

**MINUTES OF COMBINED COMMISSION WORKING AND REGULAR SESSION  
MEETING HELD AUGUST 12, 2013 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. IN CONFERENCE  
ROOM #1, IN DUCHESNE, UTAH**

***Present***

Commission Chairman Ronald Winterton; Commissioner Kirk J. Wood, Commissioner Kent R. Peatross, Deputy County Attorney Anthony Wilcox, Public Works Director Glen Murphy, Victims Advocate/Domestic Violence Coordinator Alisha Sabin, Ken Brown with Western Counties Alliance, and Commission Assistant BobbiJo Casper taking minutes of the meeting.

***Update On Victims Advocate Programs From Victims Advocate/Domestic Violence Coordinator Alisha Sabin***

Coordinator Sabin stated that she wanted to update the Commission on the current programs, success stories and statistics for the Victims Advocate Program. We are funded by two grants, VAWA and VOCA. The VAWA grant assists women of violent crimes and last quarter, which is from March through June, we offered fifty five (55) different services to women. They were anything from crisis intervention to protective orders and assisting them in court. Most women like to have her attend court to help with emotional support. This grant is for women eighteen (18) years old and older, where the VOCA grant serves anyone else such as children and men. On an average, she spends eight (8) hours with each client. Last quarter, we helped file ten (10) different protective orders or stalking injunctions where only one (1) wasn't granted. She helps educate clients on what to expect when they attend court, making the transition easier. With the VOCA grant, we were able to provide (61) different services. One success story she shared was a child rape case. With the help of the County Attorney's Office, we were able to ask the judge for a cash bond amount of ninety four thousand dollars (\$94,000) which was granted. This is comforting to the victims knowing that their abuser won't be able to get out of jail. Another success story was a woman of domestic violence who was married for fifteen (15) years and tried to leave three (3) times, but her spouse was very controlling and manipulative. She came to her, because she didn't know how to do a protective order; long story short, the protective order was granted and she was able to get away from her situation. The number one thing she hears after court is how they couldn't have done it without her support and that is great satisfaction.

Coordinator Sabin reported that she was able to meet with the people over these grants to discuss the programs and what their goals were. They felt that the collaboration with the Ute Indian Tribe was important to keep. She has built a great relationship with the Ute Indian Tribe Victim's Advocates and she has a good collaboration with them.

Coordinator Sabin also reported that they hired Suzanne Keel a few weeks ago, who has been amazing and is doing very well. We will make sure that there is always someone in the office during the week from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. She feels that she has a good working relationship with both Roosevelt City Police Department and Duchesne County Police Department. What she is asking from the commission is support.

Commissioner Peatross stated that during the next budget cycle, they need to address the vehicle issue and possibly rotate her vehicle to one that is dependable.

Coordinator Sabin stated that she has rescheduled the 5K walk/run to October 12, 2013 and hopes to get a lot of support from the county. Stewarts Marketplace is donating food for the event and she has received donations throughout the county.

***Public Works/Landfill Department Update***

Director Murphy reported that the Road Department finished the North Crescent Road (County Road 180) in Roosevelt with XTO. They will do a few touch ups before they oil it in the fall.

Director Murphy also reported that they finished the Roosevelt school bus parking lot. He will calculate the costs and deduct it from the amount we owe.

Chairman Winterton stated that he gave Reed Durphy with Newfield an estimate of

\$80,000 to \$100,000 for the gravel on Mortenson Lane and suggested that Director Murphy contact him once he has the exact amount.

### ***Discussion Of Bail Commissioners***

Assistant Casper stated that Sheriff Travis Mitchell asked for this to be on the agenda, but is unable to attend the meeting. If Sheriff Mitchell is available next week, this will be back on the agenda.

