

GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner Leland Pollock, Commissioner David Tebbs, Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Clerk Camille Moore, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Miller, Attorney Barry Huntington.

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner David Tebbs made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Jerry Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs reported he recently met with Ed Robertson the director of the BLM. This was more or less just a meeting to become familiar with each other and to jump start a good working relationship. Also discussed was the progress of fixing the septic issue at the Henrieville Senior Center. The project is almost completed, however a grease trap is needed to finish up the project. Commissioner Tebbs will follow up on the need. The well project at the airport has been completed and came in under budget.

Commissioner Taylor reported the old Escalante High school demolition projected started today.

Commissioner Pollock reported on the joint jail project and the need to up the program beds here in Garfield County in order to generate more funding. Commissioner Pollock will continue to work towards this goal. Also addressed was the SRS Bill currently before the legislature. Commissioner Pollock reported there is a 50/50 chance this will pass and the funding will continue. If it does not pass this will be a loss of more than a million dollars to the county.

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS

Drew Parkin addressed the urgent nature of the need to participate in the Rural Day on the Hill. The county would need to nominate a business that is a benefit to the county. Once the nomination is approved that business would be recognized participate at that function. Drew provided a list that was identified by Workforce Services of those business that provide the most employment to the county. Ruby's Inn and Garfield Memorial Hospital were both recommended. Nominations discussed by the commissioners and Ruby's Inn was selected as the business to be recognized. Commissioner Pollock asked to have as many historic photos of the business displayed as can be provided and accepted.

An economic development meeting with the Governor will take place on February 20, 2018 and all Commissioners will be in attendance.

ESCALANTE SCIENCE CENTER/HOLE IN THE ROCK

Brian Bremner reported he has been actively involved with the project. Due to the many agencies involved, there is a need to form a committee to head the project. Commissioner Taylor provided the names of Mayor Melanie Torgerson, Louise Barnes, Steve Roberts, Mindy Benson, Wes Curtis, Brian Bremner, Drew Parkin and Commissioner Taylor to participate on the committee for the science center. Also involved with the project will be Commissioners from Kane, San Juan and Iron Counties. Commissioner Pollock will also become involved with the state legislatures on this project. Formalizing of the committee will begin to take place. There was discussion of both the science center and the Hole in the Rock project, these are not separate and the committee will work together to make both projects successful. Commissioner Pollock addressed the issue of funding and the ongoing need to stay up on this during the legislative session.

Also reported was EWP money associated with the Brian Head Fire and the Wide Hollow desilting project that are still pending. However Brian reported the Wide Hollow Project has been removed from the list for funding at this time.

Quotes for wiring of the building at the land fill are coming in and approval will be given once the contractor is selected.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

There was nothing to report. _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mark Lisonbee present before the Commission to discuss timber sales and the need for economic development in the county. He is asking the Commission for help in securing the timber sale. This would allow him to provide jobs as well as revenue into the county for many years.

Commissioner Pollock provided information on the Good Neighbor Authority Act and advised Mr. Lisonbee the needs to be present before the legislature. Drew Parkin advised the Commission the sale Mr. Lisonbee is looking at is NEPA ready. Agreement from the Commission to work toward helping Mr. Lisonbee and if there is a need for him to appear with the Commission at the legislature, he will be available.

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

STATE OF UTAH)
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD)

The undersigned, as presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, after being duly sworn, hereby states, swears and affirms as follows:

1. That on the 8th day of January, during a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Garfield County, State of Utah, the board, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the member present at the meeting for which notice was given pursuant to Section 52-4-6, voted to close the meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual under Subsection 52-4-5 (1)(a)(I), Utah Code Annotated.

2. That a quorum was present.

3. That I do hereby affirm that the sole purpose for closing the meeting was to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2018.

Commission Chair

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this day of , 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC

BOARD APPOINTEMENTS

Falyn reported to the Commission regarding the expiring travel counsel board members. The Commission approved the current board members already in place with the exception of taking Lori Talbot off as the Panguitch City board member and adding Eric or Nate Houston as a

business owner board seat. Letters of acceptance will be sent to each member and then approved next month.

All other board appointments will be finalized after the acceptance letters have been accepted and received.

Motion to approve board appointments made by Commissioner Pollock. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion passed. Voting unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor