

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION COMBINED WORKING SESSION AND REGULAR
SESSION MEETING HELD APRIL 30, 2012, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. IN
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, IN DUCHESNE, UTAH**

Present

Commission Chairman Kirk J. Wood; Commissioner Kent R. Peatross, Deputy County Attorney Marea A. Doherty, Roads Supervisor Glen Murphy, and Chief Deputy Clerk JoAnn Evans taking minutes of the meeting.

Absent

Commissioner Ron Winterton was on personal family leave.

Public Works/Landfill Department Update

Supervisor Murphy stated that they are down three (3) men. One employee is retiring from the landfill, one employee is out on medical leave, and one employee needs to retire for medical reasons from the road crew. Supervisor Murphy also stated that they put culverts in on the Upper Red Creek Road just before Reids Ranch and finished the road. There was discussion on the Nine Mile Road and what was needed to finish up the job.

Discussion of Property Tax Issue

Treasurer Colene Nelson joined the meeting at 9:25 A.M...

Treasurer Nelson stated that there was a piece of equipment (personal property) going up on the tax sale. It is attached to a piece of property that is not owned by the same person who owns the property. It is like attaching personal property to valueless land. Treasurer Nelson suggested that the county remove it from the parcel it is attached to and take it off the tax sale. Commissioner Peatross suggested that we find out if it is the Utah State Tax Commission or the Legislature makes the rules pertaining to this sort of thing and then we can approach whichever one it is to make some changes. Commissioner Wood stated that there should be research done and we can discuss this again next week.

Discussion of the Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo

Greg Whitbeck joined to meeting at 9:30 A.M...

Mr. Whitbeck stated that he was here to plant some seeds and see if Duchesne County would be willing to help out with the Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo held in Vernal. He stated that it really is a Uintah Basin activity and should be sponsored by everyone in the Uintah Basin. There are a lot of great things happening along with the rodeo that everyone enjoys. There has even been a legendary cowboy from Duchesne County. Chairman Wood stated that he has a hard time spending Duchesne County tax payer money on activities outside of the county. Mr. Whitbeck suggested that maybe there was some Transient Room Tax money that could help. Commissioner Peatross stated that Irene Hansen takes care of that tax; however we could check with her to see if she is willing to help support the Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo.

Discussion of Comments on Draft BLM Oil Shale & Tar Sand PEIS

Community/Community Planning Administrator Mike Hyde joined the meeting at 10:05 A.M....

Administrator Hyde discussed a draft letter to the Bureau of Land Management associated with their draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil Shale and Tar Sands. Comments are due by May 4, 2012. The letter reflects the position taken by the County when the Commission passed Resolution #12-08 on April 16, 2012. The letter specifies many errors and omissions in the draft PEIS, which shows an obvious attempt to rush the PEIS to approval before the end of the Obama Administration. The Commissioners and Administrator Hyde discussed some minor changes to the draft letter and authorized Administrator Hyde to finalize the letter for distribution.

Administrator Hyde also discussed a draft letter to the Bureau of Land Management requesting an extension of the comment period for the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil Shale and Tar Sands. The request mirrors a request being made by Uintah County and several other counties in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Since the BLM is scheduled to publish new oil shale development regulations in mid-May, the request is for the comment period to extend at least 30 days after publication of those regulations. The Commission reviewed the draft letter and authorized Administrator

Hyde to finalize the letter for distribution.

Consideration of An Agreement With Anthony Wilcox For Legal Services

Anthony Wilcox joined the meeting at 10:18 A.M...

Deputy Attorney Doherty stated the agreement was discussed last week. It just needs to be signed. She will sign on behalf of Duchesne County Attorney Stephen Foote. She also stated that Mr. Wilcox will start tomorrow and will shadow her and Deputy Grant Charles for the first month. *Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the agreement with Anthony Wilcox as presented by the Attorney's Office. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Consideration of Payment Vouchers

Deputy Clerk Auditor Connie Sweat joined the meeting at 10:30 A.M...

The commission reviewed vouchers # 121442 through 121494 dated April 27, 2012, in the amount of two hundred thousand five hundred thirty nine dollars and ninety four cents (\$200,539.94) as presented by Deputy Clerk Sweat. *Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the vouchers as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Tax Adjustment –Treasurer

Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the Tax Adjustment as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.

Consideration of A Business License Application For H & D Cleaning.

Deputy Clerk Sweat stated that this business is a mobile carpet cleaning business. *Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the business license as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Consideration of A Business License Application For Opsco Energy Industries (USA) Ltd

Deputy Clerk Sweat stated that this business is from Denver and is providing an Oilfield Service; they do not have a location here. *Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the business license as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Consideration Of Minutes For Combined Commission Meeting Held April 23, 2012

Deputy Clerk Evans stated that these will be postponed for approval next week.

Commission Calendaring

Closed Meeting -

Commissioner Peatross motioned to go into and out of closed session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation at 11:08 A.M. Chairman Wood seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.

Reentered combined commission meeting at 11:54 A.M.

Adjourn

Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M...

Read and approved this 7th day of May 2012.

Kirk J. Wood

Commission Chairman

Diane Freston

Clerk/Auditor

Minutes of meeting prepared by JoAnn Evans _____