

**IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 23, 2015**

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. February 23rd, 2015 in Commission Chambers at the Iron County Courthouse, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

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

Officers absent:

David J. Miller (Excused)	Commissioner
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Also present:

H. Eugene Adams	County Auditor
Cindy W. Bulloch	County Assessor
Mark O. Gower	County Sheriff
Nicole B. Rosenberg	County Treasurer

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled were led in the pledge of allegiance by Jon Whittaker.

INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Danny Stewart.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Jon Whittaker, County Clerk, reported that in terms of his budgets, everything appeared to be within range. One concern that stood out was the non-departmental paper budget. He noted that he had made a large purchase of paper that had used roughly half of the paper budget for the year, but that he was given to understand that such purchases usually last around six months.

Jon Whittaker expressed gratitude at the reception he had received since taking office. He noted that he was still doing many things for the first time, and that he still had a great deal to learn. Jon expressed his desire to do a good job for the Iron County and for the Iron County Commission.

Dale Brinkerhoff noted that he felt the transition in the clerk's office had been smooth and professional and orderly on everyone's part.

John Higley, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the various grants that his department had received. He mentioned he was seeking an emergency management performance grant that would help pay for his wage as well as Stephanie Orton's wage. He also mentioned another emergency management performance grant that would provide matching funds for his salary.

John Higley noted that he had sent the commissioners a draft of the Emergency Operations Plan. John expressed his hope to be able to present the Emergency Operations Plan formally to the commission for adoption. He mentioned that as part of the Emergency Operations Plan there were 15 emergency support functions that were delegated to specific agencies. John expressed his desire that those documents be "can do documents," and that each respective agency receive and understand their role in emergency support, as well as be able to fulfill their assigned roles.

In terms of county resiliency, John Higley mentioned that he had been working on hiring an electrician to survey the county buildings for emergency power toward continuity of operations. John noted that the Sheriff's office was the only county building that had emergency backup power. He expressed his desire that each of the county buildings be fitted for emergency backup power. Dale Brinkerhoff noted that the Iron County Courthouse was wired for emergency backup power but that the generator had not worked for decades. Dale elaborated, noting that he was unsure whether the emergency backup wiring was complete or simply for emergency egress. Further, Dale explained that there was a need for emergency backup power specifically for computer backup. John Higley noted that he had been working with Mike Phillips, Cedar City Fire Chief, to prepare a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the fuel suppliers in the area so that any backup generators in place would have sufficient fuel during an emergency. John noted that his goal was to be able to sustain a minimum of 120 hours emergency backup power.

John Higley expressed his desire to initiate a weekly class in the evenings. He explained that the intent was to explore a different topic each week. John expressed his desire to be able to advertise the classes well. Alma Adams advised that it might be a good idea to work with the IT Department in order to put it on Iron County's website (www.ironcounty.net).

Dale Brinkerhoff asked John Higley whether he was aware of any grants to help purchase the backup generators he had discussed. John replied that in fact there were grants available for that. John explained that there were various potential sources of grants, including regional grants and military. He explained that it is important to use generators of a proper size. Dale Brinkerhoff agreed that an electrical survey was necessary for each of the county buildings to help ensure properly sized generators.

John Higley indicated that he would pursue contracting with an electrician to perform the survey of the buildings, and that he would seek the approval of the Iron County Commission before moving forward. Dale Brinkerhoff explained that the Iron County Commission fully supports the efforts to supply emergency backup power, and that John Higley had the Iron County commission's full support to perform the survey of the buildings and that he should move forward.

John Higley then mentioned that he was working with local officials to perform an inventory of the flu vaccinations on hand. John explained that the goal was to have a stockpile on hand for public safety officers and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel so that those key individuals might receive a vaccination in the event of a pandemic. He noted that it was important for those key individuals and their spouses to have flu vaccinations set aside so that they will be able to function in an emergency situation. Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether the stockpiles being stored at Southwest public health were the stockpiles being discussed. John Higley indicated that they were the same.

Dale Brinkerhoff asked about emergency trailers. John Higley indicated that there was a state trailer in the yard at the Iron County Road department. John noted that that trailer was in a state of disrepair with dated equipment. He expressed a desire to update the equipment as needed, as well as separate the equipment into multiple trailers that could be placed strategically, thus being of greater benefit during an emergency. John explained that he was coordinating with other agencies to perform these functions as well as acquire grants and other funding. In particular he mentioned working with Paulette Valentine.

Dale Brinkerhoff thanked John Higley for his dedicated service and diligence in helping the county prepare for emergencies. John Higley replied that it had been his pleasure to work with so many good people.

Danny Stewart, Director of Economic Development, reported that he began working for the Iron County in October of 2014. Danny noted that he began working with various solar projects that had been in process. He reported that he had also been working with many of the same groups as Brennan Wood, such as the Utah Alliance for Economic Development, the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), the Economic Development Corporation of Utah, the Governor's Rural Partnership Corporation, the Southern Utah Manufacturers' Association (SUMA), the Iron County Home Builders Association, and the Business Resource Center (BRC).

Danny Stewart explained that he is also a member of the board for the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, and the Southwest Applied Technology Center (SWATC). Danny explained that he had been working with several members of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDC Utah), Cedar City Corporation, Enoch City Corporation, Southern Utah University, Port 15 and even the Utah Shakespeare Festival. He noted these groups were working toward bringing EDC Utah to our area to help do some training. Danny said that he discovered the more visible these Southern Utah groups are, the more help groups like EDC Utah can be. He noted that with the solidarity of 5 different entities asking for time and attention, more resources would be marshaled.

Danny Stewart reiterated the value of fostering the relationships he had developed. He noted that all of these groups are able to help in building and expanding existing businesses and attracting new businesses, including both industrial as well as retail.

Danny Stewart explained that one of the projects he was involved with was called "Project Magnolias", a steel company seeking a seventh location. Danny noted that Iron County was a finalist in their search. Danny explained that the company was maintaining anonymity and that the name "Project Magnolias," was a pseudonym. He elaborated that they had made several site visits, and that if a facility were built here, it would mirror a facility the company has in Idaho. Further, Danny explained that the company uses steel beams to produce assemblies for large scale building projects. Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether it was primarily a steel fabrication company. Danny Stewart responded that it was primarily a steel fabrication company, and that a great deal of welding would be involved. Danny noted that SWATC had been involved, and that some training had been arranged. Dale Brinkerhoff then asked if, due to the product, rail siting was necessary. Danny Stewart replied that rail siting was a necessity, and that the company was working closely with Port 15.

Danny Stewart explained that the company fabricates large assemblies for everything from large sports stadiums to skyscrapers. Also, this company would not be competing with any local companies because its products are a much larger scale, with the majority of their customers being in the regional metropolitan areas. Danny noted that the company had narrowed the candidates down to 2 sites, Iron County and a site in Southern Arizona. He noted that the company has a positive relationship with Iron County, and that they have been asking for patience while deliberating on how they will expand, with an announcement anticipated during the first half of 2015.

Danny Stewart described another project seeking to locate in Southern Utah. It is an osteopathic school. The school is based in Denver. They are hoping to establish a satellite facility adjacent to SUU, South of the Science Building. Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether parking and facility space were issues. Danny Stewart replied that an agreement with Southern Utah University (SUU) had been reached for such arrangements. Danny expressed confidence, that during accreditation hearings he had attended, 3 other schools had sought accreditation and were mirroring the curriculum this school established. Dale Brinkerhoff asked how the school had arranged for rotations in the local hospitals, noting that this could be a major impediment. Danny noted that the specific details hadn't been worked out, but that they were less worried because a surplus of rotations were available. He explained that the school had regional opportunities to provide rotations to its students. Danny expressed that he felt the primary problem arose due to a lack of communication. Dale Brinkerhoff asked what the anticipated enrollment would be. Danny Stewart explained that originally the enrollment was expected to be 125 students, but currently, they expected around 100 students based on the size of the building. Further, Danny explained that the first two years would be classroom based in Cedar City, then the students would have two years of rotations. The school's board desired a

clarified Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the school and SUU, specifying that the school would not be a part of SUU.

Danny Stewart then mentioned the progress MSC Aerospace had made. They had expected to break ground on their expansion last fall, but had some setbacks in production. One of their subcontractors had failed to perform, causing setbacks in schedule. MSC had decided not to risk building during the winter. Danny Stewart reported that MSC anticipated breaking ground in late spring of 2015. Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether Zwick Construction was the general contractor. Danny Stewart reported that Zwick Construction would be the general contractor for the project.

