

IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 26, 2015

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. January 26, 2015 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Dale M. Brinkerhoff	Commission Chair
Alma L. Adams	Commissioner
David J. Miller	Commissioner
G. Michael Edwards	Deputy County Attorney
Jonathan T. Whittaker	County Clerk

Also present:

H. Eugene Adams	County Auditor
Cindy W. Bulloch	County Assessor
Nicole B. Rosenberg	County Treasurer
Leslie Bishop	Human Resources Director
Bruce Anderson	Landfill Supervisor

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Betsy Cummings.

INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Gene Adams.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Gene Adams, County Auditor, reported that the Auditor's Office was \$3,700 under budget for 2014. Gene also noted that he is finishing up the end of year wage adjustments and the depreciation on the Enterprise funds. He noted that the 1099 and W-2 forms were nearly ready to be distributed. Gene then reported that the Auditor's Office

was beginning to prepare for the May tax sale, and that there were fewer properties in 2015 than in the past going to tax sale.

David Miller reiterated a request that was made during the 2014 budget hearings, that any late fees Iron County pays be tracked separately.

Cindy Bulloch, County Assessor, reported that the Assessor's Office is preparing for assessment role. The state appeals are coming up on March 18th, and there are only about six state appeals this year, which was a pleasant surprise, given that a number of changes to commercial values were made in Cedar City last year. Cindy felt that the relatively small number of appeals indicated quality data, which led to more accurate valuations.

Cindy continued, noting that the Greenbelt valuations from the state all went down. Grazing land values were reduced from \$1 to \$5 dollars per acre, depending on classification. Irrigated land values were reduced from \$20 to \$30 per acre. Cindy indicated that these valuation changes reflected a nearly \$2.5 million drop in property in Iron County. She explained that the production values of the land are down because of climatic conditions. Cindy clarified that the \$2.5 million drop in values was somewhat artificial because the Greenbelt valuations are tied to the predicted production values of the land. She explained that the drop was in taxable value, not in taxes.

Cindy asked about the Iron County logo on the newest version of the Iron County website that had recently rolled out. She wondered if the logo on the website was the official logo for Iron County. David Miller responded that it was simply the working logo the IT department used in the development of the site, and that Maria Twitchell was tasked with requisitioning several sample logos to be presented to the Iron County Commission.

Additionally, Cindy Bulloch asked whether elected official meetings would continue to be held. Dale Brinkerhoff replied that the tradition has been to hold the meetings semi-annually, and that another meeting would be held shortly.

Nicole Rosenberg, County Treasurer presented a summary of monies distributed to Iron County. Nicole then presented a product sales report. She explained that her reports represented an end of year summation. Nicole then gave a running total of outstanding taxes. She noted that the outstanding taxes have come down gradually. Nicole reported that the Treasurer's Office is in the process of printing tax sale notices to delinquent property owners. She noted that the trend has been downward, with 756 notices sent in 2013, 534 notices sent in 2014, and only 371 tax sale notices being sent in 2015. The 371 properties up for tax sale in 2015 represent \$1.59 million in taxes due. Nicole noted that 2013 was the highest number of delinquent property owners in recent memory.

Nicole Rosenberg described a situation involving Kolob Canyon Air. The flight equipment owned by Kolob Canyon Air is scheduled to go to tax sale this year, and Kolob Canyon Air has filed an appeal with the Utah State Tax Commission. The Utah State Tax Commission is unable to prove that Kolob Canyon Air is housing their flight equipment in Cedar City. For that reason, the Utah State Tax Commission would probably excuse the roughly \$100,000 in taxes on the roughly \$1.5 million in flight equipment.

Debbie Johnson, County Recorder reported that recordings were up for the fourth quarter of 2014, while Trustee's Sales were down for the same period, a positive indicator. She then explained that the Recorder's Office found a better financial report. Debbie explained that the previous report was counting checks doubly, skewing the data. The new report, "Tender Type," more accurately reflected the revenues of the Recorder Office.

In conclusion, Debbie Johnson reported that the annual plat run, went very well this year. Debbie noted that because everyone pitched in, and because the new scanner is very fast, the plat run went quickly and was a success.

Alma Adams, County Commissioner reported that he will be interviewing for a new Director of Rural Development to replace Val Hale who is retiring. Alma indicated that he wanted to be able to give input as to who would be candidates, but that an application process was used instead. He affirmed that he would push for someone rurally oriented.

