss Iron County Rodeo Pageant. The two pageants will be held on August 13.

Dale Brinkerhoff requested that David Yardley prepare a letter to Mayors of all County municipalities explaining the changes made in the County Planner office and inviting them to participate in funding and utilizing the County Planner.

Dale also discussed funding options for the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) and whether to move forward with bonding for the Iron County pledge. In meetings with SUU personnel it appears that fund raising for the facility from students and the public are behind schedule. It does not appear likely that ground breaking will be held as scheduled. Dale recommended that the County postpone bonding and financing commitment to the end of the project.

Alma Adams reported that he attended a meeting regarding the corridor for construction and operation of the TransWest transmission line from Wyoming to California. The Commission agreed that the preferred alternative is to stay within the existing corridor and parallel the IPP line. The Commission recommended that a joint resolution with Beaver and Washington Counties be drafted to support locating the line within the existing corridor.

APPROVAL OF RULES FOR CONDUCTING COUNTY MEETINGS :

Michael Edwards presented a final draft of proposed rules for conducting County meetings. After reviewing the document, Dan Webster made a motion to adopt the following rules as presented. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING PROCEDURE

The Iron County Commission will conduct all meetings in accordance with the Open and Public Meeting Act, UTAH CODE ANN § 52-4-101 *et seq.*

The Commission adopts the Rosenberg Simplified Rules of Order and will conduct meetings in accordance with those rules.

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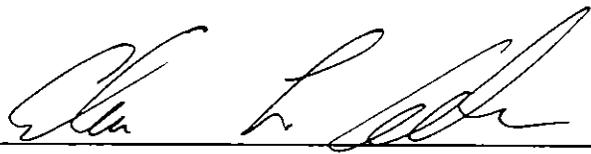
CLOSED MEETING _____ :

Dan Webster made a motion to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

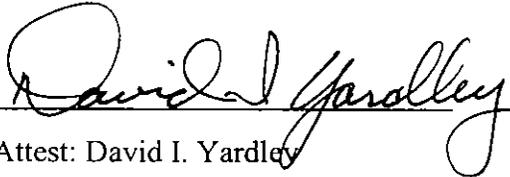
STATE OF UTAH)
) s.s.
COUNTY OF IRON)

I, Alma L. Adams, Chairman of the County Commission of Iron County, Utah hereby certify that the purpose of the Closed Meeting convened was conducted in accordance with Utah Code 52-4 et. seq. for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2011.



Alma L. Adams, Chairman



Attest: David I. Yardley
County Clerk



PUBLIC COMMENTS _____ :

Allen Nielsen commented that it appears that with the recession it appears that County is conducting business as usual. Although the County has announced a hiring freeze, there are still people being hired and new positions being created. He cited the hiring of Reed Erickson as a County Planner/ Special Service Coordinator. He further commented that during the recession the County should be cutting back on services and funding requests.

The Commission responded that it had just approved funding of a citizen request to fund park improvements in Summit at the request of Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Hayes.

DISCUSSION & PLANNING SESSION WITH IRON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The Commission met with County elected officials to discuss concerns and progress in the County. Alma Adams commented on the success of County facility clean up day and budget trends in the County. At the present time the County is within the expected budget for this time of year and collection of funds is ahead of projections.

Alma also reported that Reed Erickson's position as County Administrator was eliminated through a RIF and he was rehired as a County Planner/Special Service Coordinator. Todd Stowell, a Circuit Planner with Five County AOG will not be working in Iron County as the agreement with Five County AOG was terminated on June 30.

Dan Webster thanked Departments for the work they do and by monitoring their budgets carefully to avoid cost over runs. He also explained that due to the recession and poor national economy that it does not appear likely there will be salary increases for County employees in 2012.

Dale Brinkerhoff discussed cell phone usage and the costs incurred in the County. He requested Departments to look at County cell phone usage to determine if there are areas that can be cut. He also suggested that non elected Department Supervisors be invited to this type of staff meeting semi annually.

Debbie Johnson questioned where the County is in the Courthouse painting project. It appears that non office areas have been painted but the office areas seem to be stalled. Debbie also questioned where the County is in adopting a vehicle policy. The policy was presented and several areas that were recommended for changes were submitted but the policy has never been amended and submitted to Departments for comments.

The Commission responded that the painting project has been referred to Jim Hignite and he will schedule painting as maintenance time allows. The vehicle policy has been reviewed by the Commission and several draft changes have been made. Reed Erickson is still working on the policy and will be e mailing to Departments for comments.

Cindy Bulloch commented that she would be attending a meeting regarding assessing and collection sponsored by UAC on July 13. Several Wasatch Front Counties would like to change the current policy which could have major budgetary implications on Iron County. She also reported that the Assessor's office will be conducting a green belt audit this summer to determine if green belt properties are in fact being used for agricultural production as required.

PRAIRIE DOG MATTERS _____ :

Alma Adams reported on prairie dog trapping issues and the failure of DWR to relocate problem prairie dogs to other sites. Problems include Equestrian Pointe, Parowan Airport, Cedar City golf course and the Paragonah cemetery.

Dan Webster reported that in a meeting with area officials including Representative Mike Noel, that a proposal to sue the Federal Government over implementation of the endangered species act. They requested the County pledge \$10,000 toward the cost of litigation and a similar request will be presented to UAC with a request for all Utah Counties to donate to the litigation fund.

Dan Webster made a motion to authorize a pledge of \$10,000 toward the prairie dog/ endangered species litigation to be funded from the County general fund. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Connie Robinson, Paragonah Mayor, met with the Commission to question the operation of the UPDRIP committee and she requested that the County should consider withdrawing from UPDRIP as a non functioning and unresponsive agency.

The Commission explained the purpose of the UPDRIP committee and that it is the opinion of the Commission that it is functioning as it was designed and has the support of State, Local and Federal participants.

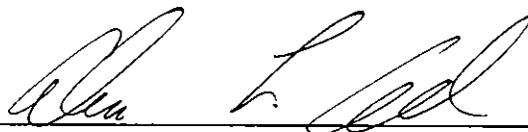
DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NEWS RELEASES RE COUNTY OPERATIONS:

Dan Webster discussed a proposal to have Departments draft a short news release on Department activities which could be submitted to the newspapers for publication. The purpose would be to let the public know what the County is engaged in. This could be similar to

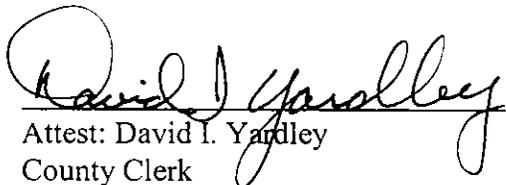
reports currently being given on a quarterly basis at Commission meeting. Department supervisors expressed support and recommended that the County public relations specialist, Bonnie Oldroyd coordinate press releases.

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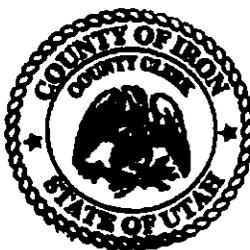
The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. on a motion by Dale Brinkerhoff. Second was by Dan Webster. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.



Signed: Alma L. Adams, Chairman



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