Danny Stewart explained that several separate companies had approached both he and Port 15 seeking rail spurs to support the mining of silica sand regionally. Danny elaborated that these companies would be trucking the sand to the rail facilities in order to be shipped out by rail. Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether the rail load out facilities could be located closer to Cedar City in order to reduce wear on roads. Danny noted that any potential silica sand load out projects as well as the planned coal load out project would help bolster the rail loop originally envisioned for the Port 15 project. Alma Adams asked whether the silica would be locally sourced. Danny Stewart replied that the silica would be regional primarily within the Five County area. Danny concluded by stating that this type of project could help facilitate the completion of the belt loop project Iron County was working toward.

Danny Stewart then reported that he had been contacted by Cedar City Corporation desiring that his office spearhead efforts to refurbish the two welcome signs Cedar City has at the North and South I-15 exits. Danny also reported that his office was involved in updating the historic downtown area of Cedar City. He noted the importance of these efforts especially considering the Utah Shakespeare Festival expansion as well as the coming Southern Utah Museum of Art.

Alma Adams, County Commissioner, reported that he had been watching the progress of the legislature regarding transportation funding. Alma expressed that he felt an increase in the fuel tax would be preferable to any increases in sales tax generally. He noted that the Utah legislature had been discussing transportation funding, with various options, including a higher sales tax. Alma expressed that he felt user based fees are the best option. Alma noted that Old Highway 91 between Enoch and Summit in particular needed resurfacing, but sufficient funds were not available. He concluded by saying that Iron County's needs far outstrip available funding.

Alma Adams mentioned a bill brought forward by Kay McIff in the Utah legislature that would allow water to be taken out of company water systems. Alma noted that the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) and the Farm Bureau were against the bill.

Alma Adams discussed the ongoing concerns regarding grazing on U.S. Forest Service lands. Alma noted that he and Commissioner David Miller had met with Tony Rampton, Assistant Utah Attorney General with other regional county commissioners to discuss a planned 3 forest assessment that was discovered by local leaders, and that appeared to be biased against grazing. Alma explained that the regional counties had banded together in solidarity to fight the assessment. These local leaders plan to have Tony Rampton act as their voice for consistency. The group is arguing for a more holistic approach to forest management, with proper logging, controlled burns, and thinning of understory, as well as responsible grazing. Their position is that these forest management activities, including responsible grazing, will enhance the health of our forests.

Alma Adams reported that Linda Gillmor had been appointed as a replacement for Delynn Fielding as Director of the Office of Rural Development for the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). Alma was on the selection committee for this position, and stated that while there were six very qualified candidates vying for the position, Linda Gillmor stood out. He expressed optimism that Linda will be a tremendous help to rural development around Utah. Alma noted that Jake Hardman, an Enoch City resident, will be working closely with Linda Gillmor. Alma noted that Jake Hardman was likely to represent the Southern areas of Utah, while Linda will cover the Northern areas.

Alma Adams explained that the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (CICWD) had been meeting with the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), as well as Potash Ridge. Alma explained that the water involved with the Potash Ridge Alunite mining operation, located in Beaver County has been in question, as well as the cost to develop said water and the potential benefits to Iron County. Alma stated that all of the parties involved were still in ongoing negotiations. He expressed

hope that all parties would be made whole in the end, and that both Beaver and Iron counties were strongly supporting the Potash Ridge project.

Dale Brinkerhoff, County Commissioner, reported that he had met with 2 commissioners from the Beaver County Water Conservancy District regarding Potash Ridge. Dale reported that it was a positive meeting, but that there were still issues to be worked out. He did note that the situation was nearing resolution and looked promising.

Dale Brinkerhoff noted that he had met with the architect group and the 5 agencies that will be the future tenants of the Public Services Building, which is planned to be constructed on the Iron County Jail parcel. He noted that the hope of including a basement was probably in vain, that it would not likely fall within budget. Dale noted that there were conflicting interests between square footage the agencies desire, and the budget available for construction. He concluded by reporting that the hope was to begin construction by the 1st of May.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alma Adams moved to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting of the Iron County Commission. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Jensen asked the commission what their feelings were regarding the cow share bill that was going to legislature. Alma Adams asked Randy Jensen what his feelings were regarding the cow share bill. Randy expressed that it was problematic because it is illegal to sell raw milk. He expressed frustration that someone testified before the Utah legislature claiming to represent Iron County in favor of the cow share bill. Dale Brinkerhoff clarified that a person may not sell raw milk, but may give it away. Dale asked what the proposed change was. Randy Jensen explained that the rule was that a farmer is not allowed to sell raw milk, but can use it for him or herself or give it away. Under the cow share bill, many people would be able to buy a portion of a cow and would therefore not be buying raw milk but simply receiving their proportion of milk from the shared cow. Alma Adams expressed that the public safety concerns were valid, but that government should not interfere with peoples' right to own a proportional interest in a cow.