Alma Adams noted that the Scatec solar project has broken ground. Alma indicated that the project will be photovoltaic, which means that it will be unobtrusive, with rows of black panels about 6 feet off of the ground. Scatec has the objective to hire 85% local contractors, with Swinerton and Gilbert already engaged. Alma explained that

there are about 400 acres in the project, with Scatec owning, not leasing the land. This project will be the largest solar project in Iron County thus far in terms of cash outlay. However, the cost has dropped dramatically, due to the cost of solar panels dropping. Alma reported that Scatec estimated that the original cost would be \$500 million, but it is now roughly \$250 million. David Miller noted that this will be an 80 megawatt solar project. Alma Adams noted additionally, that a great advantage of the location is that it is adjacent to an existing substation.

David Miller, County Commissioner, reported that he and Dale Brinkerhoff attended a Board of Directors meeting with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), and that various items may be affecting Iron County. Paying for road improvement and maintenance was the first topic.

The legislature is attempting to address the budget shortfall in roads. Two principal strategies have been discussed. The first is that the State of Utah collect the additional tax and distribute it among the counties. The second is for the counties to collect the additional tax themselves as needed. The UAC Board of Directors wanted clarification regarding the additional taxes. In particular the UAC Board wanted specificity regarding the need of additional transportation dollars. Also, they do not want a tax imposed, yet have no control over how it is spent.

Bruce Anderson, Landfill Director, asked how such a tax would be administered. David Miller responded that the tax would be imposed as a combination of increased sales tax and increased gasoline tax. David noted that there had been discussion as to whether the gasoline tax would be calculated per gallon or as a percentage of sales. David Miller affirmed that the UAC Board of Directors wants clarification on these questions before they support such a measure.

David Miller then reported on a "Pathway to a Balanced Public Lands Policy," as was discussed in the UAC meetings. The group analyzed the potential effect of a transfer of public lands to the state of Utah. David reported that the various impacts of such a transfer were analyzed and that, in spite of some of the advertisements circulating, a transfer of public lands would result in a \$250 million windfall for Utah, not counting the administrative efficiencies that would result.

In conclusion, David Miller reported that Scott Jolly resigned as the CEO of the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce to work with Upper Limits Aviation.

Dale Brinkerhoff, County Commissioner, reported that he attended the UAC meetings with David Miller as the Five County Representative to UAC.

Dale Brinkerhoff then reported on the organizing efforts for the "Utah Salute to Law and Order," which will be Thursday, January 29th at the Utah State Capitol. Dale noted that the law enforcement agencies in Utah were invited to come and be honored for their sacrifices on our behalf. Many dignitaries were to be in attendance, with flowers, speakers, music and a military presence. Dale Brinkerhoff concluded by stating that the United States is a nation constitutionally driven on the premise and principle of law and order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

DWR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) PAYMENT

Kevin Bunnell, Regional Supervisor for the Division of Wildlife Resources presented a payment in lieu of taxes for the State Institutional Trust Lands, or SITLA in the amount of 2,505. Kevin indicated that the DWR is working closely with the Commissioners on drafting a plan for the Utah Prairie Dog. David Miller commended everyone who has contributed the formulation of said plan. David predicted that state management will prove more effective at protecting both private property rights and the best interest of the species.

David Miller thanked Kevin Bunnell for supporting the discussion during the Iron County Commission Meeting on January 12th, regarding the translocation of deer from the Parowan Front area. There were some pointed concerns raised about the translocation project raised by Gordon and Destry Batt. Kevin Bunnell indicated that there was a meeting of the local chapter of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, February 27th, at 3:00 p.m. for any interested sportsmen in the area. Kevin indicated that Gordon and Destry Batt and others were invited to attend. Kevin explained that the primary objective was to be able to have a longer discussion than was able to take place in the Iron County Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE IRON COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

David Miller indicated that he requested the General Plan discussion be placed on the Commission agenda after discussions with federal agencies and other counties. David then discussed the importance of the words, “coordinate,” and “cooperate.” He clarified, saying that coordination is a responsibility of federal agencies to work with the local governing bodies, based on what their general plans are, and what they expect to have happen in their respective communities.

