

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

**Present In Person:** Brandi Pearson-Commission Assistant, Bret Reynolds, Thompson Davis, Kirk Bengel of TriCounty Health

**Present Online:** Fernando Rivera, Mechelle Miller, Kym Slagowski, Sheriff Bailey,

**Approve Minutes:** Minutes for the March 2, 2021 Commission Meeting were provided by the Clerk's Office. While reviewing the minutes Commissioner Lytle noted that he had disclosed he was an employee of DWR and it was not mentioned in the minutes. Clerk Brian Raymond added that to the top of Page 4. Commissioner Lytle motioned to accept the minutes for the March 2, 2021 Commission Meeting with the correction noted. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. It is noted that last week's recording did not capture anything.

**Issue Updates:** Commissioner Asay asked Attorney Niel Lund about two proposals he had received from the Sheriff for using the Jail and Niel thought that they might be against the Bond requirements, but he said he would reach out to Zion's for clarification. Commissioner Asay stated that there is still a chance for people 50 and older to sign up for vaccinations on Friday. Brianne Carter isn't 50 yet, but was interested in getting the shot and was advised to get on the list and she could probably get it. The Sheriff said that Ganelle Carroll had sent invitations out to help with the EMS Director interviews and he is looking for responses from those emailed to do the interviews in the next couple of weeks.

Bret Reynolds said they are starting with the crack sealing at the Dutch John airport this week if the weather cooperates. The airport is closed. It appears that they won't need as much sealer as they thought and so hopefully it will come in a little under budget. The Seal coat will be done later when it warms a little, but the crack seal needs to be done while it's still cooler.

Commissioner Tippetts said that he and Brandi Pearson attended a meeting on Friday with Mayor Kunkel and the potential developers and it went well. Bret Reynolds said the developers liked the list generated for the Airport Master Plan and he will continue to work with them as the plan is developed so it won't hinder their plans.

The Sheriff is still working on getting a new EMS Director. Commissioner Tippetts said the Commission has held one interview for the Fire and EMS Board. There are two applicants and a third is needed for the west side of the lake. Commissioner Lytle asked if there was interest in a deadline for getting a third applicant. Next week's meeting will be held in Dutch John. It was thought that the 23rd of March would be a good deadline. Commissioner Tippetts asked about the bank account and Recorder/Treasurer Brianne Carter said the account was set up and that the \$37,639.99 will be forwarded today. It's on the agenda to formally approve the transfer of that amount to the District. There was discussion that documentation needs to be sent to the State as soon as possible. Brianne Carter and Niel Lund will take care of that.

Commissioner Asay said the State of Wyoming is dropping the mask requirement on March 16th. The State of Utah may drop it on the 10th of April. Duchesne County is moderate, Daggett County is low and Uintah County went back to the high level.

**Citizen Comments:** No citizen comments were given.

**Cash Summary And Expected Revenues Report Review:** Cash Summary was provided by the Recorder/Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Lytle motioned to accept the March 5, 2021 Expected Revenue Report in the amount of \$19,909.81 and the Cash Summary dated March 5, 2021, for all bank accounts. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Approve Open Invoice Register:** The Open Invoice Register of March 4, 2021 was provided by the Auditor's Office for review. Commissioner Tippetts motioned to approve the Open Invoice Register for March 4, 2021 in the amount of \$66,671.83. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lytle. All were in favor and the motion carried. Commissioner Lytle noted that the \$37,639.99 State PILT Payment from Mineral Lease monies was being put into the new Fire and EMS District.

**Disbursement Listing:** The Disbursement Listing was provided by the Auditor's Office for review. Commissioner Lytle motioned to accept the Disbursement Listing from Zions Checking, February 25 to March 4, 2021 in the amount of \$88,934.05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tippetts. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Purchase Order Approvals:** No purchase orders needed approval.

**Correspondence:** Commissioner Tippetts said that he had received a letter from the Shooting Range Committee and they would like permission to explore the option of purchasing additional School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) land. The existing property would require significant investment and are currently fundraising to make it as safe as possible. Commissioner Lytle asked if it could be leased instead of owned. That might be a possibility, but it would have to be part of the discussion with SITLA. There was discussion and Commissioner Asay suggested putting it on the agenda next week for further discussion. Commissioner Lytle thought it was worth having further discussion, but he would like more information. Attorney Niel Lund thought it was okay for them to start gathering information. Commissioner Tippetts said he would pass that along.

Commissioner Lytle said he had information on the SBDC training coming up for Building your Brand for our businesses.

**Commissioner Calendar Review:** Commissioner Tippetts has a Trails meeting tonight and last night was the Mosquito Board Meeting. Thursday at noon is the LEPC meeting and the Economic Development CED Board meeting is at 4 pm. There is a Planning and Zoning Public Hearing on Monday the 15th and regular meeting is on Tuesday, March 16th at 6 pm for the County.

Commissioner Lytle has Uintah Basin partners meeting tomorrow morning at 8 am in Vernal. The NACO Public lands meeting is on the 12th. A week from Friday will be the next Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (SCIC) meeting.

Commissioner Asay said he had nothing to report, other than the Legislature is over.

## **Policy and Legislation Items:**

**Discussion and Consideration Of Possible Economic Development RFP:** Commissioner Lytle said he was unable to get with Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (SCIC) on this. There was discussion as to whether we needed to go through an RFP. Attorney Niel Lund said he had sent an email to Jon Stearmer, but had not heard back. There may be a need to go through an RFP unless an exception is found. Commissioner Tippetts thought that since it was a Tri county effort through

the SCIC so it was a Sole Source. Commissioner Lytle thought that Keri Pallesen's comments that it might be best if we paid the whole amount and SCIC reimbursed us for their share. Commissioner Lytle said he would get with Mike McKee of SCIC for more details. Niel said that if the Grant required us to use a specific provider then that would be okay through state code. Commissioner Lytle asked that it stay on the agenda, but that the wording be changed, so he provided new wording.

