

**GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 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 with the addition of FIRM membership dues. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. MOTION carried. Voting unanimous.

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

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. 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 March, 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 March, 2018.

Commission Chair

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

NOTARY PUBLIC

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Tebbs reported on recent LEPC meetings and the current construction on the tunnels in Red Canyon.

Commissioner Taylor reported the week is busy for the commissioners with meetings especially the meeting in Escalante on Thursday concerning the Grand Staircase Monument.

Commissioner Pollock reported on recent legislation and the changes with the OMNIBUS bill. Recent concerns with grazing changes were discussed and will be an agenda item, this will be an ongoing issue that will be followed closely. Representative Noel will be leaving office this year.

GRAZING PERMIT ISSUE

Justin Fisher present concerning the issue with grazing. The Planning Commission heard a proposal to offer “glamping” on SITLA property near Ticaboo. The proposal will negatively impact grazing and we be recinded. The issue the be readdressed by the Planning Commission. Boone Taylor, representing the grazers, explained the impact of the proposal on the operations of two allotments. Commissioner Pollock advised those present that the Commission will continue to fight for grazing rights and advised the ranchers to continue grazing. Representatives from SITLA requested time to speak. The commission heard concerns from them regarding the need to be treated as any private land owner or a representative. Their

position is they represent land owners and they would like to develop a relationship with the county. Ranchers advised to continue their operations.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

John Jacob expressed his concerns with the Bristlecone Water Conservative District. The history of the district and the future was addressed. The original board member confirmed by the commission. Attorney Huntington responded to the issues and the ongoing concerns. Scout Holm, the new property owner of Fosters, was present and is currently involved with learning about the district and expressed his desire to be involved. This matter will be taken under advisement by the Commission and rescheduled for next month.

PUBLIC HEARING - ZONE CHANGE FOREST RECREATION TO COMMERCIAL

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to go from general session to public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. MOTION passed. Voting unanimous. Justin Fischer advised the Commission that Jim Villani has requested a zone change on his property from forest recreation to commercial. The Planning and Zoning Commission has heard the zone change proposal and recommend the request be approved. No opposition was heard by the public. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Tebbs to go out of public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. The MOTION passed. Voting unanimous.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the zone change request from Forest Recreation to Commercial. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING - ZONE CHANGE AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL HERCULES SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to go from general session to public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The MOTION passed. Voting unanimous. Lonnie Talbot presented a request for a zone change in the Hercules Subdivision from agricultural to commercial. Justin Fischer advised the Commission that the Planning and Zoning Board has heard the zone change proposal and recommend the request for approval. No opposition was heard by the public. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Tebbs to go out of a public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. MOTION carried. Voting unanimous.

Commissioner Taylor made a MOTION to approve the zone change request from Agricultural to Commercial in the Hercules Subdivision. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous..

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Tye Ramsay requested that a payment be made for each after hour call out for fuel at the airport. After discussion the commission approved a \$25 fee for each call.

Issue with the lease agreement with Bryce Canyon Towing was addressed. There has been no payment made and they have not been present in the building for some time. Barry will look into the agreement and advise the Commission on the solution.

The FAA is currently helping to secure funds for needed runway improvements. The need for more funding was discussed.

The 2018 Fly-In event for this year and the vendor fee reviewed. All vendors will be required to obtain a business license.

FIRST RESPONDER/RISK MANAGEMENT

Bill Weppner was present representing the volunteer fire department of Escalante. He addressed the issues regarding the ongoing need for responders and the economic loss and risks on the Grand Staircase National Monument. A study was commissioned by the monument. Commission is try to obtain and review the findings. The need for the county to become involved and help with this effort is requested. Commissioner Pollock will work towards meeting with the BLM and discuss these important needs. The Commission expressed appreciation to Mr Weppner for his efforts.

OTHER BUSINESS

The business and beer license applications for the UpTop Steak House and Convenience Store were reviewed. Commissioner Tebbs made a MOTION to approve issuing business and beer licenses to the UpTop Steak House and Convenience Store. The application for a business licence for the Motel was reviewed. Commisioner Tebbs made a MOTION to issue the business license to the motel contingent on receiving sales tax and transient room tax numbers. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The MOTION was carried. Voting unanimous.

Business license application for Mel's Place reviewed. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Tebbs to issue a business license to Mel's Place contingent one the applicant providing the transient room tax identification. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. MOTION carried. Voting unanimous.

Commisioner Taylor made a MOTION to fund the FIRM membership in the amount of \$500. Seconded by Commissioner Tebbs. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

ESCALANTE SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

Mayor Melanie Torgersen reported on the current bids and cost estimates for the Escalante Senior Citizen Center. Efforts have been made to work with contractors and engineers to reduce the current bids. The city will meet with the Community Impact Board and the commission will attend to support the project.

Donna Chynoweth, Aging Director, requested that a center director be hired in the Bryce Valley Center. After discussion the commission approved the request.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Commission Chair

Clerk/Auditor