

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
July 9, 2012

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. July 9, 2012 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

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

Also Present:

Dennis Johnson	TV Technician
Ryan Riddle	Fire Marshal

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Dan Webster.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 25, 2012 :

June 25, 2012 were approved as amended on a motion by Dan Webster. Second was by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

REPORTS :

_____ **Leslie Bishop** was introduced as the new Human Resource Director and was sworn in as a new employee by David Yardley, County Clerk.

Dennis Johnson TV Technician reported that the work in replacing the outdated tower at Frisco Peak has been completed. There is additional work to be done to install all equipment. He reported that due to the use of County equipment and personnel. The tower base was over excavated which required an additional eight yards of concrete. Dennis thanked all of the County departments that donated time and equipment to complete the project.

Ryan Riddle County fire officer reported that to date Iron County has experienced twenty one wild land fires. Most have been small and have been quickly extinguished. The one fire known as the New Harmony fire will be accounted for in Washington County statistics because of the point of origin. The fire burned into Iron County and destroyed three primary residences and four secondary residences.

There have been several large fires in Utah that have strained resources and with equipment donations from federal sources with associated costs of transporting equipment to Iron County, the County fire budget will be strained.

Ryan also discussed concerns with the shooting range interface with surrounding BLM property. With several fires in Utah started by stray bullets, it is in the County's best interest to clear a defensible space adjoining the range to prevent an accidental fire from spreading.

UCIP PARTICIPATION REVIEW :

Johnnie Miller, UCIP Chief Executive Officer, came before the Commission to review coverage provided through Utah Counties Insurance Mutual. He presented financial information on the Mutual along with current budget information. Johnnie presented equity information which shows Iron County has \$321,263 equity in UCIP.

Johnnie reviewed growth in property value owned by Iron County which shows a 157% increase from 1998 to present, auto value up 127% increase and the budget shows a 232% average increase over the same period. Total insured value has increased from slightly under 1 million in 1998 to 650 million currently. This could be partially due to accounting requirements under federal law. Currently UCIP provides a 2.5 million liability cap under a claims made policy.

BOARD APPOINTMENT COUNCIL ON AGING :

Dan Webster reported that due to the death of COA Board member, Hazel Jean Robinson, a vacancy exists on the Board. A recommendation from the Council on Aging has been received and Dan Webster made a motion to ask Jack N. Webster to fill the unexpired term of Hazel Jean Robinson. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye. The matter will be recalled for formal appointment to the Board after Mr. Webster has been contacted.

UPDATE FROM SENATOR HATCH'S OFFICE :

Marreen Casper, director of the southern Utah office of Senator Hatch met with the Commission to present an update on Senator Hatch's activities in Washington. The Senator is pushing to get administrative relief from requirement under the endangered species act to manage the Utah prairie dog in sensitive areas. It is a concern that if the matter is done with legislation that unintended amendments could be added to make the situation worse.

She also reported that Senator Hatch is sponsoring legislation in the Senate to repeal the health insurance bill known as Obama Care. The issue was recently presented and an opinion issued by the Supreme Court that the statute is legal in that requirements to purchase individual health insurance is a tax and not an individual mandate.

Marreen also reported that PILT and Secure Rural School (SRS) funding have been approved as an amendment to the highway bill recently approved. This will extend payments for at least one more year. A permanent solution to funding these programs is being studied.

PRAIRIE DOG NON PERMANENT TAKE REQUEST :

A request for non permanent take of five prairie dogs by GENPAK to install utilities between their buildings in Cedar City was approved on a motion by Dan Webster. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

RAP TRAINING :

Because of the change in the Human Resource Department, RAP training was not conducted this meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS :

Leslie Bishop and Christene Lowder presented a position justification for an open job position for part-time Court Clerk replacement. Margaret Miller explained that the position was vacated when the former employee left to accept a full time position. Dan Webster made a motion to approve the justification and approve advertising the position. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

Christene Lowder requested that the Council on Aging position justification for a part-time cook replacement in the Cedar City senior center which had received verbal approval for posting the open position be extended to July 18 to accept applications.

