

Minutes of the Meeting of the Daggett County Commission held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021** in the Commission Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse and through electronic means. Commissioners Jack Lytle and Matt Tippetts were present in person. Commissioner Randy Asay was excused. Clerk Brian Raymond, Recorder/Treasurer Brianne Carter, Sheriff Erik Bailey, Judge Charlene Hartmann and Attorney Niel Lund were present in person. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Commissioner Lytle.

Present In Person: Sgt. Isaacson, Stuart Reynolds, Deputy Guanon, Bret Reynolds

Present Online: Trevor Brooksby, Kym Slagowski, and Kirk Bengene of Tri-County Health Department

Approve Minutes: Minutes for the December 29, 2020, January 5, 2021 and February 2, 2021 Commission meetings were available for review. Clerk Brian Raymond was asked to add page numbers to future minutes.

While reviewing the December 29th minutes Commissioner Lytle asked about page 3 and Mr. Raymond said Mr. Lytle had received a text from Martin Pierce that he shared with the group. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, December 29, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tippetts motioned to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tippetts motioned to accept the minutes for the Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Issues Updates: Commissioner Lytle said he wasn't too up to date on the COVID updates. Commissioner Tippetts said Daggett County has 35 recovered cases and 2 active cases and 0 deaths for a total of 37 positive cases.

Commissioner Lytle asked about the Local District and when was the deadline for Board member applications? Mr. Raymond said it was February 26, 2021. Commissioner Lytle asked about the Bank account, but Brianne had stepped out of the meeting and wasn't available to discuss the opening of the account.

Commissioner Lytle asked about the Dutch John Water and Sewer Billing. He thinks that maybe in another couple of meetings this could be taken off the Update List if everything continues to work smoothly with the billing.

Bret Reynolds said the Airports will be discussed later during the 2 pm Work meeting.

Commissioner Tippetts said it has been a while since we have done an Emergency Declaration and asked Mr. Raymond to put it on the agenda for next week. Attorney Niel Lund was asked to prepare a Declaration for next week's meeting to be retroactive since the last one has expired..

Citizen Comments: No citizen comments were given.

Cash Summary And Expected Revenues Report Review: Commissioner Lytle asked about the Expected Revenues and when they will be received and thought it might be helpful to have a date they were billed on the list. Brianne Carter said she could do that.

Commissioner Tippetts asked Brianne if the Bank account for the EMS District had been opened yet and she said that she and Commissioner Asay had not been able to get together yet.

Commissioner Tippetts said he would help Brianne with this as Commissioner Asay is out of town. Brianne mentioned that we need the Tax ID number. Brian Raymond asked about the notification of the intended use of the money to the State and Niel Lund said he would take care of that. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to acknowledge receipt of the Cash Summary Report and the Expected Revenue Report. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Approve Open Invoice Register: The Open Invoice Register was provided by the Auditor's Office for review. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to approve the Open Invoice Register for February 8, 2021 for \$35,858.04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lytle. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Disbursement Listing: The Disbursement Listing was presented by the Auditor's Office for review. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to acknowledge receipt of the Disbursement Listing from Zions Checking for January 29, 2021 through February 7, 2021 for the amount of \$83,448.85. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lytle. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Purchase Order Approvals: No purchase orders were needing approval.

Correspondence: Sheriff Bailey asked if the Commissioners had received the request from the Vernal Express for information about the formation of the Local District. They had, but nobody had been able to respond yet. Commissioner Lytle said he had correspondence with Craig Smith regarding the bill for the Colorado River Council and its six member board. We were grouped with folks out of Salt Lake, so Commissioner Lytle made a comment that he would like to see more local representation on the board. Niel had also spoken with Craig about it and there is nothing negative about the bill, other than the lack of representation.

Commissioner Lytle said there was a CIB meeting last week and money is tight, so applications need to be reflective of that knowledge.

Commissioner Calendar Review: Commissioner Tippetts said there is a Trails Committee meeting tonight plus Conservation District and Weed Board meetings tomorrow. He could also not find any info for the UDOT meeting tomorrow morning. There are interviews tomorrow afternoon at 4 pm and 4:30 pm for the Commission Assistant position. A reminder that next week's meeting will be in Dutch John. Commissioner Tippetts will attend the Manila Town Council meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Lytle sent the link for the UDOT meeting to Commissioner Tippetts.

The Yellow Cake Caucus is on Thursday morning at 7 am at the Capitol. The LEPC meeting is on Thursday the 11th at noon until 2pm. The Public Lands Partner meeting is tomorrow morning at 8 am in Vernal and anyone is invited. Next week there is a Seven County Infrastructure meeting and there is a possibility for them to be a possible funding source for the Collier proposal but they would have to go through a RFP process.

We need to get applicants for the district, and this is a high priority. No weekly budget review was done. A short break was taken at 9:45 am. The Commission came back into Open Session at 9:50 am.