David Miller continued, explaining that Iron County has robust trail and transportation planning, and that our zoning ordinances are still applicable even if the land happens to be federal land. David continued, saying that those who manage federal lands need to be cognizant and respectful of county zoning, and of the general plan. He reiterated that the federal land managers need to work with our general plan and the needs of our community. Therefore, we need to be sure our general plan reflects those attributes we expect federal agencies to work with us on. David then expressed that as counties build relationships with federal agencies, that instead of being dictated to, he would like to see that role reversed. He concluded his introduction to the subject of the general plan by noting the presence of Reed Erickson, Planner and Special Services Coordinator for Iron County, Mike Worthen, Natural Resource Specialist, and Chad Nay, Zoning Administrator; all of whom would contribute to the discussion about roads, trails and zoning in terms of natural resources.

Mike Worthen began by giving a report on the general plan. Mike explained that the current general plan was drafted in 1995, and has many amendments. He then discussed Iron County Resolution 2011-3, which directed that the general plan include a natural resource county plan, as well as a resource plan for wilderness. Mike explained that the Iron County Resource Management Plan was drafted in 2009. He clarified that the Iron County Resource Management Plan accomplishes what David Miller discussed. It directs the federal agencies to coordination. It outlines the responsibilities of the federal agencies and was developed with them. Mike explained that the main responsibility of the federal agencies in planning is to make sure they consider the local general plans, and that they incorporate them into their planning process. He described the Iron County Resource Management Plan as an umbrella to cover how Iron County and other agencies will work together.

Alma Adams interjected that the primary reason the Commissioners had for bringing the general plan to the forefront, was that other counties had advised them to include specific numbers of Animal Unit Months, or AUM's, volumes of timber harvest and the like in the general plan. The reason for such specificity is to combat the declining AUM's and volumes of timber harvest allocated by the federal agencies.

Mike Worthen replied that the Iron County Resource Management Plan allows for specificity in numbers in individual resources. Mike clarified that Iron County could draft a plan and designate a specific number of AUM's or a certain volume of timber harvest. Those numbers could then be included in an amended Iron County Resource Management Plan. He explained further that this type of action has already been taken for the greater sage grouse and for wilderness designations. He noted that there is also a deer winter range plan which specifies how Iron County desires the deer on the winter ranges in Iron County managed.

Mike Worthen reported that he is working on the transportation plan, specifically the Off-Highway Vehicle, or OHV plan. He explained that the vision for the OHV plan is to include any recreation, including hiking, biking, motorcycles, etc. Mike reiterated that the federal agencies are and have been involved in drafting such plans. He concluded that he felt like Iron County was further ahead than many counties because they do not have their county resource plans developed in conjunction with the federal agencies.

David Miller explained that during the recent debriefing of the analysis of the transfer of public lands, Rex Sako from Carbon County reported that by adding specificity to their general plan, Carbon County has been able to mitigate the declining natural resource allotments, and they are able to access their natural resources. David noted that there has been an apparent effort to amend the Forest Service Plans with a bias against grazing. He reported that the Commissioners have been watching this issue closely, that they have been party to Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, requests that have resulted in voluminous information.

Mike Worthen noted that the Iron County Resource Management Plan is very generalized in regard to grazing. Mike explained that the Iron County Resource

Management Plan discusses grazing, but simply states that it is Iron County's desire to keep AUM's at the same level and not be decreased. He mentioned that including specific numbers in regards to grazing can certainly be done. The plan can be bolstered by adding specific numbers by allotment in accordance with Iron County's desires.

David Miller commended Mike Worthen for the tremendous work he does. David expressed the need to be prepared for the issues coming, such as wolves, greater sage grouse and wild horses. He expressed that Iron County does not want to be painted by a broad brush, but rather that Iron County needs to assert the balance it desires.

Mike Worthen reported that Iron County, in fact, has submitted its plan to the Bureau of Land Management, or BLM and to the Forest Service in order to ensure that it gets incorporated into the Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS. Mike then reiterated that the federal agencies are then responsible to explain how they have incorporated the local plans into their planning process. If they do not incorporate the local plans, they are responsible to explain why.

David Miller expressed the need to be forward looking with the general plan, in order to take into consideration any potential loss of revenues because of greenbelt rates, or loss of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) monies, or even any transfer of federal public lands to local control that may occur in the future. David further explained that, depending on how we craft our general plan, we can help protect against these potential future events.

Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether we could incorporate into our general plan flexibility in natural resource allocations due to wetter or drier weather. For example, if the AUM's are reduced due to drought, how do we raise them back up when the moisture is restored and the grazing conditions improve?

Mike Worthen expressed doubt that Iron County could affect the AUM allotments, but affirmed that by including specificity in the general plan and the Iron County Resource Management Plan, Iron County could assert its position that the AUM allotments should be able to be adjusted up as well as down.

Chad Nay, the Iron County Building Administrator, suggested that an ordinance might be adopted wherein not only the AUM allotments were specified, but also failures to manage wildlife are noted in terms of grazing capacity. Alma Adams interjected at this point noting that his allotment was scaled back, and he suspects it was because of failure to manage forest growth and forest encroachment on his allotment.

Reed Erickson mentioned that in 2005, Iron County amended the general plan that provided a mechanism to make amendments more easily. Specifically, there were provisions for the natural resource plans to be updated individually instead of tackling the entire plan all at once. Reed explained that individual parts of the plan could be amended easily, making the ideas discussed concerning the general plan easy to implement.

NOTIFICATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SURFACE MINING

Chad Nay notified the Commissioners regarding a sand and gravel mining pit near the Little Salt Lake that has been requested by Keith Gilbert. Chad explained that the pit would constitute 160 acres of a 1209 acre farm. He noted that the farmers and ranchers there want to utilize the pit as well. Chad noted that the issue was scheduled to go before the Iron County Planning Commission on the February 4th meeting.

AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT GRANT

Steve Platt, Iron County Engineer updated the Commissioners as to the progress made since the last meeting regarding the easement Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) desired to purchase on the Landfill property located in Section 28, Township 35 South, Range 12 West, Salt Lake Base and Meridian. Steve explained that RMP edited the verbiage of the easement to reflect the Commissioners' desire that any future relocation costs would be borne by RMP. Also, that the legal description of the easement had been reengineered to satisfy Bruce Anderson, the Iron County Landfill Supervisor's requirements. He mentioned that there was a document ready to be signed if so approved.

Steve Platt noted that RMP offered to pay half the fair market value of the land for the easement, which amounted to paying \$2,600 for roughly 1 acre of easement.

David Miller made a motion to approve the right of way easement as presented with the exhibit attached, and the signed document to be held by the County Clerk until such time as the \$2,600 payment is received. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Betsy Cummings, Human Resources Assistant, requested the approval of two new hires in Corrections. The first, Nathan Bastien, replaced Cameron Neil who transferred to the Sheriff's Office. The second was Joshua Morris who replaced Randall McConnell who also transferred to the Sheriff's Office. Betsy explained that these were both backfill replacements of vacated positions. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the backfill of a vacant position by hiring Nathan Bastien, replacing Cameron Neil. Also, to approve the backfill hiring of Joshua Morris, replacing Randall McConnell, and that the West County Sheriff's position would not be filled. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

Betsy Cummings requested the approval of the transfer of Randall McConnell from Corrections to the Sheriff's Office, to replace Clint Kelly, who resigned. Betsy also requested that Matthew Fox receive a 3 percent pay increase for completing his 6 month probationary and PTO period. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the transfer of Randall McConnell from Corrections to the Sheriff's Office, as well as the end of probation pay increase for Matthew Fox under the Deputy Retention Policy for completing his 6 month probationary period. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

Betsy Cummings presented the names of Melanie Hall as the new Chief Deputy Treasurer, and Carri Jeffries as the new Chief Deputy Recorder. Betsy explained that Melanie and Carri will be Career Service Exempt as well as Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) exempt. Betsy explained further that these positions would start at a minimum of grade 18, and after a 6 month review period they may be advanced. She relayed that Leslie Bishop, Human Resources Director had sent an e-mail suggesting that all Chief Deputies be grade 18, except the Chief Deputy Assessor and the Chief Deputy Attorney, whose required qualifications cause them to have to be in a higher pay grade.

Debbie Johnson asked why, if the Chief Deputy positions were "at will" positions, a 6 month review or probationary period would be necessary. If the elected official has the ability to dismiss a Chief Deputy at any time, she questioned the need of a probationary period. Debbie asked further, what the process would be required to adjust the pay for the Chief Deputies at the end of the probationary period.