She also requested that the position justification which had received verbal approval be formally approved for a part-time custodian replacement for the Parowan senior center. Dan Webster made a motion to approve the two position justifications for the Council on Aging and to extend the filing deadline to July 18 for the part time cook position. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

Christene presented for approval a new hire for the Sheriff's office for Patrol Deputy Replacements, Jonathan N. Bettridge and Shawn Peterson. The justification was presented and approved in February 27, 2012 Commission Meeting. Dan Webster made a motion to approve the hiring of Jonathan Bettridge effective June 26, 2012 and to table the approval of hiring Shawn Peterson until he is accepted and attends POST training. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

Christene presented for approval the request for promotion of Charles Triplett from Patrol Deputy to Corporal in the Sheriff's Patrol Division. The promotion replaces Jeff Malcom who has been transferred to the Drug Task Force. Dan Webster made a motion to approve the promotion of Charles Triplett to Corporal. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

The matter of an error by the County where John Englestead was given a 4% salary increase above what he should have received was recalled for a report from the County Attorney's office. Michael Edwards explained that when Mr. Englestead returned from military active duty he received a 4% increase. Four days later an additional 4% increase was added by

the County in error. Because there was not a way Mr. Englestead could recognize the error it went undetected for four years. The County attorney recommended that since this was a County error, the excess 4% increase be reduced with no requirement that the wages paid in error be repaid to the County.

Alma Adams made a motion to approve the recommended reduction in pay of 4% effective July 1, 2012 for John Englestead and to not require repayment of wages paid due to the County error. Second by Dan Webster. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dan Webster, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS :

David Miller thanked every one involved with the primary election process and he expressed his thanks for the opportunity to be a candidate for Commissioner. He said that this has been a great learning experience and he looks forward to continued interest in County government.

Cindy Bulloch commented on homes lost during the New Harmony/Kanarraville fire in which several structures were lost including homes. Taxes will be pro rated for 2012 on fire damaged homes to reflect the changes. There will be taxes assessed for the first half of the year.

2012 PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS :

Results of the primary election held June 26, 2012 were reviewed by the County Board of Canvassers. David Yardley explained procedure and final results including all absentee ballots received as of today, provisional ballots cast at the polls and challenged ballots not included in election night totals. After reviewing election results, Dan Webster made a motion to approve the final results of the 2012 primary election conducted in Iron County. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Absent; Dan Webster, Aye. Results of the election will be attached as part of the minutes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC GARDENING STRATEGY :

Brennan Wood, Iron County Economic Development Director, and Wes Curtis, SUU Regional Services Director presented information regarding the Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership (UCAP) which includes six strategies: 1. Develop a certificate program in entrepreneurship and small business management. 2. Provide a region specific economic data service. 3. Sponsor and host entrepreneurship forums. 4. Develop a small business internship program. 5. Implement an economic gardening demonstration project. and 6. UCAP marketing and outreach.

Mr. Curtis explained the economic gardening project which targets existing businesses that have the capacity and desire to expand into new markets. By utilizing this tool additional job growth can occur within existing and established businesses.

IRON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL roundtable :

A semi annual round table discussion with elected officials was conducted with the following officials present: Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Commissioner Dan Webster, County Attorney Scott Garrett, County Treasurer Geri Norwood, County Auditor Eugene Adams,

County Assessor Cindy Bulloch, County Clerk David Yardley, County Justice Court Judge Margaret Miller, County Justice Court Judge Brent Dunlap, Deputy County Attorney Michael Edwards and Deputy County Recorder Carrie Jeffries. Commissioner Alma Adams and Recorder Debbie Johnson were excused for other commitments.

Items of concern to multiple departments included an emergency alarm system. The IT Department will be contacted and asked to prepare a proposal to provide wireless alarm capability to offices in the Courthouse and possibly in the Justice Center. Other items of interest from each department were presented. No action by the Commission was required.

CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT :

A contract for administration of a CDBG grant for an addition to the Beryl Fire Station was presented and approved on a motion by Dan Webster. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Absent; Dan Webster, Aye.

ADJOURN :

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. on a motion by Dan Webster. Second was by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Absent; Dan Webster, Aye.

Signed: Dale M. Brinkerhoff, Chairman

Attest: David I. Yardley
County Clerk