Policy and Legislation Items:

Swearing In Of Deputy Jack Guanon: Commissioner Lytle turned the time over to Judge Charlene Hartmann to do the swearing in of Jack Guanon as a new deputy for the County. The Sheriff gave a brief introduction and the Swearing In was performed by Judge Hartmann. The Sheriff advised that he will be in and out of Town this week in order to bring his son home.

Discussion and Consideration Of Ratification Of Kirk Bengé As New Director Of Tri-County Health Department: Commissioner Lytle turned the time over to Kirk Bengé. Kirk said that a ratification by all of the participating County's to appoint him as Director of the Tri County Health Department. Commissioner Tippets motioned that we ratify the Decision of the Board of Health to appoint Kirk Bengé as the Director of Tri County Health Department. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion And Consideration Of Gallagher Benefit Services Client Coverage Acknowledgment & Compensation Disclosure Statement: Commissioner Lytle asked Keri Pallesen about this agenda item. She said that these are documents we have approved in the past. Keri asked if the email that came with the document was included in the packet and Mr. Raymond said it was not. Keri read through the email and the PEHP fee changed from \$35 to \$48 but everything else remained the same. Commissioner Lytle asked if this affects our budget and Keri replied that it was included in our premium, so this is just a disclosure of the fee PEHP pays to Gallagher. The premium was increased this year and the County approved that increase. Commissioner Lytle motioned to approve the Gallagher Benefit Services Client Coverage Acknowledgment and Compensation Disclosure Statement. Commissioner Tippets seconded the motion. Keri was asked if she was comfortable with Gallagher's services and she said she was, but it didn't matter who provided them they would get the same compensation. The vote was called and all were in favor, so the motion passed.

Discussion and Consideration Of Amending The Daggett County Procurement Code: Commissioner Lytle asked Keri if she had been asked about the change in the Procurement Code and if she was comfortable to table it until next week and she was. Commissioner Tippets motioned to table this until next week and it was tabled by Commissioner Lytle.

Discussion and Consideration Of Possible Economic Development RFP: Commissioner Tippets motioned to table this until next week Commissioner Lytle said to consider it tabled.

Closed Session: Commissioner Lytle asked if we had anything for a closed session. There was a request from Mayor Kunkel regarding the land purchase and it looks like next week will work for that.

There was a monthly Justice Court Report submitted by Judge Hartmann and they were reviewed by the Commission. The Court was thanked for providing that information.

Legislative Updates:

Representative Matt Guin and HB150 is trying to change the year wait for law enforcement trying to roll back a year wait for 6 months.

HB 65 is trying to raise the pay of County wardens to keep wardens from going to the Federal System once they get trained. Counties will have to pick a portion of the increase.

SB 18 is a frustration to many elected officials and it is still being worked on for Personal Property taxes, which is a tax loss to the Counties but could be helpful to small businesses.

SB 65 which is a CRA or RDA bill and tax increment financing. There are some challenges to this one. Mr. Raymond had sent out some information from the RDA foundation. Mr. Raymond was thanked for sending out the

EMS funding is a House Bill that is a support to allow and encourage ambulance folks as straight volunteerism isn't working. It was for 4-6th class counties, but now looking at 3rd class for their rural parts of the counties. Looking at providing insurance like for bus drivers.

HB 247 is a TRT bill for 4-6th class moving the percentage for counties from 37 to 45% and some are nervous about it. The mighty five and NRAs were included including Flaming Gorge. Enhanced auditability of payers of these taxes. Nightly rentals or AirBnB properties are a concern.

HB 122 looks like this one will be pulled. It would upend the way things are being done and change the whole system for Tax Sales. It might be pulled.

HB 98 on building inspections and we are already contracting.

SB 44 regarding State PILT and this bill was pulled

HB 171 is for ag land growing hemp or medical marijuana and it allows greater latitude

Ranked Choice voting is a big one and Mr. Raymond

CAFO bill SB 130 is still going and Commissioner Lytle asked if we have anything about Concentrated Animal Feeding (CAFO) in our Planning and Zoning. Niel Lund did not think so.

Keri came into the meeting and Commissioner Lytle asked if she had any comments on SB52 and she didn't. She said there was a bill that allows taxes for people over 65 to be deferred and it is a tax shift and there have been lots of amendments, but is still concerning.

HB 243 Davis County is concerned about this as a one size fits all is not so good. Mr. Raymond said he had been sending out updates that he received and Commissioner Lytle said to keep sending them.

Commissioner Lytle asked Niel about the bill for Justice HB 237?? UAC will stay silent as the Sheriffs and Attorneys are not in agreement on this one. UBAOG staff was welcomed for the upcoming hearing at 11 am.

Commissioner Lytle recommended at 10:31 am that we recess until 11:00 am when the Public Hearing will commence.

/s/ Randy Asay
Commissioner Randy Asay

s/ Brian Raymond
Clerk/Treasurer_Brian Raymond

/s/ Jack Lytle
Commissioner Jack Lytle

/s/ Matt Tippetts
Commissioner Matt Tippetts