Dale Brinkerhoff responded that the process would be to ask the Human Resources department to bring it forward during a Commission Meeting.

David Miller moved to approve Melanie Hall as the Chief Deputy Treasurer and Carri Jeffries as the Chief Deputy Recorder, with the pay increase to the minimum of Grade 18, with a 6 month review period, after which they would be eligible for a pay increase. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

RATIFICATION OF LESLIE BISHOP AS THE COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Betsy Cummings presented, for ratification of a previously designated appointment, the name of Leslie Bishop as the Iron County Risk Management Coordinator. Leslie had been unofficially appointed as of January 15th, 2015. David Miller made a motion to approve the ratification of the appointment of Leslie Bishop as the Iron County Risk Management Coordinator effective January 15th, 2015. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE BOOKMOBILE

Dale Brinkerhoff explained that an excess balance of funds had accumulated in the Iron County Library fund, and that the purpose of the discussion was to determine how to best move forward with regard to all of entities involved. Dale explained that it was necessary to understand how the fund had acquired the excess funds, and what the optimum and necessary disposition of the excess monies should be.

Gene Adams explained that after reviewing the Auditor's records back to 2006, he found that the state Bookmobile was charging Iron County \$142,000 per year. Gene further explained that Iron County has been paying Cedar City \$82,000 per year, and Parowan \$29,000 per year for their respective library services. Enoch has been paying \$41,000 per year to Iron County. Gene noted that the fund balance was \$138,000 in 2006.

Gene Adams then gave figures for 2011 regarding the same accounts. He explained that the Bookmobile charge had decreased to \$132,000. Alma Adams explained that the decrease had been negotiated. Gene Adams continued, noting that he

continued to pay Cedar City \$82,000 per year, and Parowan \$29,000 per year, with Enoch continuing to pay \$41,000 per year. Gene reported that by 2011, the fund balance had risen to \$385,000.

Gene Adams reported that by the end of 2014, the fund balance had risen to \$464,000. Gene recollected that there may have been a large grant in 2014, as well as an increase in tax revenues which contributed to the swelling of the account. Steve Decker, Cedar City Library Director, explained that the grant was from Microsoft as a pass through fund via the State of Utah, and was for computers. Gene Adams then noted that the Bookmobile fee had dropped to \$114,000 that Iron County paid.

Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether, over time, Iron County disbursed the proper amount of monies to the entities based on their assessed value. He noted that Iron County is collecting the tax for the county library fund on behalf of cities as well as unincorporated areas. Dale then asked whether the collection of taxes matched the reimbursement of funds.

Gene Adams answered that no proportioning was calculated into the disbursement of funds. Rather, Gene continued with the status quo disbursements as he had described them, matching what was done before his tenure. Dale Brinkerhoff asserted that as the taxed amount varies each year, the disbursements by Iron County to Cedar City and Parowan should be proportional to the rise and fall of the taxed amount.

David Miller posed the question that if Iron County is collecting taxes toward an Iron County Library System, should there be a focus on funding the construction of a library building with any excess funds that aren't distributed? Also, is it proper that Enoch City continue to pay Iron County each year?

Rob Dotson, Enoch City Manager responded, saying that in about 2006, Washington County cancelled their state Bookmobile contract and moved to a county library system. At that time, Washington County approached Enoch City, seeking a repository for the Bookmobile books. Originally, there were some monies transferred to help cover the cost of the Bookmobile. Rob continued saying that Jeff Lewis, the Iron County Library director at the time, approached Enoch City in 2006, requesting \$14,000 to go toward a shortfall in Bookmobile funding. Rob noted that in the time period of 2006 to 2007, Enoch City built a facility to house the Bookmobile books as requested. Rob Dotson also reported that the amount requested of Enoch City grew until it reached the current \$41,000 per year. Rob noted that the Enoch City Council decided to participate in this manner, because of the benefit to Enoch City of housing the Bookmobile books, and therefore having a library service for Enoch's citizens. Further, Enoch City decided that due to the benefit of having a library, that they would not charge the Bookmobile rental fees for the space. Rob noted that there seems to be an inequity in the funding among libraries in Iron County, and that multiple people having charge of the various budgets and interactions have led to a "quagmire of people."

Dale Brinkerhoff questioned whether the discussion needed to be separated into three parts: Enoch City's financial participation in the county library system; the assessment of the Iron County library tax; and the distribution of that tax supporting the Iron County Library System.

David Miller noted that due to the decision of Enoch City to no longer pay the annual \$41,000, the county library, or Bookmobile, whose repository is housed in Enoch, will now be sustained solely through the Iron County Library tax. Rob Dotson noted that Enoch would not be participating financially, but they would continue to provide the building at no cost to the county library, or Bookmobile.

After some discussion regarding assessment and disbursement, Alma Adams clarified that the Iron County Library tax is a unique and separate line item listed on all property tax bills. David Miller noted that while all property owners pay the Iron County Library tax, the citizens benefit through the county library system in the form of the Bookmobile. Alma Adams noted that the assumption had been made that Paragonah and Brian Head benefit by accessing the Parowan library. Also, that Kanarrville benefits by accessing the Cedar City library. Dale Brinkerhoff asserted that such participation should be by interlocal agreement, and that Iron County is merely the pass through steward as far as helping to fund the Cedar City and Parowan libraries is concerned.

Michael Edwards questioned whether, as steward of the Iron County Library System, Iron County should be collecting a county library tax, then paying cities out of those taxes in support of their respective libraries. Michael suggested that Iron County stop collecting a library tax for municipalities that do not have a library.

David Miller noted that moving forward, Iron County will no longer receive the annual \$41,000 from Enoch City. Gene Adams responded, saying that even without the \$41,000 from Enoch City, the Iron County Library fund would be within about \$10,000 of balancing. Gene postulated that by reducing staff and/or hours, the Bookmobile might be able to reduce costs and make up the shortfall.

David Miller expressed that the Bookmobile repository located in Enoch is a critical component to the Iron County Library system, as well as a great benefit to the citizens of Enoch. David suggested that by considering the repository currently in place that benefits the citizens of Enoch as a component of the Iron County Library system, Iron County could choose to support that dual purpose repository through the taxes in question as well as through the accumulated monies in the Iron County Library fund. He noted that this would not only provide for the continued operation of the Bookmobile, but also the continued function of the Bookmobile repository as a library to Enoch. David explained that this type of scenario would benefit all the parties involved, as well as provide an equitable and beneficial way to dispose of the excess funds in the Iron County Library fund.

Dale Brinkerhoff explained that roughly \$82,000 of the collected tax for the Iron County Library fund comes from the unincorporated areas, and that those monies should be applied to the Iron County Library System, or Bookmobile. Dale noted that they could scale down their operation to match the funds available in order to stay within that budget.

Alma Adams asked what the cost of continuing the Enoch Library would be. He wondered what percentage of utilities were paid by the Bookmobile and what staffing costs were. Rob Dotson responded by explaining that the library could be scaled to match whatever funds were available. Rob noted that whether they had \$10,000 to work with or \$113,000 to work with, the Enoch Library operation could match the funding available. Alma Adams asked whether the State Library has personnel assisting the Enoch Library.

Rob Dotson explained that prior to Enoch City housing the Bookmobile repository, the repository was housed at Cedar Middle School, and was not open to the public. It was strictly a repository. When Cedar Middle School was about to be demolished, the Bookmobile approached Enoch City, asking whether they could furnish a place to serve as the Bookmobile repository. Rob noted that Enoch City housed the repository in the Enoch Police station, and now houses the repository in the "Old School Library."

David Miller asked what the staffing currently was at the Enoch Library. Rob Dotson explained that there is one part time and one full time employee, which is funded by the State Library. David Miller then surmised that were Iron County to continue to support the contract in place with the state Bookmobile, the Bookmobile repository could remain open for the citizens of Enoch, as well as the continued operation of the Bookmobile. David noted that there are funds in place, and that the \$10,000 per year shortfall is close enough to scale down the Bookmobile operation such that the operations should be able to continue. He expressed that he would be able to support such a scenario. Alma Adams expressed that he too, would be able to support that approach to the situation.

