

**GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Leland Pollock called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to go to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

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 26th day of February, 2018, 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 and pending litigation.

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 and pending litigation.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2018.

Commission Chair

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

NOTARY PUBLIC

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs reported on the ongoing issue with TRT tax. He and Commissioner Taylor recently attended a meeting concerning the bill currently before the legislator. This will be closely followed and addressed when needed.

Commissioner Taylor attended the Rural Cacus meetings and reported success with recent PILT funding. Also reported was the economic update with the Governor, this has been postponed until later in April.

Finally Commissioner Taylor reviewed the \$50,000 funding currently be looked into for a feasibility study on the new Escalante Center. Commission Taylor will continue to be involved with this project.

Commissioner Pollock reported on ongoing discussions concerning PILT funds. Class B road monies with SRS and PILT funds are subject to be reduced statewide. This is an ongoing concern to the county, the bill before the legislature if passed will help remedy this problem. If reduced the county budget will be dramatically affected.

Commissioner Pollock also addressed the concern with the TRT tax and the ongoing issue with the State collecting the funds. The county can currently take 2.5%, but if the bill passes the county will be able to take more. Commissioner will follow this bill closely and continue to be involved. Commissioners Pollock and Taylor will be going to Washington D.C in the near future concerning public land issues.

PUBLIC WORKS

Brian presented a cooperating agreement to the commission regarding Powell MPP. Commissioner Tebbs made a Motion to approve the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

OLD SPANISH TRAIL

National Director of the BLM Rob Sweeten and his assistant McKenna Drew are present before the commission to present the Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail project. Comprehensive study presented for discussion. This public land issue will involve the county in a small way. Commission agree to become involved.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Justin reported he has no business today to address.

OTHER BUSINESS

Business license for Hide and Hair in Escalante reviewed. Commission Taylor acknowledged he has a conflict because the owner is a relative. Commissioner Tebbs made a Motion to approve the application. Voting unanimous.

Application for Uptop Steak House reviewed. There is an ongoing issue with the current purchase contract between the parties. The county requires a lease agreement between the buyer and seller prior to issuing. Application tabled at this time.

Moqui Restaurant in Escalante issue of not renewing their alcohol license with the state in a timely manner reviewed. Request to approve a new license approved.

Law enforcement agreement for the Dixie National Forest presented for review and signed by Commissioner Pollock.

Eric Houston present to discuss the joint league agency status on the monument revision plan. Eric has been in contact with interior secretary Burnhart and wanted to advise the commission of his discussions. It was agreed the county will continue to push forward with involvement.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Tye reported recent funding received by the state in the amount of \$180,000 for 2018 airport improvement project. The county will be required to come up with \$18,000. Approval from the state needed for the grant agreement. The agreement is presented to the commission for signing. After discussion Commissioner Tebbs made a Motion to adjust the hours of the part time airport employee. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL DONATION REQUEST

Tye requested a donation on behalf of the Babe Ruth baseball program located in Panguitch. Discussion to allow the donation of \$500 to be given to Bryce Valley and Escalante programs if requested. Commissioner Taylor made a Motion to approve the donation. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs, Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR

Callie Ward, Lance Miller, and Natalie Marshall presented a proposal to readdress the Miss Garfield County Pageant. There is interest from community members to be more involved and help with that event. Tari Cottom is the current director and the commissioners requested that she continue to be involved. Importance stressed for more community involvement. Request for support from the commission to help recruit different members of the county when the matter comes up.

SENIOR CENTER BUSINESS

All senior center business was handled in executive session with appropriate motions. Personnel issue will added to the agenda for the next meeting.

AMBULANCE BUSINESS

All business handled in executive session with appropriate motions.

BRYCE CANYON ATV TRAIL BRIDGE

Joe Thompson and Mark Boshell presented the proposal for an ATV bridge located in North Canyon. Mark advised the commission there is a proposal to obtain state and federal funding for the project that would require a match from the county. Discussion held concerning the cost and the route. Brian proposed an application for EA approval prior to proceeding. Bryce Valley area emergency access route resolution will be added to the next agenda.

COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Tebbs was assigned to the ambulance board.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

Superintendent Davis present to talk about the bids and demolition of the old Bryce Valley elementary school. Request was made for the county to help with hauling off debris and also a fee waiver for the landfill.

Also address was the possible purchase of the old county road shed to store busses. Superintendent Davis will stay in contact with Brian and will work toward agreements on both projects. Appraisal will need to be done on the property prior to proceeding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Source protection ordinance is drafted by the health department and has not yet been received. Agenda item tabled.

Motion to dissolve **Resolution GFC 2018-1** Wide Hollow Conservation District made by Commissioner Tebbs. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Voting unanimous. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor