

**IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
October 8, 2012**

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. October 8, 2012 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Dale M. Brinkerhoff	Commission Chair
Alma L. Adams	Commissioner
Troy Little	Deputy County Attorney
David I. Yardley	County Clerk

Also Present:

Cindy Bulloch	County Assessor
Eugene Adams	County Auditor
Geraldine Norwood	County Treasurer
Deborah Johnson	County Recorder
Jaren Scott	Landfill Supervisor

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Dale Brinkerhoff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 24, 2012 :

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting held September 24, 2012 were approved as amended on a motion by Alma Adams. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye.

REPORTS :

Cindy Bulloch reported that vacant land values in the County continue to go down in response to the continued weak economy. There continues to be many vacant homes available due to foreclosures or repossession which has also slowed the construction of new homes. This continues to put downward pressure on home values for tax purposes.

Gene Adams reported that the County budget continues to be within projections. Budget

interviews for the 2013 budget year will be scheduled to begin on November 13. It is anticipated that it will take two or three days to complete the Department interviews.

Geri Norwood presented a distribution report and a delinquency report. Delinquency is down slightly from a year ago. She also reported on the special tax sale that was scheduled in August in which the owner of the Braffits Creek properties filed for bankruptcy the day before the sale. The Strawberry Holdings properties were brought current and were removed from the sale.

Debbie Johnson reported that total recorded documents are down from the same time a year ago. Default notices and trustee sale notices are lower which is a good sign the economy is stabilizing. She also reported that the majority of documents are now being filed electronically through Simplifile which reduces the foot traffic and counter help required in her office.

Jaren Scott reported that the fire in the class C and D pit has been completely out since July 30. The pit had to be excavated to a level seven years ago and the material watered down and cooled. The hole will remain open for some time to make sure there is not another flare up. The fire will have a large impact on the landfill budget due to the over time and equipment rental required to fight the fire.

BID OPENING BERYL FIREHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT :

David Yardley reported that due to a late identified problem with electrical specifications and a possible need to add a new transformer, bid opening deadline was extended by the architect to Tuesday. The matter was passed to a later meeting.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROPERTY TAXES DEFERRAL AGREEMENT:

A request from Jeff Morrell Olson to extend the tax deferral agreement on property located at 60 S 100 West, Kanarraville, property account number 16862, serial number A-0662-0662-0001 was denied. Mr. Olson was informed that if taxes are not current by tax sale time 2013 the property will be advertised and placed on the sale list. They also informed him that the 2012 taxes will need to be current and that the delinquency will continue to accrue interest and penalty charges as specified in State Code until they are paid.

BOILER MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT AT THE COURTHOUSE:

Honeywell Building Solutions representatives Paul (Wes) Becker and Don Urquhart presented a proposal to replace the existing boiler in the Courthouse with two high efficiency boilers that could result in a net energy savings to the County to offset the increase in the annual maintenance contract by \$2,700.00 per year for a period of five years. Mr. Urquhart explained that the boilers could be staged to provide heat in shoulder months and higher capacity in the extreme cold months. The Commission took the proposal under advisement to determine if other options were available.

NOTIFICATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT :

Chad Nay informed the Commission of a conditional use permit that will be on the Planning Commission agenda for approval for a request from Pure Power construct and operate a geothermal electrical generation facility on property located at 275 S 200 W, Newcastle, property

account number 169299, serial number E-1102-0003-0000, within Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 15 West, SLB&M. The proposed facility will use hot water from an existing well which will then be used in heating green houses before being injected back into the ground.

One concern noted was the proximity to the Holt Dairy. In Millard County a lawsuit is pending regarding Intermountain Power Project (IPP) in which dairy farmers claim that random power was conducted to dairy operations which has affected milk production and the health of dairy cows by electrifying feed mangers and other metal material. Testing is still continuing on this issue. No action was required by the Commission on this matter.

RAP TRAINING :

Leslie Bishop presented RAP training on hazardous communication standards. Compulsory to OSHA's Haz Com Standard, employers must protect workers from these exposures and provide effective training to employees exposed to hazardous chemicals. OSHA's standard is based on a single concept, employees have a right to know the hazards and the identities of the chemicals they are exposed too while working.

All containers with chemicals must have a label, tag, or marking that indicates any safety or health hazard. All warning labels, tags, etc., must be maintained in a legible condition. The basic source of information about the safety precautions and health affects of working with hazardous chemicals is found on MSDS. Current MSDS must be available to every employee at all times while on the job. MSDS are provided by the chemical manufacture to provide additional information concerning safe use of the product, precautionary measures, and safe handling and disposal procedures.

PERSONNEL MATTERS :

Leslie Bishop presented a request from the Council on Aging for approval to hire a replacement part time Assistant Cook. Camille Heaton has been interviewed and recommended for the position. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Camille Heaton as recommended. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye.

Leslie also presented a request from the Ambulance Department for a promotion of Jared Wenn from EMT (formerly EMT-Basic) part time to Advanced EMT (formerly EMT Intermediate). The promotion is required for ICAS as Advanced Life Support Provider. The position will continue to be a part time position. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the advancement of Jared Wenn from EMT to AEMT as recommended. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye.

Leslie presented a request to approve the hiring of a part time secretary in the Ambulance Department. Stephanie Orton has been recommended for the position. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Stephanie Orton as a part time secretary in the Ambulance Department. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS :

Cindy Bulloch commented on prairie dog BOE appeals. There were thirty seven appeals filed this year. An average market value reduction of \$6,500 per lot was approved. She noted that property owners now have a method to clear in perpetuity their property by purchasing exchange credits.

PRAIRIE DOG MATTERS _____ :

Skip Sasser representing Genpak met with the Commission to request non-permanent take of five prairie dogs for a road easement between the Genpak plant and the Goer Manufacturing building. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the non-permanent take of five prairie dogs as requested. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye.

ADJOURN _____ :

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Alma Adams. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye.

Signed: Dale M. Brinkerhoff, Chairman

Attest: David I. Yardley
County Clerk