David Miller expressed desire to continue the Bookmobile service, but that the Bookmobile service currently makes 40% of its stops in Cedar City. He questioned the fairness of bringing the Bookmobile into Cedar City, as well as making the \$84,000 distribution to Cedar City. David suggested that the Bookmobile could scale back its stops, including within Cedar City to help keep it under the \$10,000 shortfall moving forward. Rob Dotson noted that the Bookmobile manager has scaled back the operations already, noting that over 50% of its stops are in unincorporated areas. A discussion ensued about the reciprocal nature of library access in Iron County, be it unincorporated residents accessing city libraries or city residents accessing the Bookmobile. David Miller noted that library access in Iron County is flexible for all residents.

Dale Brinkerhoff expressed that if Bookmobile stops need to be curtailed to stay within budget, any eliminated stops should come from within Cedar City and Parowan, and that the service to the unincorporated areas should remain unchanged. Dale expressed that the portion of the Iron County Library fund that comes out of the unincorporated areas should dictate the level of funding for the Bookmobile service.

David Miller made a motion to move the Bookmobile discussion to the next meeting, pending review with the Utah State Library Board, with Enoch City; with the Iron County Attorney to determine what Iron County can and cannot do with the Iron

County Library system, also prepare any interlocal agreements may be necessary; and with the Iron County Auditor, who shall provide a detailed report showing assessed value, collection and disbursement figures for recent history regarding the Iron County Library fund, in order to detail how the funds accumulated in the fund. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRACT WITH MESA CONSULTANTS

Dale Brinkerhoff explained that the Iron County Commission could only approve a set amount of \$148,000 to be paid to Mesa Consultants, an architectural firm regarding the design of a new public safety building to be located in Cedar City, due to no contract being prepared to be signed in time for the Commission Meeting.

Alma Adams asked if the \$148,000 would come out of the Community Impact Board (CIB) monies set aside for the design and construction of the public safety building, or if it would have to be paid for out of the Iron County general fund. Dale Brinkerhoff responded that the architectural costs were to come out of the CIB monies and not the Iron County general fund. Dale further clarified that the future tenants would have to make due with the space allowed by the construction budget, and that the furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) would be the responsibility of the tenants. He expressed that in no way was the construction budget to be exceeded. Dale reiterated that the Iron County Commission would not approve a bid that exceeds budget, nor would Iron County incur any out of budget expense for the building.

Cindy Bulloch, Iron County Assessor, asked when the building was slated to be completed, noting that if it were a for profit entity as lessor, it would become taxable. David Miller responded that the building was scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2016. The Commissioners clarified that the tenants will be: Adult Probation and Parole, Drivers License, Dispatch, Utah Highway Patrol, and the Task Force.

David Miller moved to award the contract in the amount of \$148,000 to be paid to Mesa Consultants based on their proposal, with the caveats that the project shall not exceed the amount specified by the Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) and that the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs shall be reviewed annually, and that those expenses will be borne by the State of Utah. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS

The Commissioners expressed no reservation to grant the request that the Beryl Community Center's request for 12 surplus chairs located in the basement of the courthouse. Dale Brinkerhoff noted that there would need to be a discussion about the Beryl Community Center in its entirety. Dale also noted that there needs to be a Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) application for a well to benefit the Beryl Community Center. Dale noted that the area qualifies as "economically depressed," for a grant because of its poverty level rating this year. The Commissioners clarified that the well would benefit the Beryl Fire Department to increase the capacity to fill their fire trucks.

Chad Nay, Zoning Administrator, brought the issue of insufficient volume of natural gas to the courthouse boiler before the Commissioners. A discussion ensued regarding possible fixes to the problem. Chad expressed concerned about the expense of the repair, being about \$12,000. Dale Brinkerhoff questioned whether the contractor had built the lines according to the engineer's specifications. Chad Nay said that he did. Dale Brinkerhoff stated that Iron County should pay the contractor, but not the engineer until the problem is solved. David Miller expressed gratitude that the contractor was willing to rework the line, but that the contractor needed to complete the repairs in a timely manner.

Cindy Bulloch, Iron County Assessor, brought to the Commissioners' attention several land owners that will be desirous to come before the Board of Equalization to ask for various adjustments to their taxes. The Commissioners listened to each overview given by Cindy Bulloch, and agreed to hear some of them as the Board of Equalization.

ADJOURN

Dale Brinkerhoff announced adjournment.



Jonathan T. Whittaker
 Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk

Dale M. Brinkerhoff
 Signed: Dale M. Brinkerhoff, Chairman