

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Daggett County Commission, Thursday, October 31, 2013. All members were present. Vicky McKee, County Clerk was present as board secretary. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Steglich. The Special Meeting had been called by the County Commission for the purpose of approval of the 2014 Tentative Budget. Mr. Steglich stated that the Commission will address any concerns that they have with the Tentative Budget and after that will accept public comment from those present.

Also present were: Keri Pallesen-Auditor/Recorder, Tammy Twitchell-CEM, Jerry Jorgensen-County Sheriff, Niel Lund-County Attorney, Susie Potter, Brian Raymond-Economic Development, Matt Henry, Kym Slagowski-IT, Dave McDonald, Jesse Jackson, Charlene Hartmann-Manila Justice Court Judge.

Mr. Blanchard questioned the transfer in the amount of \$51,000 from the General Fund and that \$16,000.00 was from the Appropriation of Fund Balance and he questioned where the fund balance showed up. Mrs. Pallesen responded that was the amount that should be left over from this year as provided by the Department Head. Mr. Steglich stated that was the Economic Development Grant from the State of Utah and they have until July of 2014 to spend it. Mrs. Perry questioned the difference in the total revenue in Fund 29 from 2013 budgeted amount of \$897,884.00 and 2014 budgeted amount of \$193,500.00 and where the other money went. Mrs. Pallesen stated that it was the \$800,000.00 expected from the Bureau of Reclamation and that it is already expended. Mr. Blanchard stated that the Commission might want to provide a breakdown of expenditures for the \$800,000.00: Approximately \$220,000.00 to pay the bond on the Dutch John Water Plant which will save around \$1,000.00 per year, \$165,000.00 to pay for the proposed deficit for the Dutch John Town for 2014, \$325,000.00 to the Bureau of Reclamation for interest payment and \$100,000.00 transferred for Dutch John Enterprise Fund for 2013. Mr. Henry questioned the matter of the payment to the BOR in the amount of \$325,000.00. Mr. Blanchard explained that was the interest earned by the county as there was a requirement for the Dutch John money to be put into an interest bearing account. The Bureau of Reclamation just forgot to tell the county that they could not keep any interest over \$100.00 each year so the county was required to pay them back all the interest earned on the money. Mr. Steglich stated that for 13.5 years the Bureau had failed to perform audits or request the audits as they were supposed to do and because Mr. McDonald and Mr. Blanchard went to the Attorney General's office and stated that the county was misusing those funds an audit was performed. The audit revealed that the Bureau was not doing their job which came back on the county. Mr. Blanchard stated that he disagreed and that it was because they found out what the law was. Mr. Steglich stated that if it had played out the money would have been expended and it would not have cost the county money. Daggett County's Representative has stated that he would try to go back into congress and try to get that money back. The matter of the payback to the Bureau of Reclamation was discussed.

The tentative budget was opened for discussion by those present and Mr. Steglich stated that the public will be allowed one comment and they will need to follow the rules as listed on the screen.

Jerry Jorgensen, County Sheriff, stated that he wanted to report on his department with the operation at the jail. The revenues from the State of Utah has not paid the complete expenses to operate the jail by around \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00 a year but the jail does employ 15 to 16 employees. He had been able to negotiate a new contract in July with the Department of Corrections for 80 inmates which have increased the old contract by 10 inmates. The revenues have increased from \$1.2M per year and the new contract will bring in \$1.33M so hopefully the jail can be self sufficient or require only a minimum amount from the General Fund. Sheriff Jorgensen stated that he had tightened the budget for both the Sheriff's office and the jail as much as he can. One benefit for the road officers that Sheriff Jorgensen has started is the lease program for vehicles which serves as their office and safety. He is willing to accept the budget that the Commission has given them and feel that they can manage that amount. Mr. Steglich stated that with the Prison Relocation Board extending their request for RFPs and allowing the Utah counties to participate, competition for State prisoners is going to get very competitive so the county needs to look at programming for the inmates. The counties providing those programs can be paid \$5.00 per day extra per inmate and are moved up on the priority list. Sheriff Jorgensen stated that he takes inmates that are incarcerated because of parole violations and are sentenced for around one year so they do not have the time for a program. Mr. Blanchard questioned

the jails capacity and Sheriff Jorgensen replied that the contract is actually for 86 beds but the six beds are for booking, short term beds and one isolation cell. He stated that the regular pods will hold 80 inmates and the other day they had 79 inmates and he figured his proposed 2014 budget on 77 inmates. Jesse Jackson questioned what has Sheriff Jorgensen done to cut overhead and continue to run successfully and Sheriff Jorgensen replied that he had reduced the staffing pattern and when his budget was cut last year the officers were required to work two to three dam shifts each week which is paid by the BOR. Mr. Blanchard explained that Sheriff Jorgensen is also doing the job of both Sheriff and Jail Commander. Mr. Jackson complimented Sheriff Jorgensen on a good job and Commissioner Steglich also complimented him.

Matt Henry was present representing the Cow Country Junior Rodeo Club and thanked the Commission for their support and help. He stated that everyone from other communities that participate in the Youth Rodeo want to thank the Commission as well. Mr. Henry stated that he has some things that need to be done at the rodeo facilities and requested a time when he could meet with the Commission. Mr. Steglich stated that the matter will be on the next agenda.

Sheriff Jorgensen stated that he had been approached by an employee with concerns with the proposed health insurance and this employee is a non-replaceable employee. Mr. Steglich explained the matter of the insurance proposals and the need by all employees covered by county insurance to contact Cigna Insurance for a required survey. With Cigna there would be a need for a change of medical providers on the Wasatch Front and the county is willing to pay the 5% increase. Mr. Steglich requested that Sheriff Jorgensen contact his employees that have not contracted Cigna as of this time and ask them to make the phone call and provide the information as requested. Mrs. Perry stated that Commissioner Blanchard had sent out an email to "All Staff" regarding insurance and she felt there were some things needed to be clarified. Earlier this year the Commission had cut the payment in lieu of insurance to \$3,000.00 per year for those employees that are eligible for insurance but have other comparable insurance and do not take the county paid insurance. This was a yearly reduction from around \$5,600.00 or it amounts to a payment of \$115.38 every pay period and Mr. Blanchard does take the insurance reimbursement. Mr. Blanchard stated that was his option and any county employee that is eligible has that option as well. The county may look at other options with Obama Care in the future depending on how it works. Mr. Lund stated that the recorded minutes from the October 22, 2013 meeting are on the County Website which was the meeting where Mr. Hussey, Gallaher Insurance, had provided the insurance proposals and all the information. The matter of volunteers and workers compensation provided for volunteers was discussed.

Mr. Blanchard stated that there needs to be discussions on getting the ambulance revenues increased to where the ambulance expenses are covered. The ambulance budget was reviewed and discussed and Mrs. Potter stated that the ambulance runs have not been billed for since August because of the budget cuts and changes in duties. The Commission requested that they be kept in the loop on the ambulance billing. Mr. McDonald questioned if there was a billing rate that the county has to stay within and Mrs. Potter explained the rates that are charged for the ambulance runs.

Tammy Twitchell, CEM, stated that requirements for various grants are changing so there could be an issue down the road. All ambulance grants need to be tied to the local fire department (firefighter/paramedic) so there needs to be agreements to combine the two.

With no further comments, motion by Mrs. Perry to accept the Tentative Budget for 2014 as proposed. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor. The Public Hearing to approve the final 2014 Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

/s/ Vicky McKee

/s/ Jerry Steglich

/s/ Karen Perry

/s/ Warren Blanchard