Randy Jensen then brought up another issue regarding an illegally operating farmers market. Randy noted that he had pointed out to Iron County that this farmers market was not only selling raw milk, but was operating a business without a license. He explained that this particular business was still in operation. Alma Adams asked what the State of Utah had done in this particular situation. Randy Jensen replied that they had written a cease and desist letter.

Dale Brinkerhoff asked what Randy Jensen would like the Iron County Commission to do. Randy Jensen expressed his feeling that the cow share bill was simply a way to circumvent public health rules and regulations. He felt that it provided a way to sell raw milk but call it something else.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE IRON COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Alma Adams explained that with the upcoming hearing regarding the disposal of Iron County Ambulance assets, he wanted to explain the reasoning he and the other Commissioners used to make their decision. Alma then read a prepared statement whose major points are as follows: Iron County is a fairly conservative County with principles of conservatism that strive for smaller government and fewer taxes. Also that conservatism generally posits that private enterprise is more efficient than government. As an enterprise fund, the Iron County Ambulance service has accrued a debt in excess of \$2 million. This accumulated debt has concerned the Iron County commission for some time and has caused them to explore a variety of options. Before deciding to divest itself of the Iron County Ambulance service, there were discussions with past and current ambulance administrations to correct the problems. One potential solution that has been championed by some was to raise taxes to make up the shortfall. However when faced with raising city taxes the cities of Iron County were not interested. Instead the cities wanted Iron County to raise taxes, in spite of the fact that the majority of ambulance calls happen within city limits. I (Alma Adams) favor fewer taxes not more. One option that did not move forward was to combine the ambulance service with the fire department. Another idea that was rejected was to increase staffing levels in order to reduce overtime.

Yet another option was to move the ambulance billing in-house, but that did not gain traction. Furthermore, the cities were asked to make up any annual revenue shortfall the ambulance department might incur, but that idea was also rejected. In short, the Iron County Commission pursued many options to be able to pay down the debt.

Alma Adams continued, noting that several companies expressed interest in purchasing the ambulance assets and expressed willingness and capability to provide emergency medical services to Iron County. Alma noted that Utah state law does not require counties to provide emergency medical services. Alma reiterated that he and most citizens of Iron County adhere to conservative principles of smaller government and that in most cases private businesses can operate more efficiently. Alma challenged an argument that privatization might impair the health and welfare of the citizens of Iron County. Alma expressed that after doing his own research, he found no reason to believe the “doom and gloom,” predicted by some. Alma concluded by telling of his conversations with other municipalities that had private emergency medical services, and that they were receiving competent emergency medical service. He reiterated his commitment to the health and safety of the citizens of Iron County, and that by selling the ambulance assets, Iron County would be able to eliminate the accrued debt, maintain a high level of service to the citizens of Iron County, and not raise taxes.

NOTIFICATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SOLAR POWER

Reed Erickson, Planner and Special Services Coordinator for Iron County, presented two conditional use permits prior to their going before the March 5th meeting of the Iron County Planning Commission. One was Fremont Solar, LLC, located in Sec. 27, 28, 32 & 33, T32S, R8W, SLB&M. The second project was Rush Lake Solar, LLC, located in Sec. 26 & 35, T34S, R8W, SLB&M.

Reed Erickson then reviewed a spreadsheet showing 14 planned photovoltaic solar projects in Iron County. These projects were those that had progressed to the point that Iron County staff had been on site and had met with the land owners and/or developers. Reed noted that the projects listed were those with a high likelihood to move forward. He explained that the urgency behind all of these projects was that the federal tax credits would expire December of 2016. This deadline was for the construction of solar projects, therefore many of them were moving through the Iron County Planning Commission. Reed noted that the process is rather detailed, with the developers having to not only construct the projects, but also secure power purchase agreements as well as interconnect agreements.

