

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board, Tuesday, October 28, 2014. 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 Mrs. Perry, Board Chair.

Also present were: Clyde Slaugh, Brian Raymond, Charles Card, Mark Wilson, Keri Pallesen-County Auditor/Recorder, Joellen Reardon and John Morton.

With regards to old business, Mrs. Perry stated that Travis Dupaix has requested the use of the two desks in the hallway for the EMS. The desks in Mr. Blanchard's and Mrs. Twitchell's office are to be listed for sale as surplus.

The matter of the Unusable Property, Block 7, Dutch John was not on the agenda for this meeting and a proposal was received in the amount of \$50.00 for the property advertised. This matter will be continued until the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the need for a market value of properties at the airport in Dutch John due to a request from Niel Lund, County Attorney. Mrs. Asay, County Assessor, had provided an appraisal of the property with the comparable of the Ron Campbell property which was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Blanchard stated that Matt Lucas does not want to tie the water line to the proposed Participation Agreement for the property they are requesting to purchase.

Mr. Blanchard stated that he had received a phone call from Tracy Burton about items needing to be fixed at the house on 107 3rd Ave. with an estimate of around \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. Mr. Blanchard stated that he had been under the understanding that the property was being sold as is and that the Dutch John crew does not have the time to do the project. Upon discussion, it was determined that all the Commissioners were under the understanding that the house was sold as is and since the contract has already been signed, Mr. Blanchard will let Tracy Burton know that the county was considering that the house was sold as is.

Also with regards to old business, Mr. Steglich stated that he had heard that there has been discussions regarding the Doc Parson's Property as being a part of the Public Land Initiative. Mr. Steglich stated that the property is not a direct part of the initiative but included in a two part process where after the land bill goes through Congress, the language will be adjusted to allow the State to trade with SITLA and SITLA will work out a deal with the county where the property will go back to the county and there will be a lease with the Outlaw Trail Preservation Fund. The Outlaw Trail Preservation Fund will maintain the property and the expenses to manage the property.

Mr. Steglich also stated that he had been advised by the Governor's office and Congressman Bishop's staff to send Utah State Representative Mel Brown a letter to advise him that the county is in support of the Public Land Initiative. Representative Brown is stating that no one in Daggett County was in support of the Initiative. The Public Lands Initiative was reviewed and discussed and it was determined that a letter from Daggett County Commission would be sent to Representative Brown with Senator Kevin VanTassell and Governor Herbert to receive a copy. Mr. Steglich stated that he had talked with David Garbett, Attorney for SUWA, and Mr. Garbett had suggested that it be included in the Public Lands Initiative when grazers or producers go out of business or their family no longer wants to be in the agriculture business that the Environmental Coalition step in and buy their grazing allotments and Mr. Steglich stated that he could not support that.

Mr. Steglich stated that he had also had a conversation with David Hartvigsen regarding 8,000 acre feet of water that PPI has been wanting to lease from the county. PPI has filed for another change application with Duchesne County for the same amount of water that Daggett County was going to lease them. There had been discussion about this being a legal issue that the county could pursue, but Mr. Steglich stated that the county would rather not do business with them. PPI does still owe the county money for attorney fees so the county will proceed after that. Craig Smith is still talking with the people in the Basin regarding the water shares.

With regards to citizen's comments, Charles Card stated that he supported the county sticking to their guns on the grazing issues. Mr. Raymond stated that the Public Lands Initiative was cementing the grazing rights for the producers into perpetuity. It is not good to give the State control any more than the feds and Mel Brown is politicizing this issue for his own benefit.

The minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting was provided by the County Clerk's office for review and approval. Mr. Steglich questioned if on Page 1, Paragraph 6 the amount of \$.60 was correct and Mrs. Pallesen stated that was the correct amount for the Dutch John administrative fee. Mrs. Perry stated that on Page 2, Paragraph 1, Sentence 5 should be SUWA rather than SEWA. Mr. Blanchard stated that on Page 4, Paragraph 3, Sentence 3 the word "be" needs to be deleted to read "these will go away". Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve the minutes as revised. Seconded by Mr. Steglich all in favor.

The Open Invoice Report was provided by the County Auditor's office for review and approval in the amount of \$68,540.32. Mr. Blanchard questioned the reason for not using the credits at Century Equipment and Mrs. Pallesen replied that they are using the credits. He also questioned if the invoice from Verizon, Western States Chemical and Stewart Machine were duplicates as he had seen them on the invoice report before. Mrs. Pallesen stated that she will check into that. Motion by Mr. Blanchard to approve the Open Invoice Report upon checking on the possible duplications. Seconded by Mr. Steglich, all in favor.

Mrs. Perry questioned if the Commission had a chance to read at least the first chapter of the book provided by Mr. Raymond from the meeting at Price. The information provided from the book was that coal is not necessarily bad as it has improved the life style of our country and those countries that do not use coal are still in the dark ages. The pollution from use of coal now has reduced drastically from what it was originally.

