Beaver County Commission Meeting  
Beaver, UT 84713  
March 7, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners met on January 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. for its regular Commission Meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Michael Dalton, Chairman; Commissioner, Mark Whitney; Commissioner, Tammy Pearson; Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor; Scott Albrecht, Administrative Services Coordinator; Michelle Evans, Commission Office Manager and Von Christiansen, County Attorney.

Prayer was offered by Scott Albrecht.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comm. Whitney was excused, he was attending another meeting. A standing motion was made by Comm. Pearson to accept the chair from Comm. Dalton for voting purposes. Pursuant to the standing motion, the chair was passed back to Comm. Dalton throughout the voting process for the remaining portion of the day.

Previous minutes were presented by Ginger McMullin, Clerk/Auditor. With minor adjustments and edits, a motion to authorize minutes was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, the vote was unanimous.

Motion to enter into a Public Hearing, to create an Agriculture Protection Zone, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, and the vote was made unanimous. This Hearing was to consider creating an Agriculture Protection Zone as proposed by Smithfield. Present were Chad Blackburn, Jim Webb, Mark Nelson and Kyle Blackner. Mr. Webb addressed the Commission with clarifications of the Smithfield properties. Smithfield has gained Ag Protection Areas in both Iron & Millard Counties. No comment was made.

Motion to leave Public Hearing was made by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Pearson, and the vote was made unanimous.

A motion to accept the Agriculture Protection Zone as proposed by Smithfield, was made by Comm. Pearson, and seconded by Comm. Dalton, and the vote was made unanimous.

Mr. Jim Webb discussed the application and business opportunity for new contract barns, offered by Smithfield. Mr. Webb also discussed the Sustainability Projects Smithfield does. Smithfield is looking for sustainability projects to give back to the communities. He asked the Commission if they were aware of any projects. Chad Blackburn would be the point of contact.

Motion to enter into Public Hearing to amend the General Plan, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, and the vote was unanimous. This hearing was to amend the General Plan, to include the following management areas: Wild Horses and Burros, Areas of Critical Environmental concern, Prairie Dogs and Wolves. Present were Keven Whicker, Larry Weaver, Kyle Blackner. Comment was taken by Mr. Albrecht, Mr. Whicker and Mr. Blackner.
Motion to leave Public Hearing was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, and the vote was made unanimous.

Motion to adopt the General Plan recommended by the Planning Commission, as presently written, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, the vote was made unanimous.

Comm. Pearson and Comm. Dalton made comment that they appreciated all of the hard work that Keven Whicker and Kyle Blackner had done on the County General Plan.

Memorandum of Understanding for Children’s Justice Center. All the participating parties have now signed the memorandum, and it’s ready for adoption by the County. A Motion to approve signature on said memorandum was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, the vote was made unanimous.

Break for Lunch

Resource Management Plan coordinator and information discussed. Mr. Keven Whicker, County Resource Manager and Mike Worthen, Iron County Public Lands Coordinator, discussed the strategy of coordinating meetings with government agencies and local government, regarding Resource Management Planning.

Auxiliary Services Building Phase I update. Mr. Albrecht discussed the proposed changes for the Auxiliary Services Building. He discussed the changes necessary to make things structurally sound. They discussed the option of doing a feasibility study. Bids are due this Friday for the upcoming renovation project.

Mr. Von Christiansen discussed concerns of citizens regarding Tushar Lake Campground. He felt we need to do some Public Relations, to improve public perception. He felt the County needs to inform the communities that the County still manages the Tushar Campground.

Mr. Von Christiansen discussed the current sitting District Judge. The Judge is from the 6th District, and is not subject to retention election in Beaver County, which is in the 5th District. The Commission agreed to send a letter to the Court Administrator, encouraging the placement of a permanent 5th District Judge in Beaver County, who will be subject to retention, under the Utah Constitution.

Mr. Scott Albrecht discussed the lack of applications for the full time seasonal weed spray position. It was decided that the County extend the job opening. It was also decided to increase the pay range to as much as $13/hr.

Mr. Albrecht presented a letter that regarded a property owner within the Agriculture Protection Area and his comments with the Agriculture Protection Zone.

Ms. Michelle Evans presented the completely signed Road Maintenance agreement between Beaver County and CIRQ.
Motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or imminent litigation, real property negotiation, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, and the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote was taken, Comm. Dalton “aye”, Comm. Pearson “aye”.

Motion to leave closed session was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote was taken, Comm. Dalton “aye”, Comm. Pearson “aye”.

Beaver High School FFA Parliamentary team demonstration. Present were Josh Evans, Advisor for the BHS FFA, Kyle Evans, Braxton Wilson, Angie Laird, Jordan Collings, and Mitzi Guzman. Mr. Evans brought his Parliamentary team for a mock demonstration; they will be attending a parliamentary demonstration competition this coming week.

Motion to re-enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or imminent litigation, real property negotiation, was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, and the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote was taken, Comm. Dalton “aye”, Comm. Pearson “aye”.

Motion to leave closed session was made by Comm. Pearson, seconded by Comm. Dalton, the vote was made unanimous. Roll call vote was taken, Comm. Dalton “aye”, Comm. Pearson “aye”.

No further business was discussed meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED ____________________________________________________________

Chairman

Clerk/Auditor

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