Reed Erickson then discussed the potential economic impact these projects might have on Iron County. Reed explained that four factors were key: The first impact Reed pointed out was the effect on the tax base. The increase to the tax base for each project was listed on an annualized basis. One hypothetical Reed gave was that if a project were to cost \$150 million to construct; Iron County would receive roughly \$65,000 in tax revenue. Dale Brinkerhoff clarified that the \$65,000 in tax revenue was separate from the building permit fees. A discussion regarding tax incentives Iron County was providing then ensued.

The second impact Reed discussed was that of jobs. He noted that the larger solar projects would require about two full-time employees after construction was complete. The projections for employee requirements during construction were from 35 to 400 employees per major project. Reed noted that the total demand would be around 2000 additional employees during construction.

Reed Erickson explained the third economic impact as housing of the many employees during construction. He expressed concern that accommodations have not been made for where they might live or where they might come from. Reed noted that in particular housing was a concern because no prohibition for “man-camps,” was included in the conditional use permit. Reed felt like it was optimistic to think that there would not be an impact.

Finally, Reed Erickson pointed out that while developers are subject to the conditional use permits which they sign, Iron County may not be able to control as well the contractors the developers hire. Reed expressed concern that a great deal of the sourcing and contracts may not end up being local, and that some developers had stated they had little intention of sourcing locally.

Reed Erickson then explained in greater detail the Fremont Solar, LLC project. He noted that it was situated west of the I-15 area near Paragonah, and South of the Dutch Cowboy

Dairy; that it would consist of 460,000 solar panels covering nearly 800 acres, it would provide 120 Megawatts, and that a new substation would be required for it to connect to local transmission lines. Reed noted that the developer had addressed some drainage issues and that they planned on mowing the undergrowth which was primarily greasewood.

Reed Erickson noted that the Rush Lake Solar, LLC project was located just west of Minersville Highway near Rush Lake, at roughly 6400 N. on the Cedar City addressing grid. This was also a larger project that would require a new substation. Also, Reed noted that the developer had been accommodating in regard to leaving a corridor for the planned Northerly route of the belt loop. At that point Reed explained that there was a need to have a coordinating meeting with the local municipalities to determine the alignment of the Northerly route of the belt loop.

Dale Brinkerhoff asked Cindy Bulloch whether due to the large increase in taxable value that the many solar projects would be bringing to Iron County, the depreciation that would eventually occur would cause a burdensome tax shift in the future or not. Cindy Bulloch replied that there was a risk of such a tax shift. Reed Erickson interjected that the generous tax incentives given to the solar companies that begin high, but taper off over time would actually help mitigate any future potential tax shift. Dale Brinkerhoff asked those present whether there was a way to construct the contracts between Iron County and the solar companies in such a way that would protect Iron County. Dale noted that because of the generous tax incentives being sought by the solar companies, Iron County has a significant amount of leverage to be able to craft the contracts favorably.

Dale Brinkerhoff instructed Reed Erickson and Danny Stewart to be very clear with the solar companies desiring to locate in Iron County that it is imperative that local contractors be used as much as possible during site development. Dale expressed that because of the generous tax incentives being sought and granted, local contractors should be given preference as much as possible. Cindy Bulloch also made a request that when the tax incentives are requested, the solar companies provide a copy of their power purchase agreements with the utility companies, a copy of any applications for federal tax incentives, and any other tax incentives that have been granted. Cindy noted that a copy of these documents would help her properly value the solar projects. Reed Erickson explained that sometimes the power purchase agreements are not in place when the projects are being developed so they might be unavailable at the time of application.

Alma Adams stated that he hoped that the contract with Scatec, granting a 70% tax incentive did not set a precedent that Iron County would be held to for all future solar projects. Alma noted that the price of the photovoltaic panels had fallen precipitously and that a discussion regarding future incentives would be appropriate. Alma Adams noted that Scatec had an original estimate of \$500 million for construction and they were now estimating \$150 million for construction. Cindy Bulloch noted that other counties were not offering tax incentives to solar companies. Dale Brinkerhoff noted that even without local subsidies, the solar companies would still be receiving state and federal subsidies.

