

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MAY 9, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner Dell LeFevre, Commissioner Leland Pollock, Commissioner David Tebbs, Attorney Barry Huntington, Clerk Camille Moore.

Commissioner Tebbs called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Dell LeFevre made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner David Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

Commissioner Dell LeFevre made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner David Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY FUNDING

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to begin the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner LeFevre. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

Brian Bremner, County Engineer, gave an explanation of the proposed project. The cost will be \$1,260,000.00 with a grant application to the Permanent Community Impact Board for \$800,000.00. The project include the main maintenance shed, an equipment storage building, a salt storage site, a detention pond and a materials storage site. The new facility will replace the current shed and the mechanic shop. The \$460,000.00 County funding will be: \$320,000.00 cash and \$140,000.00 in kind (land acquisition costs, material and equipment). There was discussion regarding the request of grant funding and the possibility of an offer of low interest loan for part or all of the amount requested, which would require repayment. The Commission agreed that if the grant funding is not approved in full or an offer of a low interest loan is made, the Commission will re-evaluate the scope of the project.

There was no public comment.

After discussion, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to support the project and the application to the Community Impact Board as it was presented. Seconded by Commissioner LeFevre. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Grant: John Holland, Highway 12 Coordinator and Leslie Fonger, Forest Service, discussed a grant application that is being prepared for a project to improve the Thunder Mountain Trail, the total project cost is \$840,000.00. The match requirement would be approximately \$60,000.00. A Utah State Trails Grant would be applied for to provide the match. The County would sign and submit the application. Brian Bremner,

County Engineer, voiced his concern regarding a competing project for the grant funds to replace a bridge over Bullfrog Creek on the Burr Trail. The Commission and Brian will support alternate funding for the project, but will not make application for a FLAP Grant.

Personnel: The road department is hiring three seasonal road crew workers. The hiring committee recommends hiring Cody Dunton, Dan'l Lindsey and Greg Shakespear. Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to offer a conditional offer of employment to Cody Dunton, Dan'l Lindsey and Greg Shakespear contingent on a pre-employment drug test. Seconded by Commissioner LeFevre. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

GARFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

After discussion, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to sponsor the Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

An application has been received from Bryce Shuttle and Tours. After review, Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to issue a license to Bryce Shuttle and Tours. Seconded by Commissioner LeFevre. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

AQUARIUS PLATEAU TRAIL

Brittany Phelps, Escape Adventures, presented a proposal of 175 miles from Brian Head to Escalante. The trail would use existing roads and trails. The proposal has been tentatively approved by the Forest Service and the B.L.M. There will be several huts provided for overnight stays on Forest Service property. The trail would be primarily for mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. Commissioner LeFevre made a MOTION to provide a letter of support for the project. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

HOSPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

Alberto Vasquez, Hospital Administrator, reviewed the funding request from the Rural Health Care Tax Account. The request is \$500,000.00. A medicare payment error from 2013 has to be repaid for approximately \$230,000.00. After discussion, Commissioner LeFevre made a MOTION to approve the request for the \$500,000.00 tax funding. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous. There was also approval to purchase the car from the county for an amount that exceeds the budgeted amount.

FOUR COMMUNITY VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK AT THE TROPIC HERITAGE CENTER

Zennon Hutchings, Jonathon Decio and Brook Wiseman, Tropic Scout Troop 679. The total project cost is \$55,900.00. The funding that has been raised is \$20,480.00. The group is requesting \$10,000.00 to help fund the remainder of the project. After discussion, Commissioner LeFevre made a MOTION to fund the project \$10,000.00 from the Recreation Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable list was reviewed, approved and signed by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor