IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 27, 2015

Minutes of the Iron County Commission meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. April 27th, 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:

Cindy W. Bulloch	County Assessor
H. Eugene Adams	County Auditor
Deborah B. Johnson	County Recorder
Nicole B. Rosenberg	County Treasurer
Leslie Bishop	Human Resources Director

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Nicole also mentioned the upcoming tax sale. She discussed, in particular, businesses requesting tax deferrals. She noted that there had been discussions with the Cedar City KOA campground as well as the Lodge at Brian Head. Nicole expressed concern about considering tax deferrals for businesses. She felt such measures should be reserved for individuals trying to keep their homes.

Debbie Johnson, Iron County Recorder, reported that recordings were down as is typical for the winter months. Debbie noted that recordings had picked up in April. She mentioned that the employees had rallied around Dana Stubbs, who had been sick. Debbie reported that Dana had a positive attitude. She noted that the recent hire, Marcia Smith was coming along quite well.

Debbie Johnson reported that representatives from Family Search had scanned her documents up to the 1940's. She was working toward making those documents accessible. Debbie concluded her report by saying how blessed she was to work with such good people.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alma Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Iron County Commission Meeting. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were offered.

VACATE AND AMEND PARCELS IN CEDAR VALLEY ACRES SUBDIVISION

Doug Grimshaw, a local surveyor, represented Dean Hyde in a request to consolidate 4 parcels into 3, as well as vacate a portion of Spring Avenue within Cedar Valley Acres Subdivision. Doug Grimshaw reported that the plat to vacate and amend was reviewed favorably by both Steve Platt, Iron County Engineer and Reed Erickson, Iron County Planner. David Miller asked whether vacating the portion of Spring Avenue would deny access to any other owners. Doug replied that it would not. Alma Adams asked if the road vacation would make access more difficult. Doug explained that the block was small, and that adjacent owners could access on the East-West streets that exist.

Chad Nay pointed out that a public hearing would be necessary to move forward with the road vacation. Alma Adams made a motion to postpone the approval of the Road Vacation and Plat Amendment, until May 11, 2015 to allow the Iron County Clerk time to properly give notice for a public hearing. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

RATIFICATION OF THE EXTENSION OF CRUSHER CONTRACT WITH GILBERT DEVELOPMENT

Steve Platt requested the ratification of the extension of the crusher contract with Gilbert Development as discussed during the April 13, 2015 meeting of the Iron County Commission. Steve reported that the crushing was complete. Unfortunately, Gilbert ran out of gravel to crush before the contract was complete, and only 8,000 yards of gravel were crushed. Alma Adams made a motion to approve the extension of the contract as discussed and pay Gilbert Development for all of the crushing they provided. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

CONVENE AS IRON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY

Dale Brinkerhoff, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the Iron County Community Development and Renewal Agency (ICCD&RA) convened.

Alma Adams suggested having the Cedar City and Iron County road departments meet to review the maintenance and plowing agreements moving forward in light of the desired Vernal Stratton Family Annexation. The commissioners directed that the road departments from both entities meet to review the service agreements.

UPDATE REGARDING OHV TRAIL PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Mike Worthen, Iron County Natural Resource Specialist, updated the commissioners on the trail planning activities, in particular the Markagunt Trail Segment. The Markagunt Trail Segment is to be part of the Color Country Trail system. It is one of 15 segments of the trail system. The Color Country Trail system is designed and intended to tie into the Paiute and Old Spanish Trail systems. Mike explained that Iron County would designate the trails, then ask for a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessment.

Mike Worthen discussed information kiosks to be placed at the trailheads, as well as in municipalities and areas of interest, such as Enoch, Parowan, 3 Peaks Recreational Area, etc. Mike discussed being able to build the kiosks as the trails are completed, and as grant money becomes available. David Miller asked what kinds of maps were planned for the public in regards to the Color Country Trail system. Mike Worthen replied that the Iron County website (www.ironcounty.net), would host links to the U.S. Forest Service maps. David Miller indicated that those that use the maps would probably benefit from a robust, hard copy of the map.

David Miller made a motion to approve the grant application for trailhead kiosks. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

CONVENE AS THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Dale Brinkerhoff, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the convening of the Iron County Board of Equalization.

REQUEST TO ADJUST VALUE ON PARCEL A.P.N. A-779-78-1

Cindy Bulloch, Iron County Assessor, requested that the value of the home on A.P.N. A-779-78-1, or the South Half of Lot 2, Block 10, The Homestead Subdivision, at 4568 North Pioneer Drive, in Enoch be reduced due to a devastating house fire. Cindy explained that usually, the value as of January 1st each year stands, but in this exceptional circumstance, she felt as though a reduction in value would be appropriate. She noted that the typical way to calculate value in situations like this was to pro rate the time the structure was standing against the time it was destroyed. Cindy noted that this would represent a nearly 75 percent reduction in value. David Miller made a motion to adjust the value to $56,000 for A.P.N. A-779-78-1. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

RECONVENE AS THE IRON COUNTY COMMISSION

Dale Brinkerhoff, Iron County Commission Chair, declared the reconvening of the Iron County Commission.

REQUEST TO ABATE TAXES ON PARCEL A.P.N. A-779-78-1

David Miller made a motion to abate the balance of the taxes for A.P.N. A-779-78-1 for the remainder of 2015. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Iron County, Utah, found that all owners of property abutting said portion of roadway have been notified of the proposed vacation by mail and that notice of the public hearing has been made in The Spectrum Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation within Iron County. Notice of the public hearing to vacate said portion of roadway has also been made on the Utah Public Notice Website (pmn.utah.gov) for four weeks before the hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Legislative Body of Iron County, Utah, Ordains as follows: That the portion of Kitty Hawk Road lying East of Bulldog Road, both the Northerly and Southerly halves, being more particularly described as follows:

Northerly Half to be Vacated – Public Use Easement:

A.P.N.: Part of B-1319-6
A Public Use Easement 33.00 feet in width, the South line of which is described as: Beginning at a point N89°23'41"E along the 1/16 section line 82.59 feet from the Center South 1/16 corner of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 11 West, SLB&M (said point being on the East R.O.W. line of Bulldog Road) and running thence N89°23'41"E 437.86 feet along said 1/16 line to the Westerly no access line of Interstate 15 and the point of ending.

Southerly Half to be Vacated – Fee Simple (From Entry #95474):

A.P.N.: B-1321
Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 11 West, SLB&M, thence East 750 feet; thence South 33 feet; thence West 750 feet; thence North 33 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Excepting therefrom any portion lying within the Interstate 15 Right-of-Way.

(Please note attached "Exhibit A")

SHOULD BE, AND IS HEREBY VACATED in accordance with U.C.A. §72-3-1-108.

Approved, passed and adopted this 27th Day of April, 2015 by the Board of Iron County Commissioners in regular session assembled, in and at their regular place of meeting.

By: _____
Dale Brinkerhoff, Iron County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Jonathan T. Whittaker, Iron County Clerk

COUNTY OF IRON COUNTY CLERK STATE OF UTAH

DECISION REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WORKFORCE ADJUSTMENT PLAN

David Miller explained that the commissioners had received a workforce adjustment plan on April 8, 2015 from Sheriff Gower to modify the Reduction in Force (RIF) action approved on March 23, 2015. The first proposal was to reduce the total hours from 3,900 hours. David expressed that this would create a shortage of hours, and would adversely affect the bailiffs. David Miller made a motion to deny the first requested change to the March 23, 2015 RIF action. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

Alma Adams explained that the second proposal from Sheriff Gower was to recreate the position of Undersheriff. Alma explained that as reflected in the minutes from the March 10, 2014 Iron County Commission meeting, the position of Undersheriff, or Chief Deputy, was replaced by the Administrative Lieutenant over Patrol Division. Because of the replacement, recreating a new position of Undersheriff would constitute creating a new position. Alma Adams then made a motion to deny the second proposal to recreate the position of Undersheriff. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

PERSONNEL

Leslie Bishop presented a request to approve a 2% increase for Deputy Shawn Peterson, a certified K9 handler as per the Deputy Retention Policy. David Miller made a motion to approve the 2% increase for Deputy Peterson as explained. Second by Alma Adams. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH F.B.I. SECURITY AUDIT

Jared Wilson, Iron County IT Director, presented the findings of a recent security audit performed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) personnel. Jared explained that various deficiencies were identified during the preliminary audit called, "Pre-Audit Training." He explained that Iron County would need to purchase new hardware and software. Dale Brinkerhoff asked what the cost to come into compliance would be. Jared Wilson explained that an additional $15,000 to $20,000 would be needed. Dale Brinkerhoff expressed that these FBI requirements represented another unfunded mandate of the federal government.

Jared Wilson then noted that because of the additional logs and the need to audit them weekly, as well as the electronic monitoring, additional IT personnel might become necessary. Alma Adams questioned whether additional personnel would be necessary. Jared Wilson explained that his department was already processing 200-300 work orders per month. Alma Adams made a motion to approve approximately $20,000 for the Iron County IT Department to be able to comply with the FBI audit, and for Jared Wilson and the HR department to bring the request for additional personnel when the need arises. Second by David Miller. Voting: Alma Adams, Aye; Dale Brinkerhoff, Aye; David Miller, Aye.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) personnel discussed the progress of the Utah Prairie Dog (UPD) with the commissioners. Some of the issues they discussed were: Translocation saturation, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessments, a plague dusting contract, and the overall health and numbers of dogs on translocation sites. Mike Worthen, Iron County Natural Resource Specialist, recommended reducing the number of dogs translocated to any one site. Mike recommended translocating no more than 200 dogs to a site. BLM personnel also discussed site preparation, and efforts to locate and establish more translocation sites for the UPD.