### ***Consideration Of Amendment #3 To Contract #111041 For Bailiff And Security Services***

*Cynthia Wardle with the Sheriff's Office joined the meeting at 9:42 A.M...*

Ms. Wardle stated that the amendment is to the amount which is due to the increase in judges and is an addition to what we are already doing for security. She broke it down to an average of 77 shifts for bailiffs and 134.5 shifts for court security for district court based on 6 hour shifts. This will increase the amount of hours that will be available to use these services. Attorney Wilcox stated that the Attorney's Office has reviewed the amendment and is comfortable with the changes. *Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve Amendment #3 to the Bailiff and Security Services Contract. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

### ***Update From Western Counties Alliance***

Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) - Mr. Brown stated that he has been asked several times on what the future of PILT is. He feels that PILT is very important and anything relating to those services is valuable. The program should continue and be fully funded on a permanent basis. Counties pay and provide for services, he feels that the education is getting out there on the services of public lands to the offices about support and providing revenue.

Secure Rural Schools (SRS) – The revenue went down about 5% which is due to net per capita income and there was a less amount appropriated.

Sage Grouse - Mr. Brown stated that they will have a WCA conference call with John Harja on the Sage Grouse process and will send a copy of those minutes to the commission.

Public Land Transfer – Mr. Brown stated that they had formal action and support on this. Legislatively, this isn't a good process. He feels that renewable energy is a good concept, however, there is talk of canceling oil and gas leases because they feel it will interfere with wind energy projects.

Wild Horse Buro – Mr. Brown stated that there is a nine member board that has made good process. The Department of Agriculture is looking at extending permits to the three states that have horse slaughter houses.

### ***Discussion Of A Draft Letter Requesting Public Hearings On A Proposal From The U.S. Fish And Wildlife Services***

*County/Community Planning Administrator Mike Hyde joined the meeting at 10:23 A.M...*

Administrator Hyde stated that President Obama Administration has entered into another settlement agreement behind closed doors with several environmental groups. Now they are putting on the list Graham's beardtongue and White River beardtongue as threatened plants to make sure they don't go extinct. Most of this is in Uintah County, but there is some in the southeast portion of our county towards the Sand Wash area. The way that they come up with this critical habitat is that they figure that the Graham's beardtongue will support bee pollinators that can fly about a half mile, because it has a bigger flower. They figure with the White River beardtongue, which has a smaller flower; it will attract smaller bees that can only fly a quarter mile. We have until October 7, 2013 to get our comments in. They don't have good enough science on this and they don't know how many plants are out there. They have not surveyed these plants on Indian Lands, so there are a lot more. They are violating our Public Land Use Plan, because they don't have adequate science to designate them as threatened. They violate the Uintah Basin Energy Zone Policies. They violate our general plan policies that we did on the Wrinkles Road a few years ago. There are four groups that President Obama has entered into agreement with. We are going to oppose this and he will request that a public hearing be held in

Vernal. They are grasping at everything they can to shut down the oil shale and tar sands industry. All commissioners agreed that the letter looks good.

**Consideration Of Vouchers**

*Deputy Clerk Auditor Connie Sweat joined the meeting at 10:35 A.M...*

The commission reviewed voucher # 125596 dated August 7, 2013, in the amount of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office.

The commission also reviewed vouchers # 125597 through 125678 dated August 12, 2013, in the amount one hundred thirty one thousand one hundred ninety three dollars and ninety nine cents (\$131,193.33) as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office.

*Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the vouchers as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. Commissioner Peatross seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

*Entered recess at 10:53 A.M...*

*Re-entered Combined Commission Meeting at 11:02 A.M...*

**Closed Meeting –**

*Commissioner Peatross moved to go into and out of closed session for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation at 11:02 A.M.*

*Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

*-Re-entered Combined Commission Meeting at 12:06 P.M...*

**Consideration To Take Action Discussed Under Closed Meeting**

*No action was necessary.*

**Consideration Of Minutes For Combined Commission Meeting Held July 29, 2013**

Commissioner Woos motioned to approve the minutes with the necessary changes.

Chairman Peatross seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.

**Consideration Of Minutes For Special Commission Meeting Held August 05, 2013**

Assistant Casper stated that these are not ready for approval.

**Commission Calendaring**

**Adjourn**

*Chairman Winterton adjourned the meeting at 12:27 P.M.*

*Read and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.*

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*Ronald Winterton*  
*Commission Chairman*

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*Diane Freston*  
*Clerk/Auditor*

*Minutes of meeting prepared by BobbiJo Casper*\_\_\_\_\_