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK STATUS UPDATE

Todd Prince, Manager of the Frontier Homestead State Park reported on the calendar of events scheduled for the year. Todd noted that the next major event would be the "Sheep to Shawl" event planned for March 28th, which provides a hands on learning experience, teaching how wool goes from the sheep to a sweater. He also mentioned Archaeology Day, Groovefest, Haunted Homestead, the Livestock and Heritage Festival, Iron Mission Days, and Christmas at the Homestead. Todd mentioned that Christmas at the Homestead was expanded to an entire week in 2014, and that almost 2000 people participated. He noted that for 2015, the Stonehaven Events Center wanted to partner with the Frontier Homestead State Park, and put on a "Twelve Days of Christmas," event, starting in November. Todd reported that between 3000 and 5000 children participate in Christmas at the Homestead.

Dale Brinkerhoff noted a 10% increase on visitation on Todd Prince's handout, and asked to what Todd attributed the increase. Todd replied that there were many factors including marketing, social media efforts, their website, the addition of a caboose and iron ore shovel along the main frontage, as well as an improvement in the local economy.

Todd Prince reported that the 2014 revenues were up 8%. Dale Brinkerhoff asked whether the increase in revenues had reduced the risk of the Frontier Homestead State Park being closed. Todd replied that he did not think the facility would be closed.

Todd Prince then reported on projects slated for 2015. The first project Todd reported on was a Native Heritage Exhibit that included a Paiute camp and a mock excavation of a replica Fremont Indian pit house, indicative of what may have been in place in Iron County prehistorically. Todd noted that there were multiple funding sources for the Native Heritage Exhibit including Cedar City RAP tax, as well as Southern Utah University matching \$12,000.

Todd Prince then reported that the other major project scheduled for 2015 was the completion of the back side of the Hunter house, along with improvements to the grounds. He noted that the Hunter house project also had multiple funding sources. The Frontier Homestead State Park had set aside \$12,000, the Utah Parks and Recreation department had committed \$10,000, and they were in the process of applying for a \$15,000 grant. Todd explained that if the Hunter house were completed, they would be able to open it up to local events such as weddings, receptions, scout events, and the like.

Todd Prince explained that he was in negotiations with Leon Matheson to acquire some of the Matheson family artifacts, such as historic guns that belonged to his father Alva, over 150 historic gas engines, items from his blacksmith and tinsmith collection, as well as historical books. Todd noted that many of these items had previously been part of the Frontier Homestead State Park, and that Leon Matheson had suggested that they be displayed once more.

Other projects the Todd Prince mentioned were cell phone audio tours, filming of the movie "Back Up the Mountain," and Brand USA filming into multiple languages to increase awareness of the Frontier Homestead State Park.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Michael Edwards represented Leslie Bishop, who was excused. Michael requested the transfer of Shawn Coston from Corrections to Bailiff. Michael explained that this transfer was necessitated due to the resignation of Doug Seirup. Michael Edwards requested approval for a new hire, Beau Johnson as a Corrections Deputy. This was a backfill of a vacant position. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the transfer of Shawn Coston from Corrections to Bailiff, also to approve the hire of Beau Johnson as a Corrections Deputy. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Michael Edwards requested the advancement of Courtney Sullivan from EMT to AEMT. Michael Edwards also requested the advancement of Katie Batchelor from EMT to AEMT. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the advancement of Courtney Sullivan and Katie Batchelor from EMT to AEMT. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

Michael Edwards requested approval of a new hire, Kenzie Lundberg as Communication Specialist. This was a backfill vacancy. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the new hire Kenzie Lundberg as communication Specialist. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

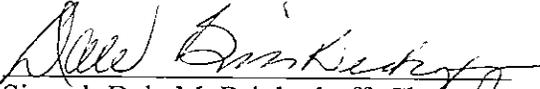
Michael Edwards requested approval of a rate change for Shawn Slaugh. Alma Adams noted that he had not discussed this rate change with Neil Forsyth the Iron County Roads Supervisor, therefore he made a motion to postpone the rate change for Shawn Slaugh, pending discussion with Neil Forsyth. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.

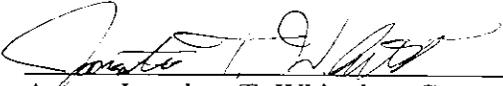
PRAIRIE DOG MATTERS

Alma noted that he had enjoyed all the positive news regarding prairie dogs lately. Dale Brinkerhoff mentioned a property owner in Enoch who was hoping to clear the property of prairie dogs, and had been approved. Cindy Bulloch noted that they had permission to clear one lot per month.

ADJOURNMENT

Alma Adams made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dale Brinkerhoff. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye.


Signed: Dale M. Brinkerhoff, Chairman


Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk

