

**IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
November 24, 2014**

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. November 24, 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:

Leslie Bishop	Human Resource Director
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Leslie Bishop.

REPORTS :

David Yardley, County Clerk, reported on election issues. He noted the problem with counting write in votes on paper ballots which slowed the process down in getting results posted on election night. He also discussed the option to move toward a “by mail” election County wide. When figuring replacing touch screen voting machines as they near the end of their life, this becomes a more viable option.

Leslie Bishop, Human Resource Director, reported that the County received a second dividend of \$6,899.22 from Workers Compensation Fund. Our experience module will help reduce our premium for 2015 overall. Our experience with the RAP program appears to work as every year since implementing our safety record has improved. Leslie also reported that Human Resource Directors are becoming an affiliate of UAC. Leslie also reported that open enrollment for 2015 is nearing completion.

Alma Adams reported that the UAC annual convention was very successful and congratulated David Miller for being elected to the UAC Executive Committee Secretary for 2015. He also reported that as a member of the UCIP Board plans are being processed to move

UCIP back into the UAC building on Vine Street in Salt Lake. UCIP is also considering full time legal council in house to review insurance claims.

Dale Brinkerhoff reported on scheduled meeting with various agencies on December 4 in Panguitch to discuss prairie dog issues with State officials and a meeting on December 6 hosted by the Beaver County Commission with Margaret Byfield, American Stewards of Liberty regarding cooperation on federal land issues. Dale also reported that he will be the Five County AOG representative for Iron County next year.

David Miller reported that he has been invited to sit on the state wide Constitutional Defense Council and he is waiting for final approval of this appointment. David also expressed concerns with the process used by the US Forest Service in drafting grazing plans on the Dixie, Fishlake and LaSal National Forests in which protocols were not followed and environmental groups were overly represented in the process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS :

Dale Brinkerhoff read a letter drafted by Constance Robinson, Paragonah Mayor, and representing all of the Mayor's in which they propose the Sheriff be given an additional year to allow the Ambulance Department to initiate budget cuts and improve the Ambulance service. After a one year probation, they requested to be allowed to meet with the Commission to determine if the service should be sold to a private entity. The letter did not address the fact that the Sheriff's Department has had two years to try to bring the service into compliance with their budget and have had serious budget deficits for several years leaving the Ambulance in the red nearly two million dollars.

LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - UTAH STATE DFCM :

The State of Utah Division of Facilities Construction and Management have requested a lease amendment number 3 for contract number 61637 for office space in the Fiddlers Canyon Office Building, 88 East Fiddlers Canyon Dr, Cedar City. The proposed amendment will extend the lease agreement to June 30, 2015 and will continue on a month to month basis until terminated by either party with thirty days notice. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the contract extension and authorize appropriate signatures. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

IRON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY :

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

CONSENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - UTAH RED HILLS RENEWABLE PARK:

Danny Stewart, Iron County Economic Director, presented an amendment to the development agreement among Iron County Community Development and Renewal Agency, Utah Red Hills Renewable Park, LLC, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas which will allow the lender, Deutsche Bank, to assume the project should the developer default.

Dale Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the amended agreement as presented. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

**ADJOURN AS IRON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL
AGENCY BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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

PRAIRIE DOG MATTERS _____ :

Iron County, Garfield County, and Wayne County are continuing to work on a plan to allow prairie dogs to be relocated to Federal lands while in turn allowing development and use of private property. A Certificate of Registration has been issued to Iron County which will allow prairie dog take as needed. The last day an appeal to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals may be filed on Judge Dee Benson's ruling that the prairie dogs cannot be included on private property under the US Constitution commerce clause is January 5, 2015.

ADJOURN _____ :

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.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