**Public Comment:** Kirk Bengé of Tri County Health came into the meeting and was given time for an update by Commissioner Asay. Mr. Bengé said they will be doing vaccinations on Friday, March 12th and should be opening it up to everyone in early April. Mr. Bengé said at this point the estimate is that 60% of the people over 60 in the TriCounty area have been vaccinated. It was asked if he had a number for Daggett County and he did not. It was brought out that a number of people in Manila had gotten vaccinated in Green River at Castle Rock and he said that he probably did not have those numbers. Commissioner Asay asked about Uintah County going up to the High Category and Mr. Bengé said there were a few small outbreaks and they were working to contain them. He is still working to develop his routine of how to get the information out to the counties. The State is doing the Contact tracing, so that makes it harder to track the exact numbers now. The Charts show the trends. Wyoming is dropping their Mask Mandate on March 16th. Mr. Bengé said Utah will be on April 10th unless there is a spike. Niel asked which vaccine will be used and it is Moderna and maybe they will be using Johnson and Johnson starting in April. It was asked if Dutch John would be given vaccines and Mr. Bengé said once everyone can be vaccinated starting in April that might be more of a possibility. Mr. Bengé was thanked for the update.

**Discussion and Consideration Of Redistributing State Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT) Funds To The Flaming Gorge Fire & EMS District:** Commissioner Lytle motioned to ratify that redistribution of the 2020 State Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money of \$37,639.00 from the County General Fund to the Flaming Gorge Fire and EMS District, which was created in 2020. Commission Tippets seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Next year's payment can be addressed later. Commissioner Lytle asked if the Districts Fiscal year is annual or July through June? Attorney Lund said that would be for the Board to determine.

**Discussion and Consideration Of Purchase Or Lease Of A New Copier For The Daggett County Courthouse:** Commissioner Asay invited Kym Slagowski to come into the meeting as the speaker was having troubles. Kym said last week we had discussed options and there was an error in the information given last week. The buy was \$7908 and the monthly maintenance fee is \$45, which includes everything but the clicks, which are between \$100-200 a month. For a total of \$10,608.39. The lease amount is \$184.91 per month for 60 months, which is \$11,094.60 and is about \$500 more, but we would get a new machine in 5 years. Commissioner Lytle recommended that we look at different Vendors for bids unless this was a Sole Source and Kym did not think that would apply. It was also asked if they are on the State Vendor List and maybe, but probably not. Auditor Keri Pallesen said that if you use State Bid you have to use the State Contract number. Neither Kym nor Keri were sure if Rocky Mountain Solutions were on State Bid. This will need to go back on the Agenda next week and Kym said she would get some additional bids.

**Discussion and Consideration Of Dutch John Proposal For Land Purchase:**

Commissioner Lytle motioned to go in and out of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Lytle asked about this and Mr. Raymond said this was mostly a placeholder in case the language changed too much. Commissioner Tippetts said that in the meeting with Mayor Kunkel on Friday she said they are moving forward on the subdivision. Niel said that the language of the contract was fine, and it was approved by the County, but it had not been approved by the RDA. Niel also said that the subdivision needs to be completed before this can be signed by the RDA. The RDA can approve it conditionally on the completion of the subdivision. Commissioner Lytle motioned to move forward with the RDA land purchase by the Town and it is contingent upon the approval of the subdivision. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Thompson Davis asked if this was the airport property and it was explained that it was the Conference Hall and Fire Station, etc, plus 10 acres and also includes the Cemetery and the Big Lawn. The subdivision is the creation of a parcel that doesn't currently exist that matches what is on their Zoning Plat for Civic use. Thompson asked if the Airport development is still alive as he is in support of that proposal. It was explained it was still going forward and that the crack seal on the Dutch John airport is starting today. Part of the reason for the land purchase was the spirit of cooperation and to move forward.

Thompson asked about the Local District and he was told that the District was formed and the county has two applications and we are looking for an additional application for a board member from the west side of the lake. We want the Board members appointed by the 23rd of March.

Mr. Davis asked if there is any movement on additional RDA Blocks for building lots in Dutch John as a lot of people have asked him about lots. Commissioner Tippetts said there is a lot of land available but not individual residential lots. He was informed that the Commission is looking for assistance from Collier International on getting some development going within the RDA.

**Closed Session For Possible Purchase, Exchange Or Lease Of Real Property:** Nothing known for this week, but Mr. Raymond said there may be one coming up in the near future.

**Emergency Management Maintenance Report:** Mechelle Miller said that there were about 6 House Bills (HB) and Senate Bills (SB) that affect Emergency Management. The State Homeland Security grant is out and due back the 16th. Plus, we need to reschedule the training for the 800 course. We will also need to look at updating the Drought Declaration in the future.

Commissioner Lytle asked for more information on the bills passed. Mechelle said that HB 96 amends definitions and requires political subdivisions to declare an emergency manager and develop an Emergency Operations Plan. HB 96 allows the building permit applications to opt out of certain building inspection items. HB294 deals with Pandemic Health Orders and is based on positivity rates, vaccinations, etc. and provides an automatic repeal date. Commissioner Lytle asked if this was the one that gave SB 86 amends the standard of evidence required for emergencies and how people can be charged with price gouging during an emergency. Mechelle said she will send a fact sheet and encouraged the Commissioners to take a look at them. Commissioner Lytle asked

about the bill to encourage or incentivize volunteerism in ambulances and Mechelle wasn't familiar with that bill. House Bills 61, 114, 169, 214, 366, and Senate Bill 23 did not pass.

With no further business Commissioner Asay declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

/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