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IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 9, 2014

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. June 9, 2014 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

David J. Miller Commission Chair

Dale M. Brinkerhoff Commissioner

Alma L. Adams Commissioner

G. Michael Edwards Deputy County Attorney

David I. Yardley County Clerk

Also Present:

Maria Twitchell Tourism / Parks / Recreation

Marie Brooks Emergency Management

Jody Edwards Ambulance

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Jody Edwards.

REPORTS :

Maria Twitchell, Tourism/Parks/Recreation, reported that transient room tax was up over 2013 at this same time. The Brian Head ski season was off due to the lack of snow however the difference was made up by other visitors to the County. Maria also reported that the TV program At Your Leisure will be covering glider competition in Parowan, summer solstice activities at the Gap, and bicycle races, Tour of Utah, that will be conducted this summer.

Maria reported that the SNORE race was conducted in the Three Peaks area and was very well attended. Concerns included more law enforcement patrol presence besides VIPS volunteers, additional signage,

and additional spectator viewing areas. The sponsors did an excellent job of cleaning the area after the event.

Marie Brooks, Emergency Management, reported that the vehicle operation budget for her department is high due to the 2013 fuel bill not being submitted and paid out of this years budget. A change from Reverse 911 to Everbridge is in the works and the amended agreement needs to be completed and returned to Everbridge as quickly as possible.

Marie also reported that the preparedness expo was not well attended this year due to conflicts and weather issues on the expo date. Changes will be made next year to encourage better attendance.

Jody Edwards, Ambulance, asked about text messaging capability of the Everbridge system. Marie Brooks responded that it is not included in the current agreement. A new price quote for this module will be requested. The module will text every cell phone including phones just passing through the area when an emergency call goes out. Jody also reported that response times are within guidelines and Department morale is getting better.

Alma Adams reported that the Red Hills Solar Project (SCATEC) has awarded a construction contract on the project. The project is to be completed within 24 months.

Dale Brinkerhoff discussed a bill received by Paragonah town for a right of way over BLM administered land on Red Creek road. He reported that he is not sure if this is for road use or for a water line within the right of way.

David Miller reported that Summer Games start this week. He also reported that the prairie dog fence around the Cedar City cemetery is nearing completion and preparations are under way to start the golf course fencing project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS :

The meeting was opened to public comments. No comments were volunteered.

PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY PLAT PEAK VIEW SUBDIVISION PHASE 1:

Alma Adams made a motion to open a public hearing to receive comments on a preliminary plat of the proposed Peak View Subdivision, Phase 1. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Chad Nay, Iron County Building Official/Zoning Administrator reported that the proposed phase 1 has variations for fencing and street lighting as it is the first phase of a multi phase project and only includes four lots. As the rest of the subdivision is developed, street lighting and fencing will be required.

Sheriff Gower commented that he is not opposed to the variance for this phase only.

Chad Nay reported that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the preliminary plat of Peak View Subdivision, Phase 1.

Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of Peak View Subdivision Phase 1 with noted variances as presented. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Dale Brinkerhoff then made a motion to close the public hearing and return to County Commission meeting. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

FIRE AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES :

Ryan Riddle met with the Commission regarding a proposed interlocal fire agreement with Parowan City. Because this is not an agenda item and agreements with other municipalities are not complete, the Commission requested that the additional agreements be completed, the Iron County Standard Operating Procedure, (SOP) be completed, and the matters placed on a future agenda for approval.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT :

Marie Brooks presented an amended Everbridge Mass Notification System agreement for approval.

Marie explained the changes which have been approved by Cedar City, Enoch, Parowan, Paragonah, Kanarraville, and Brian Head. After reviewing the changes and finding no problems, Alma Adams made a motion to approve the amended Everbridge Mass Notification System agreement for a one year period.

Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES :

A proposed agreement to expend funds for the development of a new Iron County Habitat Conservation Plan was presented for approval. There was a concern that the agreement does not reflect the current condition and the original agreement was entered into several years ago. Alma Adams made a motion to table action to get clarification on why the County is extending the agreement without modification.

Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye. After receiving clarification later in the meeting the matter was recalled and an explanation was given that the \$12,000 was previously granted however the agreement has expired with the \$12,000 balance still in the account. The agreement is to allow the expenditure of the remaining funds. After the explanation Alma Adams made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement as presented. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

ANNUAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATION :

Christene Lowder presented the results of the annual tax sale held May 22, 2014. There were 279 parcels offered for sale with 86 parcels being sold. 193 parcels were struck off to the County, the majority being parcels within the Park View Subdivision in Enoch. The Park View Subdivision has a major problem with subsidence and a fissure running through it. Enoch City read a statement at the sale stating that building permits will not be issued and occupancy will be denied on any buildings within the Park View Subdivision.

Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to certify the results of the annual tax sale held May 22, 2014. He also motioned to declare parcels as surplus retaining ownership of the Park View Subdivision parcels, Beryl Townsite parcels, and Campsite parcels. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

PERSONNEL MATTERS :

Leslie Bishop presented a request to approve Lana Bauer as a new hire to replace Tara Marsh in the Cedar City Assessor's office effective June 9, 2014. Alma Adams made a motion to approve Lana Bauer as an employee in the Cedar City Assessor's office effective June 9, 2014. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Leslie also presented a request from the Ambulance Division to promote Staci Oldroyd from Basic EMT to Advanced EMT effective May 25, 2014, to promote Matthew Goodman to Paramedic effective May 25, 2014, and to approve a status change for Daniel Robinson from on call to full time Paramedic to replace Allen Mitchell who has resigned. Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the changes in the Ambulance Division as requested. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Leslie presented a request from the Sheriff's Department to approve Jose Montoya as a new hire as a reserve bailiff, on call position and to approve Matthew Fox as a new hire to fill a vacant position as a patrol deputy. Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the hiring of Jose Montoya and Matthew Fox for the designated positions. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Leslie also presented a request from the Council on Aging to approve the hiring of Timothy Bishop to replace Larry Leigh as the Parowan Senior Citizen shuttle driver. Alma Adams made a motion to approve hiring Timothy Bishop as the Parowan Senior Citizen shuttle driver as requested. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RATE ADJUSTMENT :

Leslie Bishop presented adjusted retirement contribution rates from the Utah Retirement System effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. For the public employees non contributory system the increase is 1.18% and for public safety non contributory the increase is 1.90%. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the rate changes effective July 1, 2014 as required by the Utah Retirement System.

Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

RAP TRAINING :

Leslie Bishop presented RAP training on heat safety. Our ability to cope with heat varies with age and

physical condition. The young and very old are at particular risk of heat related illnesses. People who are overweight, physically unfit, drink too much alcohol, suffer from heart conditions, or are not used to hot summer weather may be at greater risk of heat stress and injury. Although heat related illnesses can be very serious and deadly, they can also be avoided. If the safety precautions are taken, the heat should not be limiting to your summer time activities. Remember to have fun in the sun safely.

IRON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL AGENCY:

Alma Adams made a motion to adjourn as Iron County Commission and Convene as the Governing Board of the Iron County Community Development and Renewal Agency. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff.

Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

PLAT MAP SIGNATURE APPROVAL :

Plat maps were presented for signature approvals on the boundary of Beryl Solar LLC Community Development Area; the boundary of Buckhorn Solar LLC Community Development Area; the boundary of Cedar Valley Solar LLC Community Development Area; the boundary of SunEdison Phase 1 Community Development Area, Fiddlers area overall; and the boundary of SunEdison Phase 1 Community Development Area, Quichapa Area Overall. Alma Adams made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Iron County Community Development and Renewal Agency to sign the plats. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

RECONVENE AS COUNTY COMMISSION :

Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to adjourn as Iron County Community Development and Renewal Agency and Reconvene as the Iron County Commission. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

PRAIRIE DOG MATTERS :

The Commission met with representatives from Division of Wildlife Resources, Cedar City, Paiute Indian Tribe, UPDRIP, and Cedar Ridge Golf Course to discuss trapping priorities for prairie dogs during the 2014 trapping season. Jessica Van Woeart reported that several areas have been prepared for transplant including Minersville 3, 200 dogs; Tebbs Pond, 200 dogs; Little Horse Valley, 400 dogs; Wild Pea Hollow, 100 dogs; Buckskin, 100 dogs; and a to be determined site, 400 dogs for a total of 1,400.

There may be additional sites including Pine Valley and the Cedar City waste water treatment acreage. Areas considered for take include the Paiute tribal cemetery and the Cedar Ridge golf course. Other areas include the veterinary clinic on SR 56; Equestrian Pointe Subdivision; and frontage roads near SR 20.

The group also discussed how to best utilize \$50,000 in grant funds with translocation activity. It was recommended that two additional technicians be hired as quickly as possible with two additional trucks to trap, develop new sites, and get additional prairie dogs moved from problem areas.

PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW :

Leslie Bishop presented a revised personnel policy section 10 which covers procedures for recruitment and hiring for vacant positions. The policy amendment brings it into compliance with Federal and State laws. Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the draft section 10 personnel policy for distribution to Department Supervisors and to allow a comment period. The policy is to be placed on the next regular Commission agenda for final approval. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

EMPLOYEE STATUS :

Leslie reported that the measurement period for Obamacare for employee status has been extended from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014. Approval of the extended period needs to be placed on the agenda for formal adoption.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS :

Career Service Board: The Commission reviewed appointments to the Career Service Board. Natasha Hirschi was appointed to an additional three year term on a motion by Alma Adams. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: David Miller, Aye; Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

The term of Larry Brough was discussed. Mr. Brough has resigned to accept a church position. Names

will be submitted to replace Mr. Brough at a later Commission meeting.

ADJOURN

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on a motion by Alma Adams. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff.

Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

Signed: David J. Miller, Chairman

Attest: David I. Yardley
County Clerk