With regards to old business, Mr. Raymond questioned what had been awarded to Troy Duffin, Trails Utah, for the Dowd Mountain Trail Maintenance Project. Mrs. Perry advised him that the Commission had awarded the \$80,000.00 with \$8,000.00 to Mr. Duffin to manage the project and the contracts to do the work. He had been holding off on the project waiting to be advised of the award.

Mark Wilson was present to provide an update on the Dinosaurland Tourism Board Money. He provided a background on the Dinosaurland Travel Board which was made up of Daggett, Duchesne and Uintah Counties and how the program worked in the past from the 1970s on. In 2009 Uintah County and Duchesne County decided that they did not want to work together so in 2010 Daggett County started marketing on their own which was new to Daggett County. As the last chair of the Travel Board, Mr. Wilson and the Board Treasurer were charged with the disbursement of funds and to prepare a

Dissolution Plan which is due for a Non-Profit organization. At that time there were \$75,000.00 in revenues to be disbursed with the ownership as follows: Uintah County – 83%, Daggett County 13% and Duchesne County 4%. Duchesne County was paid their amount immediately. There were funds contributed to the National Scenic Byway and other brochures. Daggett County agreed to use \$30,000.00 to advertise the reopening of the Dinosaur National Monument. In 2010-2011 the board continued to operate the Jensen Visitor Center which was funded by the State but in 2012 Uintah County took that over. Years later the board has one obligation left which is to maintain records for the personnel of the board. After everything has been completed there is \$39,155.67 left in the Dinosaurland fund. Mr. Wilson met with Uintah County last week to inform them where the board was and to present their proposal for the money as they do not want to be responsible for that much money and want to release the \$35,000.00 to the respective Commissions. Uintah County had responded that they would let Mr. Wilson know their decision. The remaining amount of 4,155.67 would go towards storing records and possible administration. He also told Uintah County that there are other organizations in need of future marketing goals. He then provided the proposals for funding for the Federal Scenic Byway program (All American Road) and the remodel of the Red Canyon Visitor Center and ways that Daggett County Commission could consider using their portion of the funds (\$5,000.00). The proposals were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Steglich stated that it was important to put a welcome sign in Daggett County and he suggested that it was also important for attendance at the road meetings so this area is not forgotten. The matter was further discussed. Mr. Wilson provided a slide show on the proposed revisions to the visitor center. The cost for the project is \$115,000.00 for the first phase and the Forest Service is using their own design team and has been able to come up with \$104,000.00 with the hopes that the remaining balance could be raised. Phase 2 of the project is to look at the outside of the building, trails and signs for a cost for around the same or more. The Forest Service cannot begin the project until they have 100% of the funds in place. Mr. Wilson stated that the Intermountain Natural History Association has the ability to do fund raisers and is ready and willing to help. Optional avenues of obtaining the funding was discussed. Mr. Wilson also stated that Richard Millett, Natural History Assoc., would be willing to attend a Commission meeting to explain the process of fund raising. Mr. Steglich recommended to use the approximate \$5,000.00 for the project and to request assistance from Uintah County for the additional \$6,000.00 to come up with the \$11,000.00. It was determined that the Commissioners were in support of the project and since there is a need for the money now, they need to approach Uintah County Commissioners soon to express their desire with the project and request their help. Commissioner Steglich will approach Commissioner McKee, Commissioner Blanchard will approach Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Perry will approach Commissioner Burns. Mr. Wilson summarized the presentation as follows: 1. There are unspent funds in the Travel Board and some of those funds belong to Daggett County to provide the final designation of those funds. 2. The Federal Byway program has needs and he appreciated direction from the County Commission on goals. 3. He requested support for the Red Canyon Project from Daggett County. Mr. Steglich offered to talk to those with the Environment Coalition to see if they are willing to help with the costs of a Welcome Sign in Daggett County.

Motion by Mr. Steglich to go into the RDA portion of the meeting at 10:35 A.M.
Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

Mrs. Pallesen provided information that none of the invoices in question on the Open Invoice Report were duplicated from prior meetings.

Motion by Mr. Blanchard to go into Closed Session at 10:40 A.M. (In & Out)
Those present for the Closed Session were: Joellyn Reardon, John Morton, Brian Raymond, Clyde Slaugh, Commissioners Blanchard, Steglich and Perry and Clerk McKee. Upon completion of Mr. Morton's presentation, Charles Card was present in the Closed Session.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:30 A.M. with those previously mentioned present.

Motion by Mr. Steglich to accept the offer from Charles Card for Lot #3, Block 6 in Dutch John with the following terms provided: Value of lot is \$32,000.00 and Mr. Card will pay \$11,200.00 and with an additional amount discounted that will be negotiated for removal of a neighbor's trailer, the discount amount of \$20,800 will be included in a second mortgage which will be waived at the end of ten years. The lot rent only will be waived for a period of time to take up occupancy in his new residence which will be completed no later than two years after purchase of the property. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 A.M.

/s/ Vicky McKee

/s/ Karen Perry

/s/ Jerry Steglich

/s/